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Hon. Michael Bloomberg
Mayor, City of New York
City Hall
New York, New York 10007

Re: Mets Stadium and NYC2012

Dear Mayor Bloomberg:

On behalf of the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and its 4,000 architect and public members in New York, I would like to thank you for the initiative shown by your administration and the NYC2012 team in proactively taking the field to keep in play the shared dream of bringing the Summer Olympic Games to New York City in 2012.

As you know, the AIA New York Chapter has been a strong supporter of the NYC2012 Olympic effort because of the legacy to be gained of much-needed public recreational facilities. Our fervent expectation is that these new structures, many to be located on the waterfront, will advance both your program of civic design excellence, as well as making available athletic facilities in neighborhoods throughout the city. We had supported the Olympic Stadium proposal for the West Side of Manhattan because of the impact it would have had, revitalizing and transforming a decaying and underutilized neighborhood of empty lots and scant purpose.

Today we write to let you and others know that we strongly endorse the new proposal you have announced, showing how the NYC2012 Olympic Stadium will enhance Flushing Meadows Park, the adjacent Willet's Point neighborhood, and the quality of our City's Olympic Proposal. The new stadium makes sense on all architectural, environmental, planning and urban design criteria. It can be easily accessed by public transportation, and subsequently transformed back to the home of the New York Mets, an upstart and come-from-behind symbol of the Big Apple's resilience and spirit.

Yours truly,

Fredric Bell, FAIA, Executive Director

cc: Deputy Mayor Daniel L. Doctoroff & Jay L. Kriegel, NYC2012