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June 13, 2017

Daniel A. Nigro, Commissioner
New York City Fire Department
9 Metrotech Center
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Re: Engine Company 261
Long Island City, NY

Dear Commissioner Nigro:

Thank you for your response letter dated May 4th of 2016 to my initial letter dated December 3 of 2015 in regard to my request to re-opening Engine Company 261 in Long Island City, Queens. In your response letter (enclosed), you stated that your "department is currently conducting a dedicated analysis to identify areas within the city that have high population growth and may need additional emergency resource coverage in the future." Is there an update on this study or analysis?

As I stated in my previous letter to you, the Long Island City community is rapidly developing and expanding. This Engine company was closed by Mayor Bloomberg several years ago and our community has been trying to re-open it ever since. George Stamatiades, President, Dutch Kills Civic Association and I have advocated directly with Mayor deBlasio for more fire services in western queens. As I have said before, I believe that re-opening this engine company would be a step in the right direction in providing additional services which would increase the safety and security of the growing population in our community. Our communities need more fire protection with the growing number of high rise apartments and the continued presence of industry side by side with hi-rise hotels and condos.

I would ask that you and your agency look into this situation and get back to me as soon as possible. I would appreciate an update on this very important request. Thank you for your attention on this matter and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Catherine Nolan

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May 4th, 2016

Hon. Catherine Nolan
37th Assembly District
61-08 Linden Street
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RE: Engine Company 261

Dear Assembly Member Nolan,

Thank you for copying us on your letter to Mayor De Blasio about reopening Engine Company 261 in Long Island City. The Fire Department's top priority is to provide fast, effective response to emergencies, and we are constantly analyzing the needs of fire operations resources throughout the city.

The Department is currently conducting a dedicated analysis to identify areas within the city that have high population growth and may need additional emergency resource coverage in the future. The Department is considering current and projected response times along with a variety of other factors in our analysis. We will use this analysis to help inform the future distribution of the Fire Department's resources.

The Department recognizes that Long Island City is a burgeoning community, and the Mayor's rezoning plans will further contribute to its expanding population. The Fire Department is dedicated to maintaining the most efficient network of fire mitigation resources, and we continue to adapt our locations with the changing landscape and population of New York City.

We will keep your office engaged as our analysis and subsequent discussions with City Hall continue. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at Laura.Kavanagh@fdny.nyc.gov.

Sincerely,

Laura Kavanagh
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December 3, 2015

Honorable Bill De Blasio
Mayor of the City of New York
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Re: Engine Company 261
Long Island City, NY

Dear Mayor De Blasio:

The Long Island City community is rapidly developing and expanding. Additionally, the New York City Department of City Planning is beginning another effort to rezone the area and increase the number of units for residential housing. As you know, I have a number of concerns that our community's infrastructure has not been keeping up with the increase in population. Over the last year, I have asked your administration to ensure that our community receives the resources it needs by building additional schools, hospitals, parks, and bus and train service to accommodate the increase in population.

In addition, I wanted to follow up with you on a conversation that both myself and Queens Community Board 1 First Vice-Chair George Stamatiades had with you at a recent community event about the possibility of re-opening Engine Company 261 in Long Island City, Queens. The Engine company was closed by Mayor Bloomberg several years ago and our community has been trying to re-open it ever since. I believe that re-opening this engine company would be a step in the right direction in providing additional services which would increase the safety and security of the growing population in our community. Our community needs more fire protection with the growing number of high rise apartments and the continued presence of industry side by side with hi-rise hotels and condos.

I would like to formally request that your administration make it a priority to reopen Engine Co. 261 in Long Island City, Queens. We would like to look at both the response and predicted response times considering the increased population and traffic due to the zoning changes and LIC traffic. Thank you for your attention on this matter and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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