

Dear Task Force Members,

As president of Red Hook East Tenant Association, I'm writing to urge your support for the Brooklyn Marine Terminal project- an initiative that holds the potential to bring meaningful opportunities and transformative change to the families and children of Red Hook.

For over 30 years , my husband and I have proudly called Red Hook our home. I have served on the executive committee of the tenant association for over 20 years and had the honor of leading the association as its president for at least 15 years. These decades of dedication have given me a deep understanding of our community's needs, values, and aspiration, and I remain committed to ensuring that those voices are heard and respected.

Throughout this process, I have taken great care to listen attentively, both to the words spoken and unspoken messages, communicated through body language, during our discussions. While I only spoke when I felt it was necessary, I heard everything that was said and more importantly, I felt the weight of what was left unsaid.

We come to this table with open hearts, ready to collaborate and contribute to a shared vision for Red Hook's future. Our lives may look different from yours, but those differences should inspire understanding and partnership, not hesitation. We are here to advocate for our children - to share their dreams and aspirations and to work alongside you toward a future that benefits everyone.

The Brooklyn Marine Terminal project is a unique opportunity to create a thriving, vibrant community, it promises good -paying jobs, entrepreneurship, pipelines for our youth, and mixed-income housing that foster economic diversity and mutual support among neighbors. These benefits align directly with the priorities of Red Hook residents, who have consistently expressed their for safe spaces, stables careers, and opportunities to build a better future.

I ask to you vote YES for this project -- not just for its economics impact, but for the message it sends to the families of Red Hook. A vote yes will reaffirm that the voices of Red Hook matter, their dreams can and will be achieved.

This is a moment to embrace progress, to build bridges of collaboration, and to ensure that every resident of Red Hook -- has access to opportunity and sucess. Together, we can create a future that honors the needs and aspiration of all our communities members.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and commitment to Red HOOK

Sincerely,
Mrs. Frances Brown
President, Red Hook East Residents Association