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Hunters Point Plaza, Region 2
47-40 21st Street
Long Island City, New York 11101

Jessica S. Tisch
Commissioner
NYC Department of Sanitation
59 Maiden Lane, 5th Floor
New York, New York 11038

RE: **Newtown Creek Recycling Proposed Recycling and Clean Fill Material Transfer Station and Associated Wash Facility located at 37-50 Railroad Avenue, LIC, NY**

Dear Commissioner Seggos and Commissioner Tisch:

Community Board 2, Queens is writing following the December 19, 2022 presentation by Tyler Juliano regarding the Newtown Creek Recycling proposed Recycling and clean fill material transfer station and associated wash facility (the "Proposed Project" or "Facility") located at 37-50 Railroad Avenue in Long Island City, Queens, NY 11101 (the "Site"). Community Board 2 supports locating the Facility at the Site and believes the Proposed Project would be an asset to our community for the reasons outlined below.

Background

It is our understanding that the Facility as currently proposed would receive up to 3,000 cubic yards per day of excavated material composed of concrete, rock, gravel, sand, dirt, asphalt, and brick. Processed fill would either be washed for beneficial recycling and reuse or, if not suitable for washing and reuse, loaded onto barges for appropriate disposal.

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Washing processed fill results in the manufacture of clean sand and stone which creates valuable commodities that can be used by the construction industry. Currently, we believe there are no similar washing operations within the five boroughs, which means the Proposed Project would be the first of its kind in the marketplace and would be a boon to our community and the city as a whole.

Benefits to the Community

We believe the Proposed Project represents a more productive use of the Site than the existing industrial use and could serve as model for responsible materials management based on the state-of-the-art technology and integrated Facility layout.

Importantly, the Proposed Project presents significant advantages over the existing Hunter's Point Recycling Facility, which does not have the benefit of access to Newtown Creek for barge loading, nor the space to conduct washing operations to create a valuable recycled commodity. The Proposed Project therefore has the potential to reduce truck traffic within the community due to the use of barges for material transport, and because the transfer station and washing facility are located on adjacent lots.

Further, it is our understanding that locating a wash facility within the City of New York would reduce the need to import manufactured sand from other locations. This helps to reduce truck traffic not only through our Community Board but other parts of the City as well, and eliminate some of the other environmental impacts associated with longer-distance hauling.

Finally, we believe the location of the Proposed Project is more suitable for this industrial use than the Hunter's Point Recycling facility in light of current and anticipated redevelopment in the vicinity of the Hunter's Point Recycling facility. To the extent the introduction of this facility would reduce or eliminate the operations of Hunter's Point Recycling, we view that redistribution of industrial operations to be a benefit to the community as a whole.

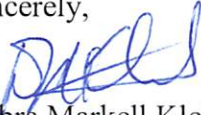
Conclusion

Community Board 2 understands that the Proposed Project requires approvals from both the Department of Sanitation of the City of New York, and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

We look forward to learning more about the project as it progresses through the approvals process, and appreciate Mr. Juliano's time in keeping the Community Board apprised of project developments.

Please contact CB 2 if you have any questions at (718) 533-8773.

Sincerely,



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