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Office of Environmental Justice
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
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Attn: **Community Impact Grants Review Committee**

RE: Letter of Support for Hunters Point Parks Conservancy's Community Environmental Health & Air Monitoring Project

To Whom It May Concern:

Community Board 2 is writing in strong support of the grant application being submitted by Hunters Point Parks Conservancy (HPPC) under the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Community Impact Grant (Round 12) program.

HPPC is a highly respected nonprofit organization that has served the Long Island City waterfront community since 1998. Their mission to enhance, protect, and activate the green spaces and waterfronts of Hunters Point has improved quality of life for thousands of Queens residents through environmental education, public health programs, and community engagement.

Their proposed project—*Community Environmental Health & Air Monitoring Project*—seeks to:

- Deploy air purification systems in community spaces and high-risk households near the waterfront,
- Launch a community-led air monitoring initiative, and
- Provide environmental health education and engagement programs through the Queens Landing Boathouse and Environmental Center.

The initiative responds to growing environmental health concerns in the Blissville section of Long Island City, where nearby industrial operations and regional pollution sources impact air quality. HPPC's project will empower residents with information, tools, and strategies to

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protect their health while contributing meaningful data to inform future advocacy and public health action.

Community Board 2 commends HPPC's collaboration with Germ Solutions USA, a technology partner with a proven track record of delivering effective indoor air quality solutions in frontline communities. Together, this partnership aligns with the Community Impact Grant's goal of supporting community-based, research-driven projects that benefit environmental justice communities.

Community Board 2 urges NYSDEC to fund this vital initiative and support Hunters Point Parks Conservancy's efforts to build a healthier, more resilient Queens waterfront community.

Sincerely,



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