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To The Village of Sleepy Hollow Planning Board,

In regard to Open Door's application to relocate its facility from 80 Beekman Avenue to One New Broadway, both Lindsey Farrell and Kyle McGovern have made statements alluding to an involvement of the Sleepy Hollow Downtown Revitalization Corporation with the selection of One New Broadway as its new site.

In his submission to the Planning Board, Mr. McGovern, wrote that the Downtown Revitalization Committee (the "Committee") contacted Open Door to explore any possible interest in relocating their facility. He goes on to state that "The Committee identified One New Broadway as a potential relocation site for Open Door."

At the last Planning Board meeting on June 21, Ms. Farrell read a statement where she said that the Downtown Revitalization approached Open Door in regard to moving its facility, she then continued to say "we decided on One New Broadway as our new location site" without clarifying who she was referring to as the "we" in this decision making process.

I believe these statements are being worded in such a way specifically to create the impression that the Downtown Revitalization was intimately involved in the selection process of One New Broadway with The Open Door administration. This was not the case.

As a Village trustee and President of the Downtown Revitalization Committee (DRC) I would like to give the details of our interaction with Ms. Farrell, regarding Open Door.

In 2010 our Downtown Coordinator, an independent contractor for the DRC, spoke with Ms. Farrell regarding the location of the Open Door. Ms. Farrell confided that the Open Door was planning to expand its current location and had begun renovation plans for the second floor; however they were having problems with the structural integrity of the building at 80 Beekman and were encountering problems with the landlord addressing these issues. There was never anything mentioned about Open Door entering into an agreement with Phelps Hospital for a residency program, or expanding medical services beyond their current scope.

The Downtown Coordinator spoke to Ms. Farrell about a property at 263 North Broadway, located on the southwest corner of Route 9 and Beekman Avenue which was on the market at the time.

A meeting was scheduled, which took place in front of 263 North Broadway. I asked Sean McCarthy, our Village Building Inspector to join us. We discussed the site at the corner of North Broadway and Beekman Avenue. We discussed its onsite parking, its accessibility by foot from the Village and the interest of the owner to sell the

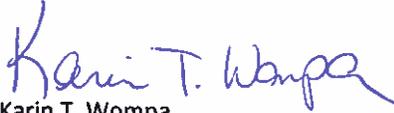
property. At that point we were told by Ms. Farrell that she did not believe her board would approve the investment required to purchase a new building, also that they had already begun planning the renovations at 80 Beekman Avenue and that they were committed to a 25 year lease at their current location.

Because of Ms. Farrell's response, to be of assistance to the Open Door, I asked Sean McCarthy, and he agreed to offer his assistance in regard to speaking with their current landlord about the repairs that were needed for the renovations to take place.

That was the only conversation I had with Ms. Farrell regarding the location of Open Door. Ms. Farrell was the only person I ever spoke to about the location of Open Door and I have never had any conversations with any representative of Open Door regarding One New Broadway as a potential site for its facility.

Although I believe Open Door is a highly respected health care facility and that they provide an important resource to this community, I felt it was important to clarify the statements submitted by Ms. Farrell and Mr. McGovern.

Sincerely,



Karin T. Wompa

Sleepy Hollow Village Trustee and President, Downtown Revitalization Corporation