

March 2, 2016

The Honorable Lisette Camilo  
Commissioner  
NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services  
1 Centre Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor South  
New York, NY 10007

Re: 67 Targee Street

Dear Commissioner Camilo:

I hope this letter finds you well.

Several months ago, the long-awaited new Courthouse at 26 Central Avenue finally opened its doors. This marked an important milestone for our legal community.

When the new Courthouse opened many court related functions were consolidated in the new building, including Criminal Court, which was relocated from its longtime home at 67 Targee Street. Since that time, 67 Targee Street has been sitting vacant, though we have noticed that maintenance of the grounds has been taking place.

We on Staten Island have experienced many occasions over the past decades when city-owned properties stopped being used for municipal uses, were vacated, and through the years were transformed into dilapidated community eyesores. The most glaring example is the Farm Colony site, which was effectively abandoned by the city in the 1970's, and only now is being developed into senior housing after many attempts at repurposing the property and adaptively reusing the historic structures.

I do not want to see that happen with 67 Targee Street. As you know, it sits in the middle of a residential community, a Stapleton neighborhood that is on the rise. We cannot let a large vacant building take root and inhibit the future growth of this community.

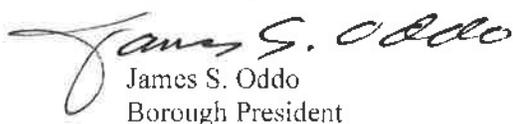
I am, therefore, writing to ascertain DCAS' future plans with 67 Targee Street, and would respectfully request the opportunity to meet to discuss it in greater detail. I expect to be a part of the conversation on the potential future uses of this building.

I am aware that some in the legal community would like to see 67 Targee Street again used for court-related functions, including as the home of the Drug Treatment Court, the Community Court, and the Summons Part of Criminal Court. I am certain others also have ideas for the site.

I request that the appropriate member of your staff contact Mary Mitchell of my staff at [mmitchell@statenislandusa.com](mailto:mmitchell@statenislandusa.com) or at 718-816-2037 to arrange this important initial conversation.

Thank you for your time, courtesy, and consideration.

Very truly yours,

  
James S. Oddo  
Borough President

