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A Roadmap to a New York University Campus Plan

Introduction:

The enclosed planning principles are the product of several months of discussion between members of the Community Task Force on NYU Development. This group is comprised of various elected officials and community groups affected by their proximity to the NYU campus core. The primary focus of the Task Force is to work with NYU on developing a campus plan for development that balances respect for the community and the University's needs.

The purpose of these planning principles is to establish a roadmap for that campus plan. Over the coming months, we hope to work with the University on developing each planning principle into a fully realized policy that promotes respect for neighborhood character through an open, community based planning process.

These principles are not a final discussion of how or where NYU develops, or a green light for the University to take action in the immediate future, but rather, a framework for our future discussions.

Planning Principles:

- **Establish criteria for development within the existing NYU footprint in the University's campus core and the surrounding neighborhoods that would prioritize**
 - Identifying opportunities to decentralize facilities and actively pursuing these opportunities;
 - Contextual development that is sensitive to building heights, densities and materials;
 - Reuse before new development; and
 - Consider mixed use facilities that complement Manhattan's mixed neighborhoods, particularly in regard to ground floor uses.

- **Identify solutions to maximize utilization of existing assets by consulting with the community on:**
 - The types of facilities that can be decentralized from the Village campus core and surrounding neighborhoods and cultivating locations outside these areas;
 - Preferences for appropriate places for vertical additions
 - Encouraging programmatic and scheduling efficiencies; and
 - Opening new and re-envisioning existing recreational spaces to better serve both the student population as well as the community at large.

- **Make thoughtful urban and architectural design a priority by:**
 - Respecting the limitations of the urban environment, including the impact on New York City's infrastructure;
 - Improving the quality of open spaces; and
 - Actively soliciting and utilizing/implementing(?) input from the community in the design process.

- **Support community sustainability by:**
 - Preserving existing diverse social and economic character through the support of community efforts to sustain affordable housing and local retail;
 - Exploring the utilization of ground floors of buildings for community-oriented uses such as local retail, gallery spaces for local artists, non-profit users and other providers of community services; and
 - Generating a tenant relocation policy for legal, residential tenants, in the event that construction or conversion necessitates the relocation of tenants.

- **Respect the community's existing quality of life including but not limited to:**
 - Taking measures to mitigate effects of construction such as: noise, dust, work hours; sound mitigation for mechanical equipment; and construction staging;
 - Reaching out early and often for community consultation related to major construction;
 - Creating a website for ongoing constructions; and
 - Committing to a community-oriented public process for reviewing NYU's proposed projects and developments.