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Senator Montgomery submits scoping comments in response to the NYC Department of City Planning's proposal to rezone Industry City

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Senator Montgomery joins constituents and community stakeholders in submitting scoping comments in response to the New York City Department of City Planning's proposal to rezone Industry City in Brooklyn. Senator Montgomery is a long-standing proponent of preserving a working waterfront and maintaining industrial and manufacturing job opportunities in New York City. In her comments on the rezoning proposal, Senator Montgomery notes:

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I agree with the general concept of an “Innovation Economy Hub” and understand re-zoning Industry City from an M3 to an M2 district is necessary in order to expand retail, commercial, academic, and other light industrial uses.

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I also look forward to Industry City creating pathways to high-end careers for the people of Brooklyn, including Sunset Park, by forging partnerships with academic institutions and employers.

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However, I am completely opposed to using this re-zoning as an opportunity to obtain special permits to build hotels. Hotel development on the waterfront sets a terrible precedent and usurps job development for the local community. We also have an approximate 2,418 hotel rooms in Downtown Brooklyn, which visitors of Industry City are able to utilize.

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We need to preserve the waterfront for industrial use and maximize its potential as an economic development district.

To read Senator Montgomery's full scoping comments, download the attached letter.

For more information on the City's proposal to rezone Industry City, download the attached documents or visit <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/applicants/scoping-documents.page>

To learn more about Senator Montgomery's work with to create an educational pipeline into the maritime industry and her commitment to preserving an industrial waterfront, visit:

<https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/articles/velmanette-montgomery/innovation-lab-industry-city>

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