



Museum of Food and Drink
55 Water Street, 2nd Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201

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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Museum of Food and Drink (MOFAD), I am pleased to express our strong support for the redevelopment of the Brooklyn Marine Terminal (BMT). While we are thrilled with all aspects of the plan - calling for more parkland, affordable housing and availability of space for light industry - we are particularly taken with plans for the “Blue Highway”, to get trucks off our streets and utilize ships for last-mile food transportation. We envision a potential culinary hub that will allow for food manufacturing, transportation, and hospitality and we hope that MOFAD will have the opportunity to be a part of this ecosystem as an educational institution dedicated to teaching audiences about the diverse culinary heritage of Brooklyn and New York City, while fostering knowledge about sustainable and equitable food systems.

At MOFAD, we believe that food is culture—a powerful tool for understanding ourselves, each other, and the world around us. Our museum brings the world of food and drink to life with exhibits that engage the senses, allowing visitors to taste, touch, and smell their way through the stories of food. We are committed to advancing the public understanding of the culture, history, science, production, and commerce of food and drink through immersive and educational experiences.

As part of our long-term vision, MOFAD would one day be honored to call the Brooklyn Marine Terminal home. We believe the Terminal’s transformation into a mixed-use, community-centered waterfront can make room for cultural anchors that reflect the borough’s rich history and diverse future. A permanent home at the Terminal would allow MOFAD to grow our mission of making food culture accessible, inclusive, and inspiring for all New Yorkers and visitors alike.

We are also encouraged by the transparent, community-driven planning process led by the Brooklyn Marine Terminal Taskforce, co-chaired by U.S. Representative Dan Goldman, State Senator Andrew Gounardes, and City Councilmember Alexa Avilés. The BMT Vision Plan’s focus on integrating public input, new housing, public spaces, and job-creating infrastructure underscores a shared commitment to an equitable and resilient Brooklyn. On a personal level,

as both a resident of DUMBO and leader of a cultural organization, any opportunities to finally connect DUMBO and Red Hook and create a cultural corridor that stretches the waterfront would be welcome, I believe, by all of my colleagues in the area.

We applaud the City and its partners for taking bold steps toward realizing the Terminal's potential, and we stand ready to support and contribute to this effort in every way we can. Please do let me know if I can be of any assistance in helping this project move forward, I may be reached at 917-903-9761 or nazli@mofad.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nazli Parvizi', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Nazli Parvizi
President
Museum of Food and Drink (MOFAD)