

**Testimony to City Council on
696 Seat Primary School Facility
160 Van Cortlandt Park South**

Good morning Chairperson Louis and Council Members,

My name is Gayle Mandaro and I am the Senior Director and Senior Attorney for Real Estate Services in the New York City School Construction Authority's Real Estate Department. Also with me is Andrea Bender, Vice President of Development and External Affairs for the SCA.

The New York City School Construction Authority has undertaken the site selection process for a new, approximately 696 Seat Primary School facility located at 160 Van Cortlandt Park South, (Block: 3271, Portion of Lot: 150), in the Borough of the Bronx. 21,810 square foot (approximately 0.50 acres). The property is a part of the former Church of the Visitation Campus, which consists of paved parking, a vacant school building and the former church (lots 150). The SCA plans to acquire a portion of the former church campus to construct a new, approximately 696-seat primary school facility. The site is located within Bronx Community District No. 8 and Community School District No.10 in the Kingsbridge neighborhood of the Bronx.

The Notice of Filing for the Site Plan was published in the New York Post and City Record on November 19, 2021, at which time Community Education Council No. 10, Bronx Community Board No. 8 and the City Planning Commission were also notified of the Site Plan. The CEC and Community Board were asked to hold

public hearings on the proposed site plan. Bronx Community Board 8 held a public hearing on December 7, 2021, Community Education Council No. 10 held a public hearing on November 23, 2021. Public comments were received and provided herewith.

The SCA affirms the Site Plan pursuant to Section 1731 of New York Public Authorities Law. In accordance with Section 1732 of the PAL, the SCA submitted the proposed Site Plan to the Mayor and City Council by letter dated July 6, 2022.

We look forward to your subcommittee's favorable consideration of the proposed Site Plan and are prepared to answer questions from the committee.

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