



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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A Letter to My Community Regarding the Proposed Rezoning of Carroll Gardens and the Columbia Waterfront Area

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Dear Community Member:

As you may know, I do not just represent this neighborhood in the State Senate; I live here too. As a resident and a representative, I continue to support a comprehensive, contextual rezoning of the entire community, from the Gowanus Canal to the water. A rezoning is a vital component of a broader strategy to preserve the unique nature of the community and protect its character from irresponsible, non-contextual development.

Community members and community groups have long advocated for a rezoning, and I appreciate the willingness of the Department of City Planning to work with community groups and residents and incorporate their input into the rezoning proposal. I have questions about some components of the current proposal, and am eager to hear the concerns of the community as well.

As we work towards the final details, one thing is clear: a responsible rezoning along the lines Department of City Planning and the community have both advocated must move forward.

Planning the future development of Carroll Gardens and the Columbia Waterfront raises questions that cut to the core of the neighborhood's identity; such an important process must be undertaken with the input and participation of the entire community. I look forward to working with the community board and others to push the process forward.

Sincerely,

Daniel Squadron

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