

October 3, 2023

Commissioner Dan Garodnick
City Planning Commission Chair and Department of City Planning Director New York City
Department of City Planning
120 Broadway, 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10271

Dear Commissioner Garodnick,

The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the Department of City Planning's proposed City of Yes for Carbon Neutrality amendment to modernize the city's zoning rules. The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce is a borough-wide membership and economic development organization dedicated to helping businesses through four channels -- promotion, support, advocacy, and convening. The Brooklyn Chamber and its affiliate organizations, the Brooklyn Alliance, and Brooklyn Alliance Capital, provide direct business services, technical assistance, and support programs to help Brooklyn businesses grow.

The zoning amendment will make it easier for New York City and the private sector to achieve carbon reduction goals faster and more efficiently, ensuring New York City is a place where people will continue to want to live, work, and visit. It is designed to update regulations to encourage the use of green technologies and infrastructure, thereby helping the city work towards its ambitious decarbonization goals. The zoning amendment will allow for green technologies like rooftop solar panels, wind power, and energy storage systems, electric vehicles, and will help remove barriers to improve energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions in buildings.

Overall, the proposed Carbon Neutrality zoning text amendment is a comprehensive approach to combat climate change at the local level. It acknowledges the urgency of the climate crisis and seeks to leverage regulatory changes to accelerate progress towards a greener and more sustainable future for the city.

Thank you for your consideration of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce's support and please let me know if we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,



Randy Peers
President and CEO