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To Whom It May Concern:

CB4 district manger Robert J. Benfatto had the unfortunate task of reporting news that many in the district did not want to hear: that the Bowery Residents Committee had signed a long-term lease at 127 West 25th Street and proposed to move 125 existing homeless beds to the site and add 200 new ones.

While targeting the bearer of bad news is often an understandable knee-jerk response, casting aspersion and questioning Bob's integrity are really quite counter-productive to this process. I'd encourage anyone opposed to the project to direct their energy and anger towards the BRC and to share it with elected officials who have some say with the city and state.

Bob has done a terrific job as district manager and he has my full support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Weis".

John Weis
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