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April 2, 2013

Mr. Bernel Richardson Chair Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation 851 Grand Concourse, Suite 123 Bronx, NY 10451-2937

Dear Chairman Richardson and Directors of the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation:

The **Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation** failed to file Annual and Audit Reports for the fiscal year ending 6/30/2012 and a Budget Report for the fiscal year ending 6/30/2013. As a result, the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation was included on published lists of state and local authorities that are out of compliance with state law. These lists were released by the Authorities Budget Office (ABO) in July 2012 and January 2013.

On February 27, 2013, the ABO sent a letter compelling the board of directors and chief executive officer to justify the authority's persistent failure to meet the reporting requirements of sections 2800, 2801, and 2802 of Public Authorities Law. Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation did not respond to this letter.

As of April 2, 2013 the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation remains out of compliance with the public disclosure, reporting and corporate governance provisions of Public Authorities Law. Accordingly, pursuant to its powers under Section 6(2)(f) of Public Authorities Law, the ABO is sending this official letter of censure to the board of directors of the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation.

As a public authority, the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation is expected to be timely and transparent with its financial reporting and to be accountable to the public. This letter of censure is the result of the board's collective failure to take appropriate corrective action when the authority was previously warned that it was out of compliance. Those warnings constitute reasonable evidence that the board and the authority's management were made aware of this situation. The fact you continue to ignore your legal obligations is unacceptable. This behavior demonstrates a fundamental misunderstanding of your fiduciary responsibilities and is a serious violation of your duty as a director or officer of this authority.

This letter is being made part of the public record. Disclosure of this censure letter may be required by federal securities law, should the authority finance debt in the future. Furthermore, should the board of directors and the chief executive officer fail to bring the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation into compliance, the ABO may take additional steps, including initiating legal action, to access the records, books, and financial documents of the authority.

Sincerely,

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