



Park Slope Fifth Avenue Business Improvement District | 157 13th Street | Brooklyn NY 11215

September 27th, 2021

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

RE: Support for City of Yes for Economic Opportunity

Dear Chair Garodnick,

The Park Slope Fifth Avenue Business Improvement District represents over 500 small businesses in Park Slope, Brooklyn. Most of our retail and service businesses are independent, family owned entrepreneurs who choose to invest in our community despite the cost and challenges of running a business in New York City.

We are writing to express our strong support for the *City of Yes for Economic Opportunity*. This common-sense proposal would change zoning citywide to support new and growing small businesses by making it easier to operate and grow a business in New York City. It will also accelerate the city's recovery from the pandemic and foster a more adaptive and vibrant environment on our commercial streets.

The Park Slope Fifth Avenue BID is particularly supportive of the proposals that would allow for small-scale clean manufacturing on neighborhood commercial streets, simplify confusing and outdated use rules that create uncertainty and costs for small businesses, and allow for maker spaces on ground and second floors to help support entrepreneurs expand away from home based businesses. These changes will help create more diversity of businesses and reduce vacancies on our commercial corridor.

We commend the Mayor and DCP for its efforts in this regard and look forward to witnessing the positive impact it will have in Park Slope and the broader New York City community.

Sincerely,

Erika Clark

President of the Park Slope Fifth Avenue Business Improvement District