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June 30, 2026

Ahmed Tigani
Commissioner
New York City Department of Buildings
280 Broadway
New York, NY 10007

Dear Commissioner Tigani,

I am writing to request that you address the concerns of Manhattan Community Board 5 (MCB5) and residents of the West 50s Neighborhood Association (Neighborhood Association), who are experiencing numerous issues with the existing sidewalk sheds installed at The Wyoming building (853 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10019). Despite the sheds being installed for more than a decade, there is little action being taken by the building management to ensure pedestrian safety and the timeliness of necessary repair work.

Several complaints raised by the Neighborhood Association include: homeless encampments, accumulation of garbage, obstructed street and subway access, open drug use, and general unsightliness. These issues have been shared by MCB5 and local residents to the building owners, WAM Partners, as well as the Department of Buildings (DOB). However, neither party has directly responded to these outstanding issues.

Presently, four DOB and OATH/ECB violations have been filed in 2026; they are related to safety issues with the building's façade and compliance. I am enclosing copies of these violations for your reference. However, there are still 31 open DOB violations and another 12 outstanding OATH/ECB violations going back several years for related issues.

The Wyoming's current sidewalk sheds are up for renewal in July. The Council has enacted a number of local laws to empower residents' concerns about building safety and pressure property owners to promptly carry out repair work and remove unnecessary sidewalk sheds left standing for years. The property manager claims their work timeline needs a period of 100 years to be completed. This is neither timely nor reasonable when they also have not developed any finalized plans, except to keep the scaffolding in place.

I hope that these two local laws provide the necessary mechanisms for you to compel The Wyoming to address the serious façade repairs that must be made and their failure to provide adequate maintenance, particularly as they will imminently apply to renew their sidewalk shed

permits. Local Law 79 of 2024, which directs your office to proactively inspect buildings with maintenance, façade, and structural issues, should have identified several problems also raised by surrounding residents. And Local Law 48 of 2025, which will reduce sidewalk shed permits for façade repairs to a period of only three months and apply penalties for their age and failure to address present violations.

I am also highlighting a new rule enacted, Local Law 8 of 2026, that has recently gone into effect. It directs the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to conduct a building inspection if reported conditions can attract rats. However, no such inspection has yet taken place at The Wyoming.

I am requesting that you investigate this issue and update me and MCB5 on the measures you will take to ensure The Wyoming's compliance to our laws and their duty to maintain safe and hygienic conditions under the sidewalk sheds.

Thank you for your attention to this issue. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "gale A. Brewer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "gale" in lowercase and the last name "Brewer" in uppercase.

Gale A. Brewer
Council Member, District 6

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Alister F. Martin, Commissioner, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, 125 Worth Street, New York, NY 10013
Jamilah Belgrave Clyburn, Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of Buildings, 280 Broadway, New York, NY 10007
Marisa Maack, District Manager, Manhattan Community Board 5, 450 Seventh Avenue, Suite 2109, New York, NY 10123
Josh Hughes, Assistant District Manager, Manhattan Community Board 5, 450 Seventh Avenue, Suite 2109, New York, NY 10123
Deputy Inspector Maggie Clamp, Commanding Officer, NYPD Midtown North Precinct, 306 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019
Marsha Horne, Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of Social Services, 150 Greenwich Street, New York, NY 10007, hornem@dss.nyc.gov
David Achelis, President, West 50s Neighborhood Association, 211 West 56th Street, Unit 22E, New York, NY 10019

Copy of DOB Violation CSR0504NS

Copy of DOB Violation CSR0505NS

Copy of OATH/ECB Violation 35726613N

Copy of OATH/ECB Violation 3703647R



NYC Department of Buildings
DOB Violation Display for 022726CSR0504NS

Premises: 849 7 AVENUE MANHATTAN

BIN: [1023388](#) **Block:** 1007 **Lot:** 61

Issue Date: 02/27/2026

Violation Category: V - DOB VIOLATION - ACTIVE

Violation Type: C - CONSTRUCTION

Violation Number: SR0504NS

Device No.:

OATH/ECB No.:

Infraction Codes:

Description: FAILURE TO MAINTAIN BUILDING IN CODE COMPLIANT MANNER:OBSERVED
DEFECTED CONDITIONS: CRACKS & DEFECTED WINDOW FRAMES, MISSING BRICKS @
EXPOSURE 1. CRACK PANE & CRACK CORNICE AT EXPOSURE 2. EXPOSURE 3 CRACK
PANE, VERTICLE CRACK SOUTH EAST LOWER FLOOR. EXPOSURE 3, MISSING BRICK
CRACK STONES. REMEDY: REPAIR AND/OR REPLACE

Disposition:

Code: **Date:**

Inspector:

Comments:

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Violation Category: V - DOB VIOLATION - ACTIVE

Violation Type: C - CONSTRUCTION

Violation Number: SR0505NS

Device No.:

OATH/ECB No.:

