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

Re: City of Yes for Carbon Neutrality

Dear Chair Garodnick,

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority is writing to express our support for Mayor Eric Adams' proposed city zoning text amendment, City of Yes for Carbon Neutrality. These amendments will lead to a more vibrant, livable city while helping to achieve the greenhouse gas reductions mandated in the New York State Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.

The time to act is now. Climate change driven extreme heat and sea level rise pose tremendous challenges to our residents and we must act quickly and collectively to cut emissions from our energy, buildings and vehicles to reduce the effects of climate change. New York State is a national leader in developing offshore wind projects, large-scale renewable energy projects, and geothermal projects, and we continue to support businesses and residents investing in renewable energy on the sites where they work and live.

The recommended amendments to the New York City Zoning Resolution align with the long-term sustainability and clean energy goals of New York State by expanding the opportunities for solar power, batteries to store clean electricity, and electric vehicle charging stations. NYSERDA encourages the City of New York to approve this zoning text amendment.

Sincerely,

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