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First Lady Chirlane McCray
City Hall
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Dear First Lady McCray:

Our organization is dismayed by the decision by "She Built NYC" to preempt their own selection process and ignore Mother Cabrini, the clear choice of the public and most deserving person for such an honor. This is an affront to Italian Americans, Catholics and New Yorkers in general who benefited from her good works in the immigrant community. She established scores of organizations serving the public benefit and was recognized with sainthood yet your commission doesn't believe she deserves recognition particularly in light of the public nominating process.

This decision can only be seen as an insult to Italian Americans in particular who are an oft overlooked and maligned community by those driven by distorted political correctness.

The people of NYC deserve an explanation for this arbitrary decision that flies in the face of the nominating process and this disheartening gesture of disrespect to the Italian American community

We are available at your convenience to discuss this matter

Sincerely,

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