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New York City Council Subcommittee on Zoning & Franchises
Francisco Moya, Chair
City Hall Park,
New York, NY 10007
Via Email: landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov



RE: Gowanus Neighborhood Plan (C 210177 ZMK, N 210178 ZRK, C 210179 MMK, C 210180 MMK, C 210053 PPK, C 210052 HAK), Gowanus Mercy Home UDAAP (20225005 HAK)
Gowanus Canal CSO Facility (C 200319 PCK, C 200320 MMK, 200321 PSK, C 180039 MMK)

Dear Councilmember Moya and Members of the Subcommittee on Zoning & Franchises:

Thank you for taking time during Tuesday's public hearing to listen to testimony from the Gowanus Neighborhood Coalition for Justice (GNCJ) and other community stakeholders about the Gowanus area-wide rezoning and other actions in Gowanus. The Gowanus Neighborhood Coalition for Justice (GNCJ)—a racially and socioeconomically diverse coalition of local groups focused on equity, inclusion, economic and environmental sustainability and justice—continues to call on the City to meet our priority demands for the Gowanus Neighborhood Rezoning.

We reiterate that GNCJ will not support the rezoning unless our top 3 demands and multiple priorities are met. Our coalition's full demands are also endorsed by over 1,600 signers via Petition to the City of NY and DCP and can be found online at www.gncj.org/new-our-advocacy and as appendix A to this letter. As many of our Coalition members have testified throughout the ULURP Hearing the City must address our concerns before the final rezoning application is voted on by the Council.

To expound upon our coalition members' testimony on October 12, we submit here as written testimony details regarding GNCJ's demands and priorities and the specific funding and policy commitments we seek from the City. All of these commitments must be transparently reported to a Gowanus Zoning Commitment Task Force to ensure that these commitments identified are met.

The following pages include the full list of GNCJ's demands and priorities with additional details. The attached appendices provide further background detail on specific demands and priorities. The City of New York must include these details in the Points of Agreement and final zoning text and/or map amendments that the City Council will vote on as part of the Gowanus zoning applications referenced above.

Please contact us with any questions and thank you for your time to address our Coalition's concerns.

Sincerely,

[Gowanus Neighborhood Coalition for Justice \(GNCJ\)](#)

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