

March 11, 2019

Mr. James Patchett
President
New York City Economic Development Corporation
110 William Street
New York, NY 10038

Re: Landmark Colony

Dear President Patchett: *James S. Oddo*

I hope this letter finds you well.

Recently, I read a memorandum dated February 26, 2019, which was sent to me by Seth Myers, Executive Vice President, NYC Economic Development Corporation, regarding the Landmark Colony project and the possibility its developers might appear before the NYC Board of Standards and Appeals. Please forgive the formality of this response, but I believe it was important to memorialize my disagreement and discomfort with many of its assertions and conclusions. Frankly, from our perspective at Borough Hall, it is riddled with problems.

As you and other city agencies within the de Blasio Administration know, the proper application of General City Law 36 is critically important to Staten Island. All around us are hideous examples of development that were built resulting from a misreading or misapplication of GCL 36. Leaving this memorandum unanswered would be a continuation of that long history of municipal malfeasance, with Staten Islanders and this community once again coming out with the short end of the GCL 36 stick.

Respectfully, I request the opportunity to discuss the memo, and a better path forward for Landmark Colony, one that respects the integrity of GCL 36, is more likely to result in a better project, and does not create a loophole that others might exploit to the detriment of the people of this community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

James S. Oddo
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President, Borough of Staten Island

