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October 4, 2023

The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York State
New York State Capital Building,
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul:

Brooklyn Community Board 9 has received numerous correspondences from residents in our district regarding the Vital Brooklyn projects with questions and complaints about the potential impacts on the district and the lack of communication with the community. At its General Meeting on Tuesday, September 26th, 2023, Brooklyn Community Board 9 voted unanimously to go on record as being opposed to the Vital Brooklyn projects pending additional outreach to the Board and the residents of the district. Specifically, we request that further outreach be conducted by the Empire State Development to educate and inform members of the public of the projects' purpose and need, changes in scope, construction timelines, and expected environmental impacts to on the community as well as outlining any mitigation strategies that have been developed.

Additionally, we request that the Empire State Development plan a forum where the community has an opportunity to directly express their concerns or reservations on the project.

Sincerely and respectfully,

Dante B. Arnwine
District Manager
Brooklyn Community Board 9



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