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July 28, 2022

The Honorable Eric Adams  
Mayor of the City of New York  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor Adams:

I am writing to you on a matter of serious urgency and great importance to the residents of the Rockaway Peninsula. As it has been explained to me, there is a plan to go forward with the construction of a new shelter building on Brunswick Avenue in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District. **I am calling on you to stop this project** as I will not stay silent on yet another shelter being built in our extremely limited and already heavily saturated community.

**We have our fair share.** There is no justification for an additional homeless shelter in our community. Within Community Board 14 Queens, with a population of approximately 130,000, we have: 7 homeless shelters, 12 adult homes, 17 nursing homes and a copious amount of supportive housing all in Flood Zone 1. Enough is enough.

I support you in your vision that "everyone must be in the game." The Rockaway Peninsula has been a team player for generations. I am asking for there to be equitable distribution of shelters and supportive housing throughout all community boards in the five boroughs.

I am offering my partnership in providing a solution. As you know this community is vastly growing, and this space could be utilized to accomplish so many community-based goals: a Boys and Girls Club that could accommodate our children, a business incubator or coworking space, or a multi-level parking facility. We know that you support our community, and I believe that you can help reverse the course from previous administrations that have disregarded the Rockaway Peninsula.

I thank you for your commitment to our City and look forward to seeing an equitable solution.

Sincerely,

Stacey Pheffer Amato  
Member of New York State Assembly  
23<sup>rd</sup> District, Queens