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To the AIA Brooklyn Family –

As you have seen, we, the directors and executive committee of the chapter, have been working to keep you as informed on how the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting our industry. We try to provide you useful information on health and safety concerns to how the DOB is adjusting its operations to reduce the spread of the virus, and I hope it has benefitted you. Our efforts continue and so does the work of AIA National in that regard.

I just spoke with Jane Frederick FAIA, AIA President, a few minutes ago; she wanted to know how our chapter was doing, with regard to our ability to continue our operations and how our members are faring individually. In terms of our chapter functions, I let her know that the executive continues to meet virtually twice a month, through the Zoom platform, and that we are quite busy disseminating updates that affect us locally. We plan to hold our April chapter meeting virtually, again using Zoom. I strongly encourage all of you to participate in this meeting. An invitation will be sent out in the next week or so with directions on how to join this meeting.

As for addressing her concern about how you all are faring, I let her know that we are in the process of contacting all our members to address that very issue. She said that AIA has a taskforce set up under their Best Practices committee assigned to deal with Business Issues for architects, during this crisis. She and the committee need our responses! I know that this takes time to thoughtfully respond when there are so many other things to attend to, but please make time to write us at: admin@aiabrooklyn.org and/or info@aiabrooklyn.org.

Ms. Frederick and Robert Ivy sent an email out to chapter presidents late yesterday with information about the COVID-19 Relief Package making its way through congress. You will find this email and their **Major Impacts of the CARES Act on Firms and Employees** now posted on our website. You should particularly look at the Paycheck Protection Program for small businesses, the Employee Retention Credit program and Employer Payment of Student Loans.

We look forward to receiving your comments soon. With warm regards and my hope that you remain safe and healthy,

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