



Farm.One, Inc. 625 Bergen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11238

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

RE: Support for City of Yes for Economic Opportunity

Dear Chair Garodnick,

As the Owner & CEO of Farm.One, Inc., an innovative indoor vertical farm in Prospect Heights, Brooklyn, I am writing to convey our strong endorsement for the City of Yes for Economic Opportunity initiative. This proposal demonstrates a tangible commitment to fostering an environment that not only cultivates the growth of small businesses but also markedly propels the urban agriculture sector forward.

The proposal stands as an extraordinary effort towards modernizing zoning regulations, thereby unlocking immense potential for small-scale clean manufacturing and urban agriculture enterprises. By doubling the space available for operations akin to ours and introducing new zoning designations, the proposal undeniably aligns with the objective of scaling sustainable urban farming, ultimately fostering more resilient and self-sufficient communities.

Moreover, the initiative's emphasis on simplifying existing zoning rules and enhancing zoning flexibility resonates with our ethos. It paves the way for sustainability-minded entities to thrive, innovate, and significantly contribute to New York City's green economy. The proposed changes are not merely reformative; they are foundational to promoting economic growth, environmental sustainability, and equity within our beloved city.

We are particularly enthused about the proposal's provisions that address the zoning challenges faced by urban agriculture, thereby facilitating a conducive ecosystem for businesses like Farm.One, Inc. to innovate and expand. This initiative undeniably echoes our aspiration to propel urban agriculture forward, making fresh, local produce more accessible to New Yorkers.

We earnestly applaud Mayor Adams, Director Dan Garodnick, and the Department of City Planning for their foresight and dedication to this effort. Farm.One, Inc. is eager to contribute to the process and collaboratively work towards the successful realization of this critical initiative.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

*Derek Pitts*

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Owner & CEO  
Farm.One, Inc.