Infraction Codes:

Description: EMERGENCY WORK ORDER DUE TO LOOSE/DISPLACE CEILING TILES OVER PUBLIC ENTRANCE & EXIT TO THE SUBWAY @ EXPOSURE #2 NORTH ELEVATION
CONDITIONS HAZARDOUS TO THE PUBLIC. REMEDY: IMMEDIATELY REMOVE OR REPLACE THOSE CEILING TILES FOR PROTECTION

Disposition:

Code: **Date:**

Inspector:

Comments:

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NYC Department of Buildings OATH/ECB Violation Details

[Click here for more information about Severity, Violation and Hearing Statuses](#)

Premises: 849 7 AVENUE MANHATTAN

Filed At: 849 7 AVENUE , MANHATTAN , NY 10019

BIN: [1023388](#) Block: 1007 Lot: 61

Community Board: 105

OATH/ECB Violation Summary

VIOLATION OPEN

OATH/ECB Violation Number: 35726613N

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Severity: CLASS - 1

Certification Status: NO COMPLIANCE RECORDED

Penalty Balance Due: \$2,500.00

Hearing Status: PENDING

Respondent Information

Name: W&HM REALTY
Mailing Address: 145 WEST 58 STREET , MANHATTAN , NY 10019

Violation Details

Violation Date:	02/27/2026	Violation Type:	CONSTRUCTION
Served Date:	03/12/2026	Inspection Unit:	SIDEWALK SHED MAINTENANCE AND REMOVAL
Infraction Codes	Section of Law	Standard Description	
127	27-369, BC 1020.2 (2008 CODE), BC 1023.2 (201	FAILURE TO PROVIDE UNOBSTRUCTED EXIT PASSAGEWAY	

Specific Violation Condition(s) and Remedy:

FAILURE TO PROVIDE UNOBSTRUCTED EXIT PASSAGEWAY. NOTE: AT THE TIME OF INSPECTION OBSERVED ITEMS STORED AT FIRE ESCAPE LANDING AT EXPOSURE 2 ELEVATION/ REMEDY: REMOVE EGRESS OBSTRUCTIONS.

Issuing Inspector ID: 2965

DOB Violation Number:
02272026SR05NS01

Issued as Aggravated Level: NO

Dept. of Buildings Compliance History and Events

Certification Status: NO COMPLIANCE RECORDED

Compliance On:

A Certificate of Correction must be submitted to the Administrative Enforcement Unit (AEU) for all violations. A violation that is not dismissed by OATH/ECB will continue to remain ACTIVE or "open" on DOB records until acceptable proof is submitted to the AEU, even if you have paid the penalty imposed by OATH/ECB.

OATH/ECB Hearing Information

Scheduled Hearing Date/Time: 07/02/2026 8:30

Hearing Status: PENDING

OATH/ECB Penalty Information

Penalty Imposed: \$2,500.00

Adjustments: \$0.00

Amount Paid: \$0.00

Penalty Balance Due: \$2,500.00


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BIN: [1023388](#) Block: 1007 Lot: 61

Community Board: 105

OATH/ECB Violation Summary

VIOLATION OPEN

OATH/ECB Violation Number: 37036474R

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Severity: CLASS - 2

Certification Status: NO COMPLIANCE RECORDED

Penalty Balance Due: \$3,125.00

Hearing Status: PENDING

Respondent Information

Name: W&HM REALTY PARTNERS CO.,
Mailing Address: 145 WEST 58 STREET , MANHATTAN , NY 10019

Violation Details

Violation Date: 04/20/2026

Violation Type: LOCAL LAW

Served Date: 05/07/2026

Inspection Unit: LOCAL LAW 11/98

Infraction Codes

Section of Law

Standard Description

227

28-302.5

FAILURE TO FILE AN AMENDED REPORT ACCEPTABLE TO THIS DEPARTMENT INDICATING CORRECTION OF UNSAFE CONDITIONS

Specific Violation Condition(s) and Remedy:

FAILURE TO FILE ACCEPTABLE AMENDED CYCLE 8B AND 9B REPORT INDICATING CORRECTION OF UNSAFE CONDITIONS DESCRIBED IN INITIAL FACADES REPORT REQUIRED BY 28-302.5 FOR CONTROL #903091. AGG1: PRIOR NOV 37026393X UNDER

Issuing Inspector ID:

DOB Violation Number:
04202026LL105CM71

Issued as Aggravated Level: AGGRAVATED OFFENSE LEVEL 1

Dept. of Buildings Compliance History and Events

Certification Status: NO COMPLIANCE RECORDED

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OATH/ECB Hearing Information

Scheduled Hearing Date/Time: 07/16/2026 8:30

Hearing Status: PENDING

OATH/ECB Penalty Information

Penalty Imposed: \$3,125.00

Adjustments: \$0.00

Amount Paid: \$0.00

Penalty Balance Due: \$3,125.00