



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Pier 55

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On January 12, I submitted testimony to the Hudson River Park Trust (HRPT) on the proposed "Pier 55" project in the footprint of the current Piers 54 and 56. I heartily commend the Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation for their history-making philanthropic commitment to the arts and culture in New York City, and specifically, the West Side of Manhattan, by proposing to build this exciting and innovative new public space and performance venue on our waterfront. Despite this generosity, I am concerned about the process that guides such a significant modification to the park's original plan. As a result, I am examining ways to legally mandate a more inclusive, open process for any future proposals. In addition, I strongly encourage the HRPT to give great weight to the recommendations of Manhattan Community Board 2 (CB2). I personally attended CB2's Parks and Waterfront Committee's review of this project, and commend the board members for their thoughtful deliberation and consideration of this proposal. Please see my testimony attached.