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**AUTO ACCIDENT DAMAGES BRONX COUNCIL ON THE ARTS BUILDING
AT 2700 EAST TREMONT AVENUE**

(Bronx, NY, April 25, 2016) -- Early Sunday morning at approximately 4:00 am on Sunday, April 24, 2016 there was a single car accident at 2700 East Tremont Avenue. The vehicle jumped over the curb and crashed into the building that was given to The Bronx Council on the Arts by JP Morgan Chase, causing extensive damage to part of the façade of the building. The location at 2700 East Tremont Avenue is slated to be the new headquarters of The Bronx Council on the Arts a city-lead renovation project still in process being led by NYC Department of Culture Affairs and the NYC Department of Design Construction (DDC). Plans for future use of the BCA Headquarters building include an art gallery, and public program space, office space for The Bronx Council on the Arts to be funded by the more than \$5.3 million raised for the renovation.

“The leadership of the nonprofit is assessing the damage and considering its next steps. We are reviewing the damage to the building, consulting with the insurance company, speaking with our architects at LTL Architects regarding the repairs that will be required before we may begin the planned renovation of the building,” said Deirdre Scott, Executive Director of the Bronx Council on the Arts.

“The Bronx Council on the Arts is fully committed to serving the artists, arts organizations and residents of The Bronx. This accident does not in any way diminish our eagerness to move ahead with the project, in fact, it increases the urgency to complete the renovation and establish our presence in Westchester Square. The Bronx Council on the Arts will still participate in the activities of 'Fair at the Square' as a co-sponsor on Saturday, June 18 as it has in the past, and looks forward to celebrating with the community.”

“Scott noted that she appreciates the community and its ongoing support and is thankful there were no fatalities as a result of the accident.”

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About The Bronx Council on the Arts

A pioneering advocate for cultural equity, The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) nurtures the development of a diverse array of artists and arts organizations and builds strong cultural connections in and beyond The Bronx. As a private, non-profit membership organization that is the official cultural agency of Bronx County, BCA is recognized as a leading arts service organization in providing financial services professional development, cultural services and arts programs that serve a multicultural constituency of over 1.3 million residents. For more information or to support BCA, please call 718-931-9500 x 33, or visit www.bronxarts.org.

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