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Testimony before the New York City Department of City Planning Regarding the Domino Sugar Refinery, Brooklyn

Hello my name is Kelvin Muñoz and I have been a life long resident of Williamsburg for 15 years. Through the years I have seen Williamsburg's population increase immensely. I have seen many different cultures come into my community, each with their own needs. But the community that has been my home for many years needs specific things such as recreational space for residents. I would like to see a nice park or an open space we can all truly benefit from. I have noticed that Williamsburg is lacking in recreation. Space for residents would be greatly appreciated to go out and have a nice day. A big nice park or an open space they can enjoy for a day.

The following is what I would enjoy and like to see in the domino site area, more open space like a park, public pool, and a peer open to the public. In addition I would like to see more affordable housing for those in need. All my life I've heard my parents speaking of the difficulties of finding a place to live. My family consists of 4 members and I have lived uncomfortably in a two-bedroom apartment for 15 years. Williamsburg needs affordable housing. This community is made up of mostly immigrants who are looking for better living conditions and this would be a good way to help this situation. I want to see residents of Williamsburg enjoying the view of the waterfront. This will also open up a lot of opportunities for those that are unemployed. They should have some jobs during the development of the construction and other jobs, like small businesses for the public. Also I believe Hotels would be a great help for unemployment since we have many low skilled workers and we would appreciate these types of jobs. In the new buildings being constructed, maintenance would be great in creating jobs for women who are unemployed.

I would like to see this neighborhood continue growing prosperetaly with a big open space that everybody of any age can enjoy for many years to come. I would like to see in the near future my own kids enjoying this space, which will hopefully be reconstructed so it can please everybody. It worries me that since I am preparing to enter college I am constantly wondering whether or not I would have a place of my own to call home when I come back as I enter the working world. I don't know if I would be capable of earning enough money to live in Williamsburg because of the way the rent is rising so high it concerns me. This is a reason why I would like more affordable housing in Williamsburg so that I can have a better chance of finding a home here in my hometown of Williamsburg.

Sincerely,

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