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January 17, 2012

Hon. Michael Bloomberg
Mayor
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

RE: Resolution in support of Intro 251-A – Fair Wages for New Yorkers Act

Dear Mayor Bloomberg:

At the January 11, 2012 Full Board meeting of Community Board Six, the Board adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, New York City spends millions of taxpayer dollars to subsidize economic development and create new jobs; and

WHEREAS, the jobs created are low wage jobs with no benefits; and

WHEREAS, at least 15 major US cities have laws guaranteeing living wages for workers on subsidized development projects; and

WHEREAS, a new national study by the Center for American Progress has indicated that the implementation of a living wage has not led to the lessening of economic development or job growth in the 15 major US cities with laws guaranteeing living wages; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Wages Act would guarantee that workers on large, publicly-funded developments are paid at least the New York City Living Wage of \$10.00 an hour; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Wages Act would be require that the Living Wage be indexed to inflation so that it keeps pace with the cost of living; and

WHEREAS, The Fair Wages Act will require that employees who do not receive health insurance from their employer receive an additional \$1.50 per hour supplement to help them purchase their own health insurance; and

WHEREAS, exemptions from this Act will be made for certain entities who might be harmed by this bill, i.e., small businesses (earning less than \$5 million per year); housing developments consisting of 75% of affordable units; non-profit entities; manufacturing; and construction contractors or building services contractors who make considerably more than the living wage and might inadvertently have their wages lowered by this bill; now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board Six supports 251-A and urges the New York City Council to pass this legislation.

VOTE: 24 in Favor 7 Opposed 10 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

Yours truly,



Toni Carlina
District Manager

cc: Hon. Scott Stringer
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