



COLISEUM TRI-BOARD TASK FORCE  
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January 20, 1999

Hon. Randy Levine  
Deputy Mayor  
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New York, NY 10007

**Re: 2 Columbus Circle**

Dear Deputy Mayor Levine:

The Columbus Circle Tri-Board Task Force, composed of Manhattan Community Boards 4, 5 and 7, wishes to express its concern about the future development of 2 Columbus Circle, the former Huntington Hartford Museum and the former home of New York City Department of Cultural Affairs.

We believe that the history of the building and its architectural configuration dictates that the building should continue to be devoted to public and cultural uses. It was originally built as a museum, and we believe that a good use of the building would be its continued function as a museum and/or cultural center. This type of use for 2 Columbus Circle is also compatible with the proposed location of the Jazz Society of Lincoln Center in the adjacent new Coliseum-site building, and would signal the primacy of Columbus Circle as a gateway to the artistic attractions of Lincoln Center.

Although the Tri-Board Task Force has not met with any governmental representative on 2 Columbus Circle in almost two years, we understand that a decision on its future is imminent. It is essential that such a decision be as open as possible and that the participation and views of the community and public be taken into consideration.

Hon. Randy Levine  
January 20, 1999  
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We hope that you will respond to the concerns raised this letter.

Very Truly Yours,

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Ross Graham  
Community Board 4

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