



October 4, 2023

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

RE: Support for City Yes for Economic Opportunity

Dear Chair Garodnick,

I want to commend the Mayor and the New York Department of City Planning (“DCP”) for taking the initiative to create a framework for the “City of Yes.” The Zoning Text changes which are contemplated will help to create more housing, more jobs and an overall better New York which can integrate growth and change to our City in a smarter way than that was previously contemplated.

As one of New York City’s largest providers of Film and Television studio facilities, there are a few changes in the proposed zoning text which will allow for the creation of more sound stages and associated support spaces. These changes will help to generate hundreds, if not thousands of new jobs, in our new NY economy without changing any zoning maps. The anticipated changes to the zoning text will simply allow sound stages to be built in already zoned industrial and commercial districts by permitting these new economy spaces to be the kinds of buildings they need to be to facilitate the creation of scripted content with the heights and sizes they require in this new world of streaming services which exploded in the past few years.

This is the kind of forward thinking that will enable our City to grow and prosper in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

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

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