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May 8, 2019

Honorable Bill de Blasio  
Mayor of the City of New York  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

Re: Astoria Houses Senior Center

Dear Mayor de Blasio:

I completely oppose any efforts to close the Astoria houses senior center. This particular senior center is very much needed for the wonderful seniors that attend on a daily basis. Astoria houses is somewhat isolated and filled with hard working, low income people. The lunch program is very important to many seniors and their families.

The center has a lunch program and several activities for the seniors on a daily basis. In addition, my colleague Councilman Costa Constantinides has secured funding for much needed upgrades for the center that were currently in progress but now have the potential to be wasted if your administration goes through with its plans. I too have worked with your administration to secure funding for Astoria houses. I worked with NYC government to support economic development that created some of the funding the councilman allocated. How can this closure happen? It's wrong and violates prior policy and agency agreements.

This is unacceptable. I ask that your administration take a step back, listen and engage with our local community leaders and figure out a better path forward. I support councilman Costa Constantinides and tenant leader Claudia Coger in their efforts. I look forward to hearing from your administration on this very pressing issue.

Sincerely,

Catherine Nolan

cc: Honorable Costa Constantinides  
Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez, Commissioner, NYC Department for the Aging  
Kathryn Garcia, Interim Chair, New York City Housing Authority  
Claudia Coger, President, Astoria Resident Association

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