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Chair Dan Garodnick
City Planning Commission
120 Broadway, 3rd Floor
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Dear Chair Garodnick,

As Commissioner of the Department of Small Business Services (SBS), I have the privilege of speaking with small business owners across the five boroughs. From roundtable discussions and door-to-door conversations, it's clear that the continued success of our local entrepreneurs requires reforms to burdensome regulations and outdated zoning. That is why NYC small businesses eagerly welcome the bold and impactful proposals of the *City of Yes for Economic Opportunity* zoning text amendment.

The Adams administration has been steadfast in our mission to cut red tape for small businesses. As part of Mayor Adams's "Small Business Forward" initiative, SBS worked with other City agencies to eliminate fines, lower fees, and make regulations more flexible for small businesses – putting millions of dollars back into the hands of small business owners. The *City of Yes for Economic Opportunity* initiative builds on this by eliminating outdated zoning rules that are preventing new business from opening in vacant storefront and stopping business from growing to meet the needs of their communities. Approving this initiative will make it easier for small businesses to expand, hire New Yorkers, and thrive in our neighborhoods.

It's simple: We all want to see more small businesses throughout the five boroughs. By supporting the *City of Yes*, we can promote the continued success of the small businesses that led this city forward from the COVID-19 pandemic.

SBS looks forward to working alongside the Department of City Planning to advance the *City of Yes* and cut red tape for our local businesses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin D. Kim". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kevin D. Kim
Commissioner
Department of Small Business Services