

FOR THE RECORD

October 6, 2008

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Hon. Melinda R. Katz
Chairperson, Land Use Committee
New York City Council
250 Broadway, 17th Floor
New York, New York 10007

**Re: Proposed Hospital for Special Surgery Expansion;
CEQR No. 05DCP061M**

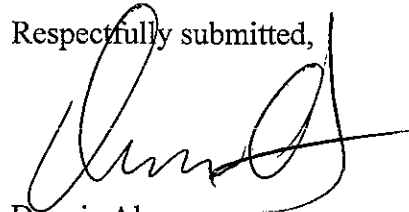
Dear Chairperson Katz:

The Board of the Edgewater Building, located at 530 East 72nd Street, has authorized me to submit the following comments on behalf of its shareholders.

The Edgewater has tried diligently to engage the Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS) in good faith discussions to avoid the adverse impacts posed by its Expansion Project, including through alternative designs. After carefully consideration, the Edgewater reluctantly concludes that HSS is unwilling to undertake the meaningful design changes that are required to offset the Project's negative impacts on area residents and park users. HHS has offered very little creative or new design proposals that would allow this important project to move forward while protecting quality public access to the East River Esplanade, avoid improper parkland alienation, protect the views of the River and historic structures from open spaces, parks, and residences in the neighboring area, avoid spot zoning, and perhaps most importantly, prevent a precedent for unmitigated development on the edges of the City's waterfront.

The Edgewater would be happy to answer any questions or comments the Committee may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Alex