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Gentlemen:

This letter is to follow up on the previously sent letters of January 22 and January 29, 2021, regarding alternate homeless shelter sites for 1682 Stillwell Avenue. At a minimum, a simply written courtesy acknowledgement of both letters would be appreciated.

In addition to proposed alternate site, **1976 Birchall Avenue**, I understand that another developer has presented **2443 Poplar Street** in Bronx Community Board 11. Both locations are operationally better shelter sites than Stillwell Avenue.

Are these alternate sites being seriously considered? With the current City budget deficit of over five billion dollars, I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to save taxpayers not just a few but millions of dollars. I also hope I am not wasting my time proposing alternate sites, which the City has previously pledged to review.

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