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Chair Dan Garodnick  
City Planning Commission  
120 Broadway, 3rd Floor  
New York, NY 10271

Re: Support for City of Yes for Carbon Neutrality

Dear Chair Garodnick,

I am pleased to share with you the Alliance for Clean Energy New York's (ACE NY) strong support for Mayor Eric Adams' and the Department of City Planning's proposed City of Yes for Carbon Neutrality amendment to modernize the City's zoning rules.

The mission of the Alliance for Clean Energy New York (ACE NY) is to promote the use of clean, renewable electricity technologies and energy efficiency in New York State, in order to increase energy diversity and security, boost economic development, improve public health, and reduce air pollution. ACE NY members are a mix of private companies and nonprofit organizations interested in promoting clean energy and creating opportunities for growth in New York's clean energy economy.

The proposed Carbon Neutrality zoning text amendment will update regulations, facilitating the use of green technologies and infrastructure and allowing New York City to better realize its ambitious decarbonization goals. Complex and intensifying threats from climate change necessitate that the City mitigate impacts through every tool it has available. The transformational zoning amendment will play a critical role in advancing current climate-related goals such as allowing for charging infrastructure across areas of the City to accommodate the growth of electric vehicle adoption, installing rooftop solar panels, wind power, and energy storage systems, and removing barriers to improve energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions in buildings.

The proposed Carbon Neutrality zoning text amendment will make it easier for New York City and the private sector to achieve carbon reduction goals faster and more efficiently, ensuring the City is a place where people will continue to want to live, work, and visit. Thank you for your consideration of ACE NY's support and please let me know if we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

Anne Reynolds  
Executive Director  
Alliance for Clean Energy New York