

## An Open Letter from Brooklyn Community Leaders in Support of Maimonides Medical Center

We are writing to express our support for Maimonides Medical Center and to share our appreciation for the care it provides to all Brooklynites. Maimonides has deep roots in Brooklyn, serving our diverse communities for over 100 years.

Maimonides has served as lifeline for many of our parents and grandparents and it remains the place where countless friends, neighbors and family members go to receive world-class medical care. We have all heard or witnessed firsthand the moving and remarkable stories where the doctors and nurses at the hospital have managed to achieve incredible outcomes for loved ones. These anecdotes are supported by data that has showed year after year Maimonides is among the top hospitals in the country for patient outcomes.

Maimonides has also distinguished itself through the deep partnerships it has built with the communities it serves. The connections Maimonides has to our communities means that the doctors, nurses and staff go the extra mile to ensure that patients' needs are met in a compassionate and culturally sensitive manner. To cultivate these bonds, the hospital regularly hosts events, shares resources and reaches outside the walls of its facilities to engage directly with our communities. Maimonides is not perfect – no hospital is – but its leadership is eager to listen and addresses issues when raised.

COVID-19 has had a devastating impact on our communities and created major challenges throughout society. All hospitals have faced enormous pressure on staffing and resources. It is disheartening to see these global challenges used as a pretext for a divisive, misleading, harmful series of attacks on the hospital and its workforce – especially when the hospital has gone above and beyond to get us through the pandemic, visiting community centers and places of worship to provide vaccinations, support, and information.

As community leaders, we stand with Maimonides and its hardworking team of clinicians, staff, and administrators. We would encourage everyone to learn the facts about Maimonides and to make their voices heard in support of the hospital. Maimonides is a pillar of Brooklyn life which we can all feel proud to have in our backyard.

Sincerely,



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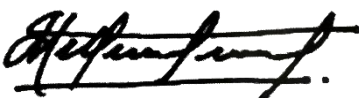
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