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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**WEST HARLEM BUSINESS GROUP TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE  
ANNOUNCING FILING OF A LAWSUIT AGAINST EMPIRE STATE  
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR DENIAL OF A FREEDOM OF  
INFORMATION REQUEST RE: COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY EXPANSION PLAN**

The West Harlem Business Group will hold a press conference tomorrow, November 10, 2006 at 11 A.M. to announce the filing of a lawsuit against Empire State Development Corporation for denial of a Freedom of Information Request re: Columbia University Expansion Plan.

The proposed Expansion Plan is to redevelop a 17-acre section of West Harlem bound by 125<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Clair Place, 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, West 134<sup>th</sup> Street & Broadway. The Plan also allows for the possible use of eminent domain, which many West Harlem business owners and residents strongly oppose.

Copies of the papers filed in the lawsuit will be made available.

Event: Press Conference  
Date: Friday, November 10, 2006  
Time: 11 A.M.  
Where: TUCK-IT-AWAY SELF-STORAGE  
3261 Broadway  
(Between 131<sup>st</sup> & 132<sup>nd</sup> Streets)  
New York, New York

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