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Mr. Daniel Garodnick
Chairperson
City Planning Commission
Calendar Information Office
120 Broadway, 31st Floor
New York, NY 10271

RE: DCP ULURP Application – CEQR – 260063 PCY - DEP Newtown Creek CSO Tunnel

Dear Mr. Garodnick:

On November 6, 2025, Community Board 2 held a public hearing concerning the DCP ULURP Application for DCP ULURP Application – CEQR – 260063 PCY - DEP Newtown Creek CSO Tunnel.

At that meeting, with a quorum present, a motion was made and seconded to support the application with the following stipulations:

1. All affected property owners shall receive clear and concise maps and cross sections showing the location and details of the proposed tunnel within their properties in three dimensions.
2. Construction Work at the intersection of Greenpoint and Review Avenues shall be limited to nights and early morning hours which don't conflict with times of high-volume traffic such as morning rush hour.
3. The entire bulkhead surrounding Dutch Kills shall be repaired or replaced as part of the tunnel construction project.
4. DEP shall conduct a comprehensive flood study within the neighborhoods of Blissville and Maspeth, including scope and budget recommendations for alleviating flood hazards.
5. DEP shall make additional site visits as promised and maintain regular communication with the Blissville Civic Association throughout the design and construction phases of the project.
6. Replace substandard sewer lines along 37th Street and Greenpoint Avenue (currently 6" diameter) with standard-sized main sewer lines. Blissville Civic Association understands that the substandard lines are contributing to unprecedented sewer back-flows being experienced in homes and businesses.

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7. As discussed at the recent DCP IBZ meeting DEP shall create an Amended Drainage Plan for Blissville along the cemetery on 37th Street between Review and Bradley Avenues, to account for the severe quantity of water flowing over cemetery wall onto 37th Street each time it rains.

8. DEP shall fund and implement an investment in Blissville and Maspeth similar to the one just unveiled in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, across Newtown Creek: the "Gateway to Greenpoint", a project that will soak up nearly 1M gallons of rainwater each year, reduce flooding, and expand green space for local residents.

9. DEP shall coordinate with DOT to provide additional street trees and rain gardens along the entire length of the tunnel project.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion with (31) thirty-one in favor; (0) none opposed and (0) no abstentions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Community Board 2.

Sincerely,



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District Manager

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cc: Honorable Grace Meng, US Congress
Honorable Nydia M. Velazquez, US Congress
Honorable Michael Gianaris, NY State Senate
Honorable Kristen Gonzalez, NY State Senate
Honorable Jessica Ramos, NY State Senate
Honorable Claire Valdez, NYS Assembly
Honorable Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas, NYS Assembly
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Honorable Steven Raga, NYS Assembly
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