

**COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD (CAB)
FOR URBAN PATHWAYS PROPOSED PROJECT AT 3469 CANNON PLACE**

January 31, 2010

Mr. Frederick Shack
Executive Director
Urban Pathways
575 8th Avenue, 9th Floor
New York, New York 10018

Dear Mr. Shack:

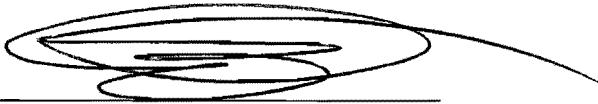
Please be advised that we, the undersigned, who constitute the members of the Community Advisory Board (CAB) for the proposed project by Urban Pathways at 3469 Cannon Place a.k.a. 3482 Ft. Independence Street, have met and voted unanimously to suspend its activity as of the date of this letter.

Our CAB has had only one meeting, which occurred on January 7, 2010. At that meeting we spoke with you and other representatives from Urban Pathways as well as staffers from Councilmember Koppell's office. Rather than allowing CAB members to express our fundamental opposition to this project, the discussion was manipulated and members felt pressured. It is highly inappropriate for Urban Pathways to ask a few residents to represent the community in private discussions about the details of a building that is opposed by the community. The CAB does not benefit our community, it undermines the community's will and it creates a false legitimacy for an ill-conceived project. A public participation process can only be effective if it involves the entire community each step of the way by calling meetings, setting agendas, asking questions and requesting information in a transparent and inclusive manner. If and when the undersigned members decide to reactivate the CAB, we will operate with greater transparency and community involvement.

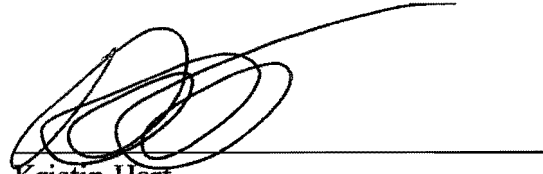
You have stated that Urban Pathways wants community input regarding this proposed project. It is the opinion of the CAB members that the issues highlighted by the community should prevent this project from moving forward. This project is too big for our community. The proposed building will remove light from our homes and our area by casting high shadows. The site is located within 300 feet of two adjacent 200-bed Residential Managed Community Facilities. The Cannon Place site will be riddled with problems due to the rock and underground streams. The construction will be a nightmare because the site is sloped and Cannon Place is a narrow street. The infrastructure of the surrounding area, including the retaining wall that holds up Cannon Place, is extremely delicate. There will be cost overruns because of the site. The project would be a massive waste of taxpayer money.

The community has made its opposition clear and will continue to do so. You informed Assemblyman Dinowitz that this project will not proceed if it is voted down by Community Board 8. We expect you to honor that pledge.

Sincerely,



Robert Baker



Kristin Hart

by proxy

Howard Levinger



Reginald Martin

cc: Damian McShane
Chair, Bronx Community Board 8

Charles Moerdler
Land Use Committee Chair, Bronx Community Board 8

Daniel Padernacht
Land Use Committee, Subcommittee for 3469 Cannon Place Chair, Bronx Comm. Board 8

Representative Elliot Engel

Assembly Member Jeffrey Dinowitz

Council Member Oliver Koppel