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NYC Council Speaker Corey Johnson
City Hall Office
New York, NY 10007

Re: Industry City Rezoning Proposal

Dear Speaker Johnson:

As one of the state elected officials representing Sunset Park, I am writing in support of my Council colleagues to urge the City Council to move forward with the Industry City Rezoning Proposal.

I recognize that traditionally the City Council provides deference to the local Council member on issues related to land use and rezoning in their community. However, in this instance, three Council members have publicly stated their support for the Industry City proposal. The expansion of this major industrial park would create twenty thousand jobs in Brooklyn.

This is a very important issue to me. Having represented both, I view Industry City and Brooklyn Navy Yard as vital economic engines for our borough and our City. Both industrial complexes are critical to the City's economic growth. Both Industry City and Brooklyn Navy Yard provide much needed incubator space for new and small businesses, have on-site employment centers to connect neighborhood residents with employers and are developing jobs in the new economy.

I have spoken extensively with Industry City's leadership about creating pathways to careers for the people of Brooklyn, including Sunset Park, by forging partnerships with academic institutions and employers. I applaud Industry City's commitment to establishing a public technical high school and an adult education center, creating a manufacturing hub, investing in green energy infrastructure initiatives and providing support services for local residents.

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For your reference, enclosed please find a copy of my scoping comments to the NYC Department of City Planning. As my statement indicates, I am adamantly opposed to the construction of luxury housing and hotels along our waterfront corridors. I strongly believe that we must preserve our waterfront for industrial use, expand the availability of manufacturing space and continue creating diverse employment opportunities for all New Yorkers.

Sincerely,


Senator Velmanette Montgomery
25th Senate District

Encl.

cc: Majority Leader Laurie A. Cumbo