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**Gale A. Brewer, Borough President**

March 6, 2019

Michael Phillips  
Principal, President  
Jamestown Properties  
75 Ninth Avenue  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor Suite A  
New York, New York 10011

Dear Mr. Phillips:


I write on behalf of neighbors who live around the Copley Building at 2000 Broadway. These residents were devastated when Food Emporium, a large neighborhood supermarket, closed its doors in 2013. With this in mind, I strongly encourage you to select a grocery store or supermarket as your commercial tenant. A grocery store would help alleviate food insecurity for residents of this area and reiterate your company's commitment to community partnership.

For over 50 years, the commercial tenant in the Copley Building was a supermarket. When Lowe's opened in its place in 2014, residents had to look further afield for an area supermarket, posing a hardship for senior citizens, those with disabilities, families with small children and frequent food needs, and others who struggle to walk long distances or else absorb delivery charges they cannot afford.

I commend Jamestown Properties for its passion for New York City and commitment to strong corporate social responsibility. A supermarket at Broadway and West 68<sup>th</sup> was profitable and successful for over half a century. I urge you to support New Yorkers by committing to work vehemently to restore food accessibility in this the area. By agreeing to work with us to bring a grocery store to this property, Jamestown Properties can increase its neighbors' quality of life and solidify a long-term tenant.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response in addressing this important issue and I am always available to discuss in person. Please contact feel free to contact April Adams, Community Liaison to Manhattan Community Board 7 & 9, with any questions. She may be reached at [aadams@manhattanbp.nyc.gov](mailto:aadams@manhattanbp.nyc.gov) and 212-669-7877.

Sincerely,

  
Gale A. Brewer