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Dear Mr. Spagnoletti:

Thank you for your May 14, 2004, letter concerning the actions of the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) in Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) case No. 16970, pertaining to the National Child Research Center (NCRC).

I would like to follow up on one outstanding issue. During the April 21, 2004, Judiciary Committee budget hearing in which the NCRC case was discussed, I recommended that the OAG memorandum to the BZA members, prepared by attorneys in the Land Use and Public Works section after the BZA's January 6, 2004 public meeting, should be made part of the official record of case No. 16970.

Because the BZA's decision was to be made only on the basis of information that is part of the official record in the case, I believe that such a step would be appropriate. I would also like to receive a copy of the memo. As you stated during the hearing, the public's confidence in the decision-making process is very important. The addition of the memo to the public record would build public trust by making the process more transparent. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Kathy Patterson

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cc: BZA Chairperson Geoffrey Griffis

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Exhibit No. 377

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