



September 17, 2014

Regina Myer
Brooklyn Bridge Park Corporation
334 Furman St Brooklyn, NY 11201

Dear Ms. Myer,

The last meeting of the Brooklyn Bridge Park (BBP) Board of Directors was a welcome first step toward a more open and public process on the highly controversial plan for Pier 6. However, it is critical that the August 6th board meeting not be the last step in meaningful public engagement.

As demonstrated by the Board meeting, the Pier 6 proposal continues to raise serious concerns: its siting in a floodplain; the uncertain future of the nearby Long Island College Hospital site; a growing school overcrowding crisis; a lack of commitment to good jobs and responsible development; and changing real estate values and financial demands.

Though we disagree with the Board's decision to move forward with the Pier 6 plan without independent analysis, we view the promised "analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed development" as creating the potential for public engagement and transparency. We urge the Corporation to realize that potential by committing to the following:

1. Produce and make publicly available a written report analyzing environmental impacts, with a drafting process and public comment as below.
 - a. Submit a draft report to the Community Advisory Council, Community Boards 2 and 6, and all local elected officials, and post it on the Corporation's website.
 - b. Allow at least 45 days for submission of comments on the draft report, and conduct a public forum on it.
2. Begin a transparent process on Pier 6 respondents. During the Pier 1 review process the Corporation publicly released the names of associated developers less than one month after proposals were due. However, Pier 6 RFP responses were due on July 21st, and to date the names of the developers have not been made public. The Pier 6 RFP states that qualified respondents must demonstrate a "proven track record of labor harmony on previous projects." As we have long urged on BBP RFP selection processes, it is essential that the Corporation release each proposal in full, including this information.
3. As a follow-up to our previous request on additional financial transparency, we also request that the Corporation provide, publicly, more detailed line-item spending.

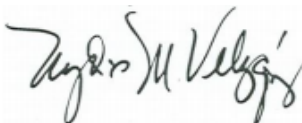
As is continuously highlighted by public involvement, real community-driven planning is necessary in park development.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Daniel Squadron
State Senator



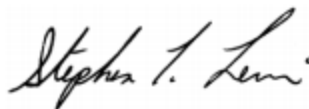
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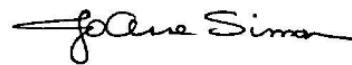
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cc: Brooklyn Bridge Park Community Advisory Council;
Brooklyn Community Board 2; Brooklyn Community Board 6