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Dear Director Dobruskin,

I am writing to you regarding the proposed development of the Domino Sugar Mill property in Williamsburg, Brooklyn.

I believe the planning of this project is headed in the right direction. I visit Battery Park City a few times each year and show it to visitors because I believe it is a magnificent example of successful urban planning. The planning for the Domino property seems to be heading along the same lines and I wish you and the commission success in resolving the issues that various groups hold important.

I wish to bring to your attention two issues: one is the height of the river-side buildings and the other the height of the building(s) proposed on the other side of Kent Avenue between South 3rd and South 4th Streets.

The river-side buildings as proposed are too high and dense and will adversely affect the composition of this neighborhood. That is my opinion, the opinion of a resident who has lived here since 1984. These buildings should be scaled down.

The height of the building(s) on Kent Avenue between South 3rd and 4th Streets, *not* on the East River, however is not, I strongly believe, a matter of my opinion. Buildings east, upland of Kent Avenue are supposed to conform to the height of the buildings in this area, a height that is no higher than fifty-five feet, averaging 45' elevation, or three and four residential stories. A recent development project between South 2nd and South 3rd Streets was forced by the Board of Standards and Appeals to scale down its heights from over one hundred feet to the fifty-five foot limit and this decision is a precedent that should be respected. That there are two or three old factory buildings in this area that exceed this fifty-five foot limit should not be used as a reference for new construction. Anyone of good-faith looking at a map of these streets will see quickly that this is a neighborhood of three and four story buildings and that is the neighborhood profile to maintain. This was the proposal put forward with the original zoning change requests, a promise made to homeowners and residents of the neighborhood, and one that now looks to be in jeopardy.

Thank you for the good work you are doing. I wish you and you department success.

Sincerely yours,

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