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Joan Farber <info@email.actionnetwork.org> Yesterday, 5:38 PM Public Comment ♥ ♠ Reply all | ∨

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A.L. Steiner <info@email.actionnetwork.org > Yesterday, 5:38 PM Public Comment \$ \$ Reply all |
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Melissa Shiffman <info@email.actionnetwork.org> Yesterday, 5:39 PM Public Comment * Reply all | ∨

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We need affordable housing for low and middle income people. We need housing for artists so NYC can remain the cultural capital of the world. Many, many people are moving out of the city. They cannot afford living here! We do not need market rate housing! What do you not understand!? And this is public land?! Outrageous!

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Edna Gruvman <info@email.actionnetwork.org> Yesterday, 5:47 PM Public Comment > ♠ Reply all | ∨

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We should urge our members of Congress and our Senators to approach HUD Secretary Fudge for Federal funds

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Respectfully, Carol Lamberg

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INCREASE AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS!



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Dear LMDC Board Members:

This city must create more affordable housing that prioritizes PEOPLE BORN IN NYC AS WELL AS LONG TERM RESIDENTS OF NYC.

As a Native New Yorker, I'm appalled by the lack of affordable housing in general and specifically for long term residents of NYC.

Affordable housing units must be increased to more than 25%.

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I agree with this letter but the problem goes back to elected officials who want to keep the money flowing and their reelection guaranteed. And so all decisions favor the wealthy and large corporations. How else could gun control legislation fail and abortion become illegal when the overwhelming majority of Americans want both?! Want to take a wild guess? Give up?!

Nothing will get better until we get money out of politics and reform the formerly Supreme Court.

Respectfully,

Robert H. Feuchte

100 % Affordability at 5WTC



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To Whom It May Concern:

The proposed plan allows developers to build 900 luxury units on public land in a neighborhood that is already saturated with luxury apartments - hundreds, if not thousands of white are sitting empty while we have a housing shortage in Lower Manhattan!

The Lower Manhattan community has fought for over two decades to build deeply affordable housing at 5WTC that would promote diversity and give 9/11survivors & first responders and their children a home in the neighborhood they rebuilt. It is unconscionable that the LMDC and the City and NYS are abandoning the very people who sacrificed their lives and their health to rebuild after 9/11/2001.

The area around 5WTC is a high opportunity area with excellent schools, gorgeous parks, a public transportation hub and is a walk away from jobs on Wall Street and the