



July 12, 2022

To Whom it May Concern,

Housing Works is deeply dismayed by the recent misleading and malicious attacks on Maimonides Medical Center, a pillar of our Brooklyn community.

Housing Works is the one of the largest AIDS-service organizations in the United States and currently services over 12,000 people every year. Housing Works provides a full range of services including housing assistance, health care, mental health services, chemical dependency services, harm reduction and syringe exchange, legal advocacy, and on the job training for men, women, youth, MSM and Transgender people who are chronically ill, homeless, or formerly homeless and/or living with HIV/AIDS.

Throughout the past 15 years, Housing Works and Maimonides have established and maintained a highly effective working relationship, successfully partnering on DSRIP initiatives to improve the health and wellness of the East New York Brooklyn community, and Health Home initiatives to provide care coordination to individuals with serious mental illness (SMI) and those with recent involvement in the NYC criminal justice system.

COVID-19 has placed enormous stress on every hospital in the country, with well-publicized national shortages of staff adding to the existing challenges of delivering care during a pandemic. We are grateful for the ongoing work of Maimonides and its healthcare workers, which have been nothing short of heroic. Maimonides has always gone above and beyond to engage with the diverse communities it serves and deliver care in a culturally sensitive manner. Our safety net hospitals like Maimonides need more funding, not less, to address the historically inequitable underfunding of institutions that serve our most vulnerable communities.

We support the nurses, doctors, staff, and administrators at Maimonides who are working every day, often at great personal sacrifice and under challenging conditions, to provide the best possible care to our communities.

I am happy to answer any questions. Please do not hesitate to call me at 347-473-7401.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles King".

Charles King
CEO