



Mendy Braun
KF Braun Management
160 Broadway
New York, NY 10038

January 2, 2026

Dear Mr. Braun,

As the elected officials representing North Riverdale, we are writing to express our deep concern about the abrupt closure of the Key Food supermarket located at 5661 Riverdale Avenue this past week. As you know, this store has served as a vital resource for the North Riverdale community, offering affordable and convenient access to groceries for nearby residents, including families, seniors, and individuals living on fixed incomes.

Since the closure, our offices have heard from numerous community members and neighborhood leaders who are worried that the closure of the store will result in a significant gap in food access for residents. We join them in urging you to reach an agreement with a new grocery store operator as quickly as possible so that a new supermarket can open and continue to serve the community without prolonged disruption.

Supermarkets are important neighborhood partners that play a vital role in sustaining healthy, stable communities. They create local jobs and provide essential services that prevent food insecurity and contribute to overall neighborhood vitality. As our city confronts the ongoing affordability crisis, we must take every possible step to ensure that all Bronxites have access to the nutritious and affordable food they need to support themselves and their families.

Like most Bronxites, many North Riverdale residents do not have personal vehicles and rely on public transit or walking to meet their daily needs, including buying groceries. This limits their ability to access alternatives to this anchor supermarket, making the loss especially disruptive, especially for seniors and families with children for whom travel to more distant alternatives may not be feasible. Securing a timely replacement store is critical to preserving food access for these families and maintaining neighborhood stability.

We believe this location represents a compelling opportunity for an ambitious supermarket operator to enter the Riverdale market and ultimately flourish while meeting an immediate and pressing local need. We know that you share the goal of securing a high-quality tenant that is committed to maintaining a clean, well-managed, and welcoming space for customers while

completing the necessary upgrades to ensure that this remains a store that the community is proud to patronize.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your continued partnership in improving the community and ensuring that Riverdale is well-served by the businesses that operate here. Your stewardship of this property carries significant implications for the neighborhood, and we appreciate your engagement in working towards a prompt and positive resolution. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively to bring a new full-service supermarket to this important location as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vanessa L. Gibson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Vanessa L. Gibson
Bronx Borough President