

June 11, 2018

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo Governor of New York State NYS State Capitol Building Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

Thank you for signing S130B/A4002A and S7284/A8986, requiring two members of the Battery Park City Authority (BPCA) Board to be residents of Battery Park City and setting forth qualifications that all Board members should possess.

To make the Board's composition consistent with this legislation, we respectfully request two of the three Board members currently serving with expired terms be replaced by residents of Battery Park City, in accordance with the new statute.

As you know, the Board makes decisions that influence the daily lives of thousands of our constituents, and having residents' voices on the Board will present an important opportunity for the community to participate in its own governance.

Battery Park City has been transformed from its origins as a development project meant to provide affordable housing along Manhattan's lower west side into a thriving residential and commercial community woven into the fabric of Lower Manhattan. Likewise, the Board should evolve to include residents of this community. We are fully confident that many qualified candidates for the BPCA Board live within its borders and meet the requirements set forth in the law.

Again, we are glad that the right of this community to have its voice heard with two seats on the Board has been enshrined in law. In the spirit of that law, we urge you to appoint two residents as soon as possible.

Please feel free to contact any of us directly or via Fiona Jung from Senator Kavanagh's office at 212-298-5565 if you wish to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

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