



June 10, 2025

Dear Members of the Brooklyn Marine Terminal Task Force,

I urge you to vote in favor of the redevelopment plan proposed by the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) for the Brooklyn Marine Terminal. In my decades of working to bring thoughtful urban planning, economic opportunity, and beautiful, resilient open space to Brooklyn, the current plan is comprehensive, forward-looking, and practical.

First and foremost, the plan addresses many of the city's most pressing challenges.

During a historic housing crisis, the plan will create nearly 8,000 new homes, with over 2,600 designated as permanently affordable. It will also allocate \$200 million for renovations of the century-old Red Hook Houses and establish a \$50 million affordable homeownership fund, enabling New Yorkers to build generational wealth in their neighborhoods.

Acknowledging the climate crisis, this plan will bolster climate resilience by integrating new floodwalls, stormwater drainage, elevated electrical systems, and raised streets - all engineered to withstand a 100-year flood event.

With stark disparities in economic opportunity across New York City's communities, the plan will build a new workforce training center and provide thousands of good-paying, accessible careers at a modernized port. Additionally, more than 270,000 square feet of light industrial "maker spaces" will provide room for local creators to take root and thrive.

The plan also delivers a vision for an abundant Brooklyn of tomorrow.

Consider the 26 acres of new open space this plan integrates throughout the project area, equivalent to the size of Battery Park. Public waterfront greenways for cyclists, serene paths, and parks for all ages will replace the currently inaccessible concrete lots. In this sense, the redeveloped Brooklyn Marine Terminal will be a natural extension of the successes of Brooklyn Bridge Park.

The plan for Brooklyn Marine Terminal draws inspiration from Brooklyn's most successful development projects of the past three decades. It replicates the proven financial model of Brooklyn Bridge Park, using revenues from the residential portions of the project to fund ongoing maintenance of open space, resilience, and maritime infrastructure. It employs the innovative development models of Brooklyn Navy Yard and Industry City, providing small, affordable manufacturing spaces for emerging makers, creators, and entrepreneurs. Additionally, it applies modern urban planning principles by integrating buses, ferries, bike lanes, and pedestrian paths into a vibrant, live-work-play-and-learn neighborhood.

This bright vision for the Brooklyn waterfront is overdue for action. From my current role as President of the Downtown Brooklyn Partnership to my many years leading Brooklyn Bridge Park and the Brooklyn office of the Department of City Planning, I've seen many ideas for making our great borough and city more livable—some bad, some good, and a few very good. This vision for the Brooklyn Marine Terminal is truly amongst the best.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Regina Myer".

Regina Myer
President, Downtown Brooklyn Partnership