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330 Wythe Ave 5F
Brooklyn, NY 11211

About:
Environmental Assessment and Review
Domino Site Brooklyn
The Refinery LLC (CPC Resources, Inc)
To:
Mr. David Dobruskin and Colleagues

Dear David and Staff,

It's me, Nancy B-u-i-v-i-d. The woman with the unprepared statement who spoke about social capital and MassMOCA. I hope you have reviewed the information about MassMOCA and its contribution to the culture and economy of North Adams Massachusetts. I also hope you took into your hearts another person's request to look at the community's 197A plan for our waterfront. A plan that took many years to create with the city's blessing and all the while the city, courted by developers, was preparing a gift of our waterfront to the wealthy.
A view for a few.
I can't tell you how disappointing the past few years of life in Williamsburg/Greenpoint has been and please note that I've lived here for over 20. I've witnessed my once diverse group of neighbors homogenize. In the rezoning meetings, Ms. Burden told us the "upland" will remain contextual and showed the community slides of Battery Park City's Esplanade gardens.
I gaze to the east and see 10 stories plus breaking the sky. I am a horticulturist at BPCPC and understand what it takes to make the Esplanade as beautiful and safe as it is.

Some of my issues are as follows:

If rezoning does not occur what is the alternative proposal for the site?

Why not a cultural and educational center?
Or incubation tank for small enterprises?

Why not lower buildings of JUST affordable housing?
CPC, in the big picture, acquired the site for small change must they profit so wildly?

How did the site grow to include 6 acres of the river when CPC purchased it?

Shadow Studies:
You folks should really focus on the effects that a lack of vista and light will have on an existing community of people, animals, plants and TREES! Physical and emotional.

Community:
If more development like this proposal comes to fruition, where will those in the "affordable" units buy their food and go out for a meal at affordable prices.
Dogs. The nearest dog run is a mile away. Can they offer to build and maintain a dog run for the entire community?
Traffic, education, public transportation, noise and even more!

I ask that all of you be critical of this Refinery LLC proposal.
Look at our neighborhood with your hearts and not at the dollars and find a better alternative then massive towers. Let Brooklyn be Brooklyn.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

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