



April 14, 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 Partnership for New York City (Partnership) strongly supports the Department of City Planning's proposed City of Yes for Carbon Neutrality amendment to modernize the city's zoning rules. The Partnership, which represents private sector employers of more than one million New Yorkers, works together with government, labor and the nonprofit sector to maintain the city's position as the preeminent global center of commerce, innovation and economic opportunity.

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 zoning amendment will make it easier to advance existing climate-related goals such as allowing for charging infrastructure across areas 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 the 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathryn Wylde', written in a cursive style.

Kathryn Wylde
President & CEO