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Marisa Lago, Director  
Department of City Planning

May 10, 2018

The Honorable James S. Oddo  
Staten Island Borough President  
Office of the Borough President  
10 Richmond Terrace  
Staten Island, NY 10301

Re: Silver Lake Cemetery, 926 Victory Boulevard

Dear Borough President:

Thanks for the letter of support for this project. Please note that this proposal by the Hebrew Free Burial Association is more than removing trees to preserve this historic site, but demonstrating how the removal of trees will allow for a better site plan as required by the findings of the Special Hillside Preservation District. Based on our site visits with the applicant team and our discussions with their landscape architect, the applicant is working on a site plan that will also meet their own needs to provide a more visitor-friendly experience that allows them to share the history of the people that created the cemetery and the stories of the people who are buried there. This is a goal we share with them.

We are working closely with the applicant's representative to advance this application with the intent to refer it out to Community Board 1 before the summer break. At our suggestion, the applicant has also reached out to CB1 to expedite their public review so that the summer break will not be a hindrance.

We will keep Bob Englert updated as this project advances.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Len Garcia-Duran", written over a horizontal line.

Len Garcia-Duran  
Borough Director

Cc: City Planning Commission Chair Marisa Lago  
Bob Englert, Borough Hall Director of Land Use, Planning & Infrastructure

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