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Mr. William D. Rahm, Co-Chair  
Mr. Felix V. Matos, Co-Chair  
New York City Regional Economic Development Council  
633 Third Avenue  
New York, NY 10017

Dear Co-Chair Rahm and Matos,

I am pleased to express our support for Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson and The Bronx Economic Development Corporation's joint application for Regional Economic Development Council funding through the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) for the Harlem River Gateway District.

The Harlem River Gateway District is experiencing a resurgence in economic development. As a former industrial hub, the area is seeing a transformation into vibrant commercial and residential spaces. This district's rich cultural history, combined with the momentum of both private and public investments, positions it as a neighborhood full of potential.

With the Harlem River Gateway District now home to a growing mix of small businesses, creative industries, and service-sector jobs. Residents still face significant economic and environmental challenges. Some parts of the district struggle with high vacancy rates and limited commercial activity due to a lack of capital investment even when the larger community is rapidly growing, underscoring the urgent need to provide support for new businesses while continuing to support existing businesses to fully unlock the benefits of targeted development.

Investment from the Regional Economic Development Council through this project will provide the sustained support necessary for the Harlem River Gateway District's continued development and prosperity. This reflects our shared commitment to ensuring that The Bronx's growth extends to the areas where it is most needed. With those remarks, Bronx Community Board #1 fully support this application.

Sincerely,



Anthony R. Jordan  
District Manager