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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this in support of Queens Together. Our organization has worked closely with them since they were founded in response to the pandemic. Immediately they became one of the most valuable resources in Queens for both small restaurants needed a way to survive, and front-line workers and disadvantaged communities needing meals.

At first our role, as they did not have 501c3 or an administrative framework, was as a their financial conduit collecting donations for them and disbursing funds to vendors. In a short time, it was clear that their ability to connect to the broad and diverse Queens food community made them an important and reliable asset in our ability to help struggling businesses.

Jonathan Forgash has become a leader in this sector and we have asked to help us in planning and implementing online education events. Our local Congresswoman is seeking funding so that we can formalize our relationship and help even more small business.

I believe the Department of Small Business would have an excellent partner in Queens Together.

Sincerely,

*Seth Bornstein*

Executive Director