



April 24, 2023

Dear Chair Garodnick,

We, the undersigned City agencies, most closely consulted in the formulation of City of Yes for Carbon Neutrality, want to offer our support for the goals of this important project. If the initiative is approved, our agencies will be on the front lines of applying and using the new rules. We want to stress that none of the oversight that happens today will change under this proposal.

We want to highlight that updating zoning rules to allow for more green and energy efficient technologies does not change the fact that Department of Buildings and the Fire Department will continue to review and permit the installation of heating and cooling systems and battery storage systems. Strict reviews to ensure safety and regulatory compliance is done by our agencies today and would continue. Changes being proposed to the zoning rules serve to streamline and thus improve the approval process. Landmark Preservation Commission will continue to review and permit any requested changes to individual landmarks and buildings in historic districts.

Sincerely,

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Keith L. Wen, RA
Assistant Commissioner,
Code & Zoning Interpretation
Department of Buildings

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Laura Kavanagh
Commissioner
Fire Department,
New York City

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Carroll".

Sarah Carroll
Chair
Landmarks Preservation
Commission