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The following CAG resolution requests formal consideration by the indicated parties to conduct activities related to the Gowanus Canal Cleanup with regard to the concerns and interests of the Gowanus community.

TITLE: Creation of Section 106 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for Gowanus Station Building

TO: Christos Tsiamis, Senior Project Manager, Gowanus Canal Project U.S. EPA Region 2

DATE: March 27, 2018

RESOLVED BY THE GOWANUS CAG; that the EPA ensure all and any actions the DEP takes following possession of the properties, specifically those actions defined within any *Contract for Demolition*, be held primarily accountable to the details set forth within the MOA; and further, that the NYC-DEP issued *Contract for Demolition* include such language that will require adherence to the parameters set forth within the MOA.

Background:

It has been identified that EPA Gowanus Superfund actions involving the Head-of-Canal site (aka 234 Butler St and 242 Nevins St), which is being acquired for the purpose of construction of the EPA mandated sewage retention tanks, may have “Adverse Impacts” on archaeological and historic structures;

Federal law Section 106 mandates that the EPA establish a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Gowanus Consulting Party;

The MOA will define specific parameters that will govern actions at this site affecting any demolition and digging; and

The City of New York DEP has stated at the February 2018 CAG meeting their intentions to imminently issue a *Contract for Demolition* work upon possession of the properties.

Cc:

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