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Mayor Bill de Blasio
City Hall
New York NY 10007

Mayor de Blasio,

This letter is an expression of HELP 1's support for the permanent preservation of Green Valley Farm and Community Garden as a NYC Parks Department Green Thumb Garden. Green Valley is a key community institution that provides fresh produce, science education and open space and recreation to our neighbors in Brownsville.

We were very pleased to see that in December 2015, your office announced that Green Valley would be permanently preserved and understood that the announcement applied to the whole garden, which has occupied Brooklyn block 3857, lots 1, 24, 25, 26 and 27 since the days when Rudolph Giuliani was Mayor of New York City.

We are disheartened to learn that only lot 1, which is a paltry 21.67' x 85.58', has been transferred to NYC Parks even though nearly a year has gone by since the preservation announcement was made. We write today to urge you to transfer the remaining lots where the bulk of the farm and greenhouse are located.

We are really pleased that your administration has recognized the value of this resident-developed project via its permanent preservation.

Sincerely,

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