

February 25, 2003

Hon. Melinda Katz  
New York City Council  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

Re: Filing of Restrictive Deed Covenants with the DOB

Dear Melinda:

I have just reviewed your proposed legislation Int. No. 358 relating to the filing of deeds containing restrictive covenants. As you know the QCC has been advocating this concept for the past four years. We appreciate your interest in this matter. As you may be aware your colleague Tony Avella has introduced a similar bill at our request.

There are several draftsmanship problems with your bill. I would like to set up a meeting with you to review the language. I have already briefed Mr. Avella and his staff on the legal issues involved in this matter. We want to see an effective piece of legislation that will hold up in court.

It may be helpful if you and your staff meet with Mr. Avella and his staff first in order to decide on a piece of legislation we can support. I will be happy to join such a meeting or meet with you alone. Please give me a call so we can arrange a mutually convenient date to meet. Best wishes.

Very truly yours,

SEAN M. WALSH  
President