



November 14, 2023

Chair Dan Garodnick
City Planning Commission
Office of Corporate Affairs
120 Broadway, 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10271

Re: Support for City for YES Economic Opportunity

Dear Chair Garodnick,

Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation (“Restoration Plaza”) is writing to express its strong support for the Department of City Planning’s proposed zoning amendment- City of Yes for Economic Opportunity. Our leadership is pleased to support the changes in zoning rules that will support small business development, create commercial corridors that enhance and bolster the City’s economic recovery. Support of the zoning amendment also supports the mission of the Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation by promoting small business development (especially in Brooklyn), that will be a boost to economic development.

The proposed zoning text amendment will update regulations, making it easier to navigate and provide sensible rules that allow businesses greater flexibility by removing use and bulk regulations for businesses in growing industries. We agree that in this time of recovery, it is crucial to remove limitations on businesses and ensure that our central business districts and commercial corridors remain dynamic and vibrant. The zoning amendment will also play a critical role in helping businesses to grow by providing them flexibility to locate near their customers.

The proposed amendment will directly benefit the people who live and work in the communities that are often overlooked and we excitedly give our support to Mayor Adams and the City Planning Commission. This important step in modernizing zoning to facilitate economic opportunity is critical to community-based organizations with a strong interest in making this City a better place to live and work.

Sincerely,

Takisia L. Whites
Executive VP for Real Estate and Economic Development