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Dear Senior Vice President Gafvert,

Pursuant to Section 204(g) of the City Charter, I am responding to your letter in support (with conditions) of the site selection and acquisition of Con Edison's property (Block 488, part of Lot 114) by the city.

The Long Island City Neighborhood Rezoning ("The LIC Plan") will establish new zoning districts to create opportunities for more housing, city services and public resources. I look forward to seeing the City's progress in engaging constituents, and I hope it commits to upgrading much needed infrastructure in the neighborhood.

Overall I support the City's efforts to transform part of Con Edison's property along the East River waterfront for public use, but the City must commit to designing a public path greater than or equal to 16 feet in width. Such a path must be designated for the Queens Waterfront Greenway, a fully ADA-accessible walking, biking, and micro-mobility corridor that connects Long Island City to Bayside.

I look forward to hearing your feedback and to having further discussions about connecting the Queens Waterfront Greenway.

Sincerely,



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