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**To The Brooklyn Marine Terminal Task Force:**

We write as committed advocates for safe, livable, resilient communities to share our support of the New York City Economic Development Corporation's vision for the Brooklyn Marine Terminal, and strongly encourage you to vote yes for the project. This plan, while not perfect, merits your support. The BMT plan includes the maritime industry and meaningful housing production, and is a breakthrough for public transit, street design and a model for how New York City can lead the way in building communities that prioritize pedestrians, public space, sustainability and the urban fabric that makes cities dynamic, interesting places to live.

First and most importantly, the vision plan explicitly places pedestrians and bicyclists at the heart of its design. Woven throughout the site will be walking paths, the Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway, parks, and other public spaces for a total 35 acres of new public open space. Protected bike lanes, including a wider Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway and dedicated space for electric micromobility and cargo bikes, plus bike parking and coordination with Citi Bike, will ensure non-car travel is a safe, accessible and appealing option. The plan will better connect various neighborhoods long severed by highways and lacking public transit connectivity.

Importantly, the vision plan boosts neighborhood transit access, with an added emphasis on enhanced public transportation. It adds bus priority lanes on new neighborhood busways and could halve wait times by potentially doubling frequency of the nearby B61. It further identifies opportunities for the B57, B63, B27, B81 or new routes to better connect this community to the Carroll Street subway station and to Manhattan via the Hugh L. Carey Tunnel. The plan also includes more frequent NYC Ferry service and a new electric shuttle to connect Red Hook and the Columbia Street Waterfront District to neighboring communities to fill gaps in MTA service. And the plan will require future developers to implement strategies to drive transit uptake by new residents and workers.

Lastly, the vision plan will reduce the impact of truck and car traffic on the neighborhood. By shifting cargo onto 'Blue Highways' – waterborne routes – heavy freight will be diverted to the water and off of local streets. Micro-mobility infrastructure and microhubs will promote quiet, clean electric cargo bikes over loud, dirty diesel trucks. The port will be electrified. And, the overall volume of vehicles from future development will be limited by a parking policy that establishes parking maximums for future mixed-use developments. Streets designed for

pedestrians, bikes, and transit will also have the benefit of calming traffic, and the port entrances and traffic network will be designed to push traffic to Hamilton Avenue to access the BQE, getting vehicles off neighborhood streets.

This plan addresses critical issues of housing, climate resilience, and economic mobility – and the transportation is what connects it, just like the transit system connects New York City and the region. Without safe, accessible, and sustainable ways for people to move, these other elements cannot succeed.

This is why the Brooklyn Marine Terminal proposal deserves your support. It doesn't simply react to the past. It anticipates and will build the future – a city where streets are safe, and transit is abundant and reliable.

When the time comes to vote, we urge you to support this plan. The cost of inaction is too great. The Brooklyn Marine Terminal can lead the way in proving that mobility, industry, and community can thrive together.

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