



New York State Unified Court System

Office of Court Administration

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Deanna Logan
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By Electronic Mail & Postal Mail

Re: New York County Courthouse

Dear Ms. Logan:

Court facilities are paramount to ensuring justice. The Unified Court System recognizes the City's ongoing efforts to address the suitability and sufficiency of court facilities serving its constituency. We also understand that the City of New York recently appropriated \$63 million for reconstruction of the Courthouse located at 60 Center Street and is attempting to address deficiencies in the roof and façade (siding), and remedy subjacent water infiltration. Though the city estimates preliminary design is currently 75% complete, this will not be completed until late October 2025, meanwhile construction is not estimated to begin until May 1, 2026, nor completed until November 1, 2028. The money currently appropriated is a fraction of the money necessary and agreed to by the City to conduct the more extensive work required to upgrade interior spaces and building systems to improve circulation, renovate courtrooms and offices, upgrade mechanical systems and improve ADA accessibility at this historic courthouse.

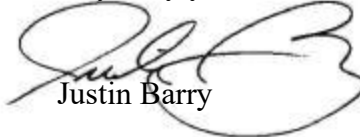
Those utilizing the Courts in the City of New York deserve a court that is free from these defects. I urge the City to expedite tasks and reduce timelines of the final delivery to the maximum extent possible.

In the coming weeks I would also like to discuss the objectives of the City's capital projects and court facilities in furtherance of its statutory duties under New York State Judiciary Law Section 39, particularly those outlined in my November 14, 2023, letter prioritizing our top capital project as the construction of a new Bronx Family Court.

The Court Facilities Capital Review Board is in the process of requesting that all political subdivisions throughout the State, including New York City, submit an amended Capital Plan to ensure that all court facilities are suitable and sufficient to conduct court business and serve the needs of New Yorkers.

It is through our continued collaboration we together can provide court facilities fitting for this great city.

Very truly yours,



Justin Barry

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