



## COMMUNITY BOARD ELEVEN

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September 23, 2010

Seth Pinsky  
President  
NYC Economic Development Corporation  
110 William Street  
New York, NY 10038

Dear Mr. Pinsky:

We were recently informed of EDC's intention to release an RFEI for use of theater and multi-purpose space at the Julia de Burgos Cultural Center. Like past RFEI's and RFP's released by EDC (including the recent release of the La Marqueta and 125<sup>th</sup> Street Firehouse RFEI and RFP) the Community Board has not been included as a participant in the development of the RFEI for the Julia de Burgos Center.

It is our Charter mandated role to consult and advise City agencies with respect to all matters relating to the welfare of our district and its residents. EDC managed spaces such as La Marqueta and the Julia de Burgos Cultural Center have historically and currently served as spaces vital to our community's culture, education and health. Including the Community Board in a discussion on how these spaces are used is essential to allowing us to fulfill our Charter mandated role to collaborate with City agencies and ensure the needs of our residents are met.

We fully expect EDC to include the Community Board in discussions on the development of RFEI's and RFP's to make certain that the goals EDC seeks to attain are aligned with the goals and needs of our community.

Until EDC provides the Community Board an opportunity for such meeting and involvement, we request that you cease from distributing any new RFEI's or RFP's, including the expected release of the Julia de Burgos Cultural Center RFEI on September 30.

Please contact our office to schedule the above requested meeting at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Matthew S. Washington  
Chair  
Community Board 11

cc: Congressman Charles Rangel  
State Senator Jose Serrano  
Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer  
Councilmember Melissa Mark-Viverito  
Jose Figuerero, EDC