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The Honorable Mayor Bill de Blasio  
Mayor of New York City  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor De Blasio,

Thank you for your work to combat the COVID-19 pandemic in New York City over these difficult months, and for your commitment to ensuring that vaccine efforts are carried out efficiently and equitably. We write today to request a vaccination site on Roosevelt Island, which will ensure that elderly and disabled populations can safely receive vaccines without additional exposure to COVID-19.

We understand that the City is doing everything possible to ensure that all New Yorkers are vaccinated in order to move quickly toward recovery. Roosevelt Island is home to more than 11,000 people, many of who belong to populations vulnerable to COVID-19, including a significant number of seniors and people with disabilities. In light of the island's unique geography and the challenges created by limited transportation options, having a vaccination site on Roosevelt Island will ensure that residents who are eligible during the current phase of the rollout can be safely vaccinated as soon as possible.

As we work toward our goal to vaccinate 70 to 90 percent of New Yorkers and reach herd immunity, it is critical that no neighborhood is left out of these efforts. As always, we appreciate your collaboration and we look forward to continuing to work together to ensure the health and safety of all New Yorkers. If you would like to further discuss this matter, please reach out to my office at (212) 828-5829 or at [serrano@nysenate.gov](mailto:serrano@nysenate.gov).

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of José M. Serrano in black ink.

José M. Serrano  
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