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To Whom it May concern:

I am writing to express GrowNYC's support for the transformation of the vacant lot at 45 Somers Street in Brooklyn, NY.

In 1991, GrowNYC, then called Council on the Environment of New York City, worked with the adjacent daycare, Love In Action #2 Day Care Center, to build a playground on the lot. The playground featured Kompan play equipment, numerous plantings, and a large balloon-themed mural.

Love In Action #2 Day Care Center has since closed, and the playground, which had fallen into serious disrepair, was removed.

GrowNYC has been organizing and building community gardens in New York City for over 40 years. We have seen the transformational power that vibrant public spaces can have, and we would welcome the opportunity to work with another neighborhood group to transform the overgrown and empty area.

Please let me know if you have further questions. I can be reached at (212) 788-7935 or mrezny@grownyc.org.

Sincerely,

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