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Vice Chair, Brooklyn Marine Terminal Task Force

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Vice Chair, Brooklyn Marine Terminal Task Force

Dear Task Force leadership and members,

As you continue to engage the community on potential plans to redevelop the Brooklyn Marine Terminal, I am writing to express my strong support for the vision currently proposed by the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC). As the President of the Hotel and Gaming Trades Council, I represent thousands of hospitality workers who see this project not only as a chance to revitalize a critical piece of New York City's waterfront, but also as a pathway to good union jobs for New Yorkers.

By now, the major elements of the NYCEDC's community-informed vision for the Brooklyn Marine Terminal are well-known: 60 acres for a new modern port; over 30 acres of new public open space, including a mile long greenway; and more than 2,600 new affordable homes, for a community and city that desperately need them. It's a forward-thinking plan that replaces crumbling piers with progress, sustainability, and opportunity for all.

But for our members, the most exciting piece of the vision is the proposed 400-key hotel alongside the renovated Brooklyn Cruise Terminal. This hotel isn't just a building – it's a chance for up to 120 working-class New Yorkers to build meaningful, stable careers, complementing up to 210 total jobs at the cruise terminal.

Our union has been able to collectively bargain industry-leading pay, high-quality low-cost healthcare, and employer-funded retirement benefits for our members at hundreds of hotels across the five boroughs. We've created a path into the middle class for tens of thousands of workers and that's exactly what we plan to do for workers at the new hotel planned for the Brooklyn Marine Terminal.

Besides good union jobs, the new hotel and renovated cruise terminal also mean an economic boost for the community. In a neighborhood with just two lodging options, they will attract more visitors for longer stays, breathing new life into local businesses in Red



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Hook and the Columbia Street Waterfront District. The hotel and cruise terminal alone could generate more than \$1.2 billion in impact for the local economy.

At a time when New York City faces urgent challenges, NYCEDC's plan for the Brooklyn Marine Terminal delivers a comprehensive solution. It creates affordable housing, bright open space, positive economic impact, and good-paying union jobs for working-class New Yorkers. I urge you to seize this opportunity and move forward.

Sincerely,

Rich Maroko

President, Hotel and Gaming Trades Council