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### CEC3 Resolution Vol. 14 (P) No. 3

## Health and Safety Resolution Opposing the 20-Story Jewish Home Life (JHL) Care's Nursing Home Next to P.S. 163

Approved at the May 21, 2014 CEC3 Calendar Meeting  
by a unanimous vote of the Council Members present (7 in favor/ 0 opposed)

**Whereas**, the mission of the District 3 Community Education Council (CEC) states that every child is entitled to a safe and healthy school environment; and

**Whereas**, the proposed Jewish Home Lifecare Replacement Nursing Facility Project (JHL) includes development plans for a 275-foot tall, 20-story building immediately adjacent to PS 163, The Alfred E. Smith School (PS 163); and

**Whereas**, the overall proposed construction process is expected to take 30 months, with much of the proposed construction taking place while school is in session; and

**Whereas**, children from PS 163 would be exposed to unsafe airborne lead and dust particles, as well as other dangers occurring during construction and

**Whereas**, PS 163 students and their families; teachers and staff would be subjected to cleaning agents, and various chemicals that can pose health risk to fragile and asthmatic children, and would result in excessive absence from school, threatening their health and their ability to learn; and

**Whereas**, PS 163 students would be prevented from using their outside playgrounds before, during, and after school during construction causing significant restrictions to all physical education and play activities; and

**Whereas**, PS 163 students would be exposed to construction debris and poisonous fumes, that contribute to urban air pollution; and

**Whereas**, PS 163 students would be exposed to the tremendous construction noises that would disrupt the learning and further contribute to urban noise pollution that takes place outside the school; now, therefore be it

**Resolved**, The Community Education Council District 3 is strongly opposed to the proposed JHL project; and be it further

**Resolved**, The Community Education Council District 3 believes that students and their families; teachers and staff of PS 163 should be protected from any and all hazardous situations, including building particles, dust, and excessive loud noise, from construction work; and be it further

**Resolved**, The Community Education Council District 3 calls upon all District 3 elected officials to oppose the proposed JHL project and dedicate themselves to the health, safety and overall developmental learning of the children at PS 163.