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Jonathan Gaska, District Manager
Queens Community Board 14
1931 Mott Ave. Room 311
Far Rockaway NY 11691

Dear Jonathan:

I am writing on behalf of the Edgemere Community Coalition to support their request to transfer **Queens block 15960, lots 41, 43, 46, 48, 49** on Beach 43rd Street North of Beach Channel Drive to the NYC Parks Department for stewardship by neighbors as a GreenThumb Garden.

These lots were planned as “open space” in the Edgemere Urban Renewal Area Plan adopted by NYC Council in 2008. It has been explained to me that they have been vacant and unused since and were vacant for many years prior to that time.

As the Assemblyman representing parts of the Rockaways, I am able to see firsthand the many advantages of additional greenery to the area, especially when that area has been previously dormant. Communal gardens are beneficial for social purposes, unifying communities, and provide a great educational resource for surrounding residents of all ages.

The Edgemere Community Coalition is ready to transform this space into a thriving community garden and I urge you to grant them every consideration so they may move forward with this project.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach me at 718-945-9550.

Sincerely,

Phillip Goldfeder
Member of New York State Assembly
23rd District, Queens