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Brooklyn Electeds Statement on Brooklyn Bridge Park Announcement

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BROOKLYN - Today, State Senator Squadron, Congresswoman Velázquez, Assemblymember Simon, Councilmember Lander, and Councilmember Levin released the following joint statement regarding the Brooklyn Bridge Park Corporation's announcement:

"It's disappointing that the Brooklyn Bridge Park Corporation has elected to go ahead and recommend more luxury condo towers in the park despite their agreement to participate in a robust public process that has not yet been completed. It's also disappointing that this proposal shows no meaningful improvement in the areas of building heights, elementary school space, or the actual park itself. Further, the 'affordable units' in this project raise serious questions about income levels and the best use of this public resource. The most important silver lining to this proposal is that we now know it would provide good, secure jobs.

Let us be clear: Affordable housing, universal pre-k, and more park space are all critical community needs. The way to support those values is through an honest, robust public process, not an

announcement made before promised public hearings have even been held."