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Mr. William D. Rahm, Co-Chair
Mr. Felix V. Matos, Co-Chair
New York City Regional Economic Development Council
633 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10017

Dear Co-Chairs Rahm and Matos,

Bronx Community Board 6 is in support for Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson and The Bronx Economic Development Corporation's joint application for Regional Economic Development Council funding through the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) for the Fordham Road commercial corridor in The Bronx. Fordham Road has long served as a vital economic engine for The Bronx, linking residents, small businesses, institutions, and visitors from across the city. DRI funding presents an opportunity to support one of the Bronx's most essential corridors by improving connectivity and economic growth between the bustle of Fordham Road and the visitors that these key institutions attract.

By investing in capital projects, infrastructure upgrades, and placemaking efforts that reflect the local culture, this investment will create a more walkable and welcoming environment along one of the busiest and crucial east-west transportation corridors in the borough and the regional transportation hub at Fordham Plaza and one of the busiest commercial corridors in the Bronx.

Investment from the Regional Economic Development Council through the DRI initiative will also provide capital support to establish stronger connections between existing businesses on Fordham Road and neighboring key regional stakeholders such as Fordham University, the Bronx Zoo, the New York Botanical Garden, Arthur Ave/Little Italy, and the future Kingsbridge Armory.

We are proud to support this initiative and urge full consideration of the Greater Fordham Road Corridor application.

Sincerely,

Evonne Capers
Chair
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