

Community Board No. 2

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Morry Galonoy Chairperson Debra Markell Kleinert District Manager

December 9, 2022

Andrew Kimball
President & CEO
NYC Economic Development Corporation
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New York, New York 10006

RE: NYC Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) regarding replacement of the Hunters Point Ferry landing to a location somewhat north.

Dear Mr. Kimball:

At the December 1, 2022, meeting of Community Board 2 the Board a motion was made and seconded to send a letter to the EDC and the Army Corps. of Engineers stating that CB2 Queens:

- (1) Rejects the proposal as presented
- (2) Objects to the placement of the docks, loading and cueing areas in and in front of a critical local and regional park that operates above its capacity and which is a valuable public amenity
- (3) Urges EDC to consider the community's comments and concerns with more transparent and timely outreach, and
- (4) CB2 Queens regards and supports **current and expanded** ferry service as part of the public transit network we want the ferry service on the Queens waterfront, just not at the proposed location.
- (5) (5) We encourage the EDC and Army Corps of Engineers to explore an expansion of the LIC Ferry landing as well as a site providing greater equitable access to those living midway between the LIC and Astoria landings.

At the December 1, 2022 meeting, with a quorum present, the vote was 21 in favor of the motion; 8 opposed; and no abstentions.

Additionally, Queens Community Board 2 has particular concerns about the proximity of ferry emissions in an area used daily by multiple local schools and early childhood programs.

Please contact CB 2 if you have any questions.

Thank you for your review of this matter.

Sincerely,

Debra Markell Kleinert District Manager

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Cc: Honorable Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, US Congress

Honorable Carolyn B, Maloney, US Congress

Honorable Grace Meng, US Congress

Honorable Nydia M. Velazquez, US Congress

Honorable Michael Gianaris, NY State Senate

Honorable Brian Barnwell, NYS Assembly

Honorable Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas, NYS Assembly

Honorable Catherine T. Nolan, NYS Assembly

Honorable Robert Holden, NYC Council Member

Honorable Shekar Krishman, NYC Council Member

Honorable Julie Won, NYC Council Member

Honorable Donovan Richards, Queens Borough President

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