



June 15, 2017

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

Dear Governor Cuomo,

We write to follow up on our April 21, 2017 letter regarding Battery Park City resident appointments to the Battery Park City Authority (BPCA) Board, to which we have not received a response.

The Senate recently shared appointment paperwork with our offices of three nominees to the BPCA Board: Catherine McVay Hughes, Louis Bevilacqua, and George Tsunis. While we were heartened to see a long-standing community leader nominated, we were extremely disappointed to learn the appointments will continue to leave the board without a single Battery Park City resident.

The BPCA Board makes decisions that influence the daily lives of thousands of residents, who would provide an important perspective otherwise lacking in Board deliberations. The lack of community input is why Senator Squadron and Assemblymembers Glick and Niou carry legislation to require Battery Park City resident appointments to the BPCA Board.

Catherine McVay Hughes will make a strong member of the board and a welcome addition, but it is urgent that residents be appointed to work alongside her. Louis Bevilacqua and George Tsunis are not residents nor have they been active in the community -- we strongly request their appointments be rescinded and residents be appointed in their place.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Daniel Squadron
State Senator

Jerrold Nadler
Congressman

Gale Brewer
Manhattan Borough President

Deborah Glick
Assemblymember

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Assemblymember

Margaret Chin
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