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Matthew S. Washington  
Chair  
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1664 Park Avenue  
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Dear Mr. Washington:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the Julia de Burgos Latino Cultural Center. In response to your inquiry about the upcoming release of a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) for the operation of the theatre and ground floor space at the Center, I would like to take this opportunity to clarify the intent of the RFEI and NYCEDC's process moving forward.

The purpose of this RFEI is to solicit ideas and proposals for the operation, management, and programming of the spaces so that NYCEDC - in consultation with Community Board 11, local elected officials, and other stakeholders - can make an informed decision about how to proceed. As you know, it was envisioned that the Julia de Burgos Latino Cultural Center would serve the surrounding community by providing classes, workshops, studio and performance space to neighborhood artists and residents and would be available for use by theater, music and art cultural groups. Through the release of an RFEI, NYCEDC will assess the interest in and feasibility for further activating the space pursuant to this original vision. This is an open RFEI and existing tenants of the Julia de Burgos Latino Cultural Center are welcome to respond. In fact, with respect specifically to existing tenants, to encourage their participation, we notified them in advance of the September 30, 2010 release date.

We continue to welcome your input and look forward to consulting with Community Board 11 on the various options proposed. Beginning tomorrow, the RFEI will be available through our website at [www.nycedc.com/RFEI](http://www.nycedc.com/RFEI), and we will provide a full briefing to you after all responses are received. If you have any questions, please reach out to Dara Nussbaum-Vazquez, Assistant Vice President of Government and Community Relations, at [dnussbaum-vazquez@nycedc.com](mailto:dnussbaum-vazquez@nycedc.com) or 212-312-3572.

Sincerely,



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