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RE: **Polling Letter proposed changes to the City Map in Long Island City (250224 MMQ).**

Dear Mr. Abreu,

The members of the Land Use and Housing Committee of Queens Community Board 2 are writing in response to the polling letter dated February 20, 2025, regarding the proposed changes to the City Map in Long Island City (250224 MMQ).

While CB2 appreciates the efforts to improve the Long Island City waterfront and enhance connectivity, CB2 has several concerns and recommendations we would like to address:

1. Multi-Modal Transportation:

CB2 is concerned about the proposed 60-foot width for the new street extensions, particularly the Loop Road. This width may not be sufficient to comfortably accommodate all modes of transportation while ensuring safety and efficiency.

CB2 strongly recommend:

- a) Increasing the width beyond 60 feet to allow for wide sidewalks, protected bike lanes, adequate vehicle lanes, and street trees and other amenities.
- b) Incorporating protected bike lanes and ample pedestrian space in all new and modified street designs.
- c) Implementing measures to manage potential conflicts between different road users.
- d) Planning for waterfront access for those with mobility impairments, which will potentially require bus stops

2. Environmental and Resiliency Considerations:

Given the waterfront location, CB2 urges DCP to address:

- a) How the proposed changes will connect to and enhance the waterfront experience.
- b) How these changes will impact and mitigate environmental concerns.

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c) The incorporation of resilient design features, particularly considering potential flooding and sea-level rise.

d) The use of permeable paving systems in street construction to align with city standards for sustainability.

3. Collaboration with DOT:

CB2 strongly requests to be involved in the street design process and requests a meeting with the Department of Transportation as they begin designing these streets. This collaboration would allow us to provide valuable local insight and ensure that community needs are met.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on this important project. We look forward to further discussions and collaboration to ensure that these changes truly benefit the Long Island City community.

Sincerely,



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