



June 26, 2017

Mr. Gary Barnett President Extell Development Corporation 805 Third Ave New York, NY 10022

Dear Mr. Barnett:

We write to request that Extell Development clearly explain to the neighborhood its plans for the site at 36-44 West 66th Street.

In November 2015, plans were filed with the New York City Department of Buildings for the construction of a 25 story building. For many months, our offices have been working with neighbors to closely monitor the proposed development. But even as construction has begun, neither neighbors nor our offices have ever had reason to feel confident that the building plans on record truly reflect the developer's plans. Real estate reporting and the apparent acquisition of development rights far in excess of what are set to be used in the current building have led to the belief that plans for a much larger building may be in the works.

Most recently, in a conference call between Extell, Council Member Rosenthal's office and Community Board 7, representatives of Extell pointedly refused to confirm if the current plans on file were, in fact, the final plans for the building.

If Extell has plans for the site other than the plans that have been filed, Extell should be forthright about it and amend what is on file with the DOB. Even if such plans are incomplete, it is not acceptable to leave neighbors to react to and plan for a building that is never intended to be built.

Plans for a larger building would surely provoke a reaction from the community and from our offices, and a difficult conversation about the community's needs and desires would be necessary. However, a lack of transparency creates a distrustful and strained relationship. An open and communicative process that

engages local residents and stakeholders is critical to maintaining good relations with the community throughout the development process.

Extell must do the right thing and be open and honest with its neighbors starting today. Please be in touch with Marisa Mack, Chief of Staff to Council Member Rosenthal, at 212 873 0282 or MMaack@council.nyc.gov to follow up.

Sincerely yours,

Helen Rosenthal

City Council Member, 6th District

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CC: Rick D. Chandler, P.E., Commissioner, Department of Buildings Roberta Semer, Chair, Manhattan Community Board 7 Landmark West! Committee for Environmentally Sound Development