

December 2, 2021

Dear Greater Harlem Coalition,

Assembly Member Inez E. Dickens wrote a strong objection letter as she has over the years, including picketing Mt. Sinai with village residents, against the continued placement of such programs in the Harlem community. Our community has been forced to accept more than our share of such clinics over decades because most other neighboring communities refused to allow such needed programs in their areas and put up funding to cover legal fees as is being done today on the UWS. OASES then just puts these clinics in Harlem under the false premise that our residents are in badly need whereas in truth, many patients come from other boroughs.

There is strength in numbers. Do not allow others to confuse the issue, remain focused. We are not turning our backs on those of the most need. We have become over-saturated in a few short blocks making it most difficult for families, seniors and children to traverse within these few short blocks to even get to the subway or wait for a bus.

This is a great letter and thank you for forwarding it to me. If you would like a copy of some of my original letters concerning this issue, please contact my COS Lermond Mayes 212 866-5809.

Inez E. Dickens.