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Mr. Robin Hayes
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Dear Mr. Hayes:

I was disappointed to learn JetBlue is reportedly considering relocating its headquarters from Long Island City to Florida. If accurate, I am writing to ask you to reassess those plans and to commit to staying in Queens.

When JetBlue initially chose Kew Gardens and later Long Island City as the site of its corporate headquarters, it marked the beginning of what has become a deep and mutually-beneficial partnership between your airline and the borough of Queens. Let's continue that partnership. I understand the COVID-19 pandemic has placed significant strains on JetBlue and other airlines, and that emerging from the nadir will require difficult choices. But I know that it would be a long-term mistake for JetBlue to abandon its relationships and roots in Queens, thereby losing out on everything our borough and its residents can offer.

As Borough President, I am committed to building an environment in Queens that allows businesses—large and small—to adapt, grow, and thrive. I ask that you meet with me soon to discuss what can be done to keep JetBlue's headquarters in Long Island City, and I hope that one day soon we'll be able to celebrate the renewal of our partnership.

Sincerely,

Donovan Richards
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