

Urging a More Comprehensive Review of the East Midtown Rezoning Plan

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I recently joined Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, New York State Senator Liz Krueger and New York State Assemblymember Dan Quart in sending a letter to Mayor Bloomberg demanding more time for the community to analyze and respond to the East Midtown Rezoning Plan proposed by the Department of City Planning (DCP). We echoed many of the concerns that have been raised by the Tri-Board Task Force on East Midtown Rezoning, comprised of Manhattan Community Boards 4, 5 and 6.

Important as it is that East Midtown remains a thriving business district, we must not rush ahead with significant changes to the zoning to meet artificial deadlines before conducting a comprehensive and inclusive review of the potential impacts on existing businesses, workers and residents, as well as the area's infrastructure, public open space, iconic skyline, and many historic buildings. Please see the *New York Observer*'s coverage of our letter here.