

Farooz Khan 3/1/12

Dear Horizons Academy,

Thank you for accepting me to this wonderful program and I am grateful for all the perks that came with it. I was so excited when I was told that I was accepted to Horizons. It feels like a second family to me, I just come to horizons and all the problems that I am facing just goes away because of the friendly atmosphere that is in horizon. The programs that are in Horizon have boosted my average also, the program that I admire the most is the SAT prep class. I surely know that this program is going to increase my SAT score by 400 points!, but the best thing about the program is Ms. Jennifer! She is so sweet to all the kids in the program and makes Horizons 100 times better than it already is. I cant thank Horizons enough for giving me the opportunity to have this experience, I hope I will have the chance to be in Horizons in my senior year.

3/11/12

Dear Horizons,

Thanks for making my afterschool time a more productive and eventful. I've made a lot of new friends and learned a lot about the real world and my life now as a student heading towards college. The lessons I've made hear will travel with me for the rest of my life. From college counseling to the pizza parties every moment at horizons is an interesting one and I am grateful that you'd let me become apart of it Thanks again!!

Sincerely,
Ashley B.

Dear horizons academy,

Thank you for all the wonderful gifts you have bestowed upon me. I will always be grateful for this extraordinary opportunity of being a member of the family. When asked about this program I can do nothing but glorify its name in the highest praise. After classes I would attend the program room where I can receive homework help, SAT prep, job counseling, college counseling and horizon circle. All these different opportunities have help further my education in school and the life outside of school. The advisors in this program welcomes me in with open arms and are open to anything. Ms. Jennifer is the person we all go to when we are in a crisis .which she knows and is there to stop our fall our soften it. Her way of seeing things is always in this bright light that shines like the sun through a stormy evening. Without this program I would be lost in space about vital information that is significant in the sureness of my future. I hope I will be given the chance once more in my senior year before I leave.

Yours truly
CHICNECCU FORDE
3/1/2012

By: Farrakh Raja
Date: 2/29/2012

My view on Horizons

Horizons is a place where I can share my opinion.

Its a place where I can say what I want and not care about people criticizing me.

Horizons makes me feel more comfortable about my future.

Horizons also helps me get homework and projects done.

Theres always help here when I need it.

Horizons is like a second home in a way and I wish it stays that way.

Horizons Academy Feedback

Horizons Academy is a brilliant place for students to expand their knowledge base. It's a place where students can access to computers and get help with homeworks and jobs.

Horizons' employees are very friendly and very kind. I have been here since 6 and 1/2 months and I have never been on access with any computers and the employees of Horizons Academy give out special puzzles per day to keep us in shape, I recommend this place for students.

- Muhamadi Ahmedov

february 29

Horizons is a wonderful program because of all of the academic resources. SAT prep and use of the tech lab are the most beneficial to us because we strive to get the highest grades because we have big dreams of college. I personally love the group meetings and the college counseling. The staff is very helpful and genuine people and they make being here enjoyable and even more helpful. Since the program is small we are all known by7 name and it feels like family here.

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May 1, 2009

Jeanne B. Mullgrav
Commissioner
NYC Department of Youth and Community Development
156 William Street
New York, NY 10038

Dear Commissioner Mullgrav:

I am writing in support of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island (JCCGCI)-Horizons Academy, which has provided a wealth of educational and career services to underserved 11th and 12th grade students since 2007. JCCGCI-Horizons Academy understands that the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) has consolidated the Youth Workforce Development funding stream under Out of School Time (OST) programming.

Horizons Academy operates at Lincoln High School on weekdays during after-school hours. The program offers 200 students small group and individualized strengths-based counseling, SAT preparation classes and other academic support, with a focus on successful, timely high school graduation. Students also participate in college preparation workshops and college visits, and have access to off-site internships and job placement services. Horizons Academy currently provides these academic and supportive services for at-risk 11th and 12th grade students, and continued support from DYCD would allow them to expand their programming to students as they enter high school.

Transformative programs like JCCGCI-Horizons Academy are sorely needed in Coney Island. Students and their families have an opportunity to acquire crucial leadership and life skills that will enable them to make positive choices and pursue successful and meaningful careers. I urge you to give this program due consideration.

Sincerely,

Jerrold Nadler
Member of Congress

ABRAHAM LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL

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Ari A. Hoogenboom
Principal

April 29, 2009

Hon. Jeanne B. Mullgrav
Commissioner, DYCD
156 William Street 6th Floor
New York, NY 10038

Dear Commissioner Mullgrav,

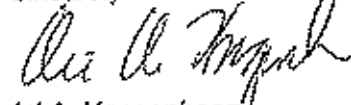
Abraham Lincoln High School has been serving the neighborhood of Coney Island since 1929. In my position as principal I am keenly aware of the challenges facing today's youth affected by extreme poverty, prevalence of dysfunctional families and widespread neighborhood teen violence and drug abuse. The high school features many youth programs including a NYC Department of Education (DOE) Young Adult Borough Center. I am proud of Abraham Lincoln High's achievements in serving the greater Coney Island community.

In April of 2007 Abraham Lincoln High welcomed the Horizons Academy, a Youth Workforce Development program of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island, funded by DYCD, which is driven by the goal of enabling high school students to develop the skills and positive identities they need to have successful futures. Over the last 2 years I have been in contact with Marissa Sperling, Horizons Academy Director, David Anderson, Director of Development and the other Horizons Academy personnel, who have earned the respect and trust of our students and staff. I am duly impressed with the level of professionalism of the organization and quality of their team.

Horizons Academy offers our 200 Lincoln High School participants small group and individualized case-managed coaching, college preparation workshops and related activities, SAT preparation and other academic support with a focus on graduation, workforce preparation and internship placement. Current outcomes are encouraging as 80% of Horizons 80 seniors enrolled in college in September 2008, with more letters arriving consistently. To further the efficiency of the program, Lincoln High School donated space to help create a dedicated home for Horizons Academy. This space was beautifully transformed and in April 2009 Horizons Academy opened its doors on the full service Technology Lab and Resource Center. These are concrete indicators that Horizons Academy is helping students improve academically, gain independence and learn how to make responsible life choices.

It is my pleasure to serve as a reference for the Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island and Horizons Academy. I urge DYCD to approve Horizons Academy refunding through the Out of School Time (OST) for Transition to Adulthood RFP process so that our students can continue to benefit from the outstanding programming the Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island's Horizons Academy provides. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 718-333-7474.

Sincerely



Ari A. Hoogenboom
Principal



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April 23, 2009

Jeanne B. Mullgrav
DYCD Commissioner
Re: OST RFP: Pin #: 26009OSHSRFP
ISY RFP: Youth Workforce Development Program
156 William Street
New York, NY 10038

Dear Commissioner Mullgrav:

I am writing this letter in support of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island-Horizons Academy; *Youth Workforce Development Program*, serving at risk 11th and 12th grade students at Abraham Lincoln High School, which is currently funded by DYCD and a newly proposed initiative; a DYCD RFP for an *Out of School Time Program (OST)* for high school youth, aimed specifically at providing academic and supportive services for Abraham Lincoln High School students entering grade 9, who are confronting transition from middle school.

Coney Island Development Corporation (CIDC) is charged with spearheading and implementing a comprehensive planning process for Coney Island and creating a coordinated economic development strategy for the area. We are very interested in working to promote and encourage advancement of our constituents, particularly our youth, not only because they will be the beneficiaries of the spoils of our labor, but because they will be the leaders who will be guiding Coney Island's renaissance in the future. Horizon's Academy similarly works to shape the lives of 11th and 12th grade students at Abraham Lincoln High School toward success in high school, college and their careers. Horizons Academy has shown itself to be a positive outlet and useful tool for students both academically and socially, and has proved itself to be an invaluable resource to the students who are enrolled in the program.

It is my pleasure to serve as a reference for the Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island and the Horizons Academy. I hope every positive consideration is given to the proposal of their application for a continued funding stream from DYCD toward their current Youth Work Development Program for at risk 11th and 12th grade students as well as their new DYCD request to fund "Out of School Time Transition to Adulthood for High School Youth"; a program that will to offer program to funds to provide preventive, foundational support to freshman high school students install The Horizons Academy Learning and Technology Resource Center in Abraham Lincoln High School so that our students can continue to benefit from the outstanding programming JCCGCI-Horizons Academy provides. If you need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 212-312-3845.

Sincerely,

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Lynn B. Kelly
President



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April 22, 2009

Jeanne B. Mullgrav,
DYCD Commissioner
Re: Pin #: 26009OSHSRFP
OST RFP: High School Transition Programs
ISY RFP: Transition to Adulthood Programs
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New York, NY 10038

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Horizons Academy operates on weekdays during the after-school hours and offers almost 200 Lincoln High School students small group and individualized, strengths-based counseling, SAT preparation and other academic support, with a focus on successful, timely high school graduation; college preparation workshops and on-site college visits; as well as internships, job placements, career readiness and create powerful strategies for their future-focused plans. Horizons Academy is helping these students improve

academically and personally, move toward independence and acquire skills to make responsible, positive life choices. My office had the unique opportunity to host one of Horizons Academy's students as a summer intern last year. She was a great asset to my office, and I can assure you that she will be well prepared for her future thanks to Horizons Academy.

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Sincerely,

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Alec Brook-Krasny
Member of the Assembly

April 21, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

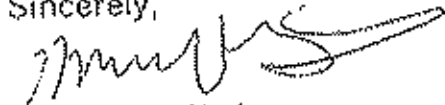
I am writing to you today to show my support for Horizons Academy, a Youth Workforce Development program of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island, funded by DYCD. The Horizon Academy's In School Youth Program is an after-school program for 200 economically-disadvantaged juniors and seniors attending Abraham Lincoln and Liberation Diploma Plus high schools. They offer college and career counseling, as well as summer and after-school jobs, SAT prep, math and science tutoring, life coaching, yoga and meditation.

On April 1, the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce attended the opening of their state of the art technology lab at Abraham Lincoln High School, as an on-site resource center for Horizons students. Horizons Academy has shown itself to be a positive outlet and useful tool for students both academically and socially, and has proved itself to be an invaluable resource to the students who are enrolled in the program.

The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce is in support of Horizon's Academy, and we ask DYCD to approve Horizon's refunding through the Out of School Time (OST) for High School Youth RFP process. It is programs like theirs that support the growing population of New York City youth who lack the connections and resources by giving them the opportunity to learn and achieve educational attainments that will become the foundation of their future advancement and growth.

Please feel free to reach out to me should you have any further questions in regards to this letter of support.

Sincerely,



Mike Rosenthal
Executive Director, Workforce and Training



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April 14, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

As a not-for-profit organization in Coney Island, the staff at Astella Development Corp. sees many youth come through our doors in need of training and job preparation skills. While Astella is able to help these youngsters with resumes and interview skills, we often refer them to other local agencies that specialize in youth programs. One such outstanding agency is the Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island (JCCGCI).

The JCCGCI is well known for its excellent youth programs. In particular, its In-School Youth program is valuable in helping at-risk high school juniors and seniors, offering them work readiness and skill-building activities, tutoring and college preparation, and other follow-up services.

In addition, JCCGCI's In-School Youth Program greatly benefits the youth of Coney Island by offering them guaranteed employment in the Summer Youth Employment Program.

It is of utmost importance that The In-School Youth Program continues to serve the young people of Coney Island. To that end, we highly recommend that funding for the program by the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development be renewed for another three years.

Sincerely,

Georganna Deas
Economic Development Specialist
Astella Development Corporation

Astella Development Corporation is a not-for-profit community based organization dedicated to providing affordable housing, commercial revitalization & economic development and improving the quality of life in Coney Island, Brooklyn

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 25, 2010

Icenne B. Mullgrav
Commissioner
Department of Youth and Community Development
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Dear Ms. Mullgrav,

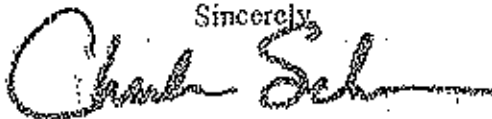
I am pleased to write in support of the application submitted by the Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island for funding from the Department of Youth and Community Development's *Out of School Youth Workforce Development Program*. Such funding will enable Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island to expand its workforce development program for at-risk youth.

The Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island is a community based organization that was developed in 1973 to provide a wide array of social and supportive services to the disadvantaged and at-risk residents of southern Brooklyn. Throughout the years, the Jewish Community Council has expanded its programs to incorporate workforce development to out-of-school youth. Its current workforce development program successfully provides many young people with the skills they need to succeed in health-related occupations, but additional funding is needed to expand its successful workforce development program.

With funding, the Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island will be able to utilize resources within the community to provide services to fifty additional participants by holding classes at two convenient and accessible locations. Additionally, over 300 hours of pre-training will be offered which will include literacy skills development, vocational training in EMT-Basic skills, as well as career counseling services among many other opportunities. The students will also receive twelve months of follow up services after exiting the program to promote success and solid job opportunities. I applaud the Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island for its foresight, and I hope the application for funding meets with your approval.

Thank you for your consideration. For additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Grants Director, Grant Kerr, in my Washington office at 202.224.6542.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator



STEVEN H. CYMBROWITZ
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February 17, 2010

Hon. Jeanne B. Mullgrav
 Commissioner
 Department of Youth & Community Development
 156 Williams Street
 New York, NY 10038-2609

Dear Commissioner Mullgrav,

I am writing to endorse the Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island's (JCCGCI) response to DYCD's Out of School Youth Workforce Development RFP. This program which targets low-income, out of school youths ages 16-21 and will provide them with the workforce skills they need to seek gainful employment. I strongly endorse the JCCGCI's application. With unemployment over 10%, it is essential that an experienced organization with the necessary support system be chosen to operate this vital program.

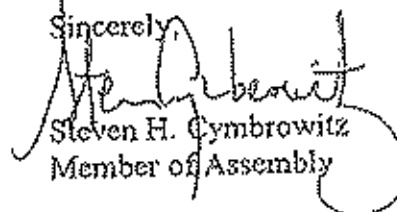
I have worked with the JCCGCI for many years and know its staff and administrators to be caring professionals who look to do everything possible to improve the situation of their clients. The JCCGCI has a well established record of providing competent, compassionate services to many of my constituents, as well as others. Often, they exceed the requirements of their contracts. It is my hope the JCCGCI's impressive 37-year history of continuously looking to improve its excellent record will be taken into consideration.

It is most important that unemployment among our young people is addressed. The JCCGCI's has the experience necessary to have this program functioning in an expeditious time frame. This is why I am requesting that you act favorably on the JCCGCI's application for funding for, Out of School Youth Workforce Development.

I trust that I have provided you with sufficient information. However, should you require anything further, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

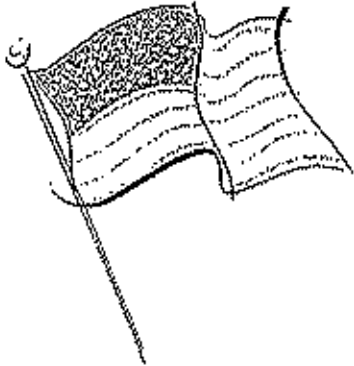
Sincerely,



Steven H. Cymbrowitz
 Member of Assembly

Mark Davidovich

Member, New York State Democratic Committee
46 Assembly District



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Sincerely yours

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Mark Davidovich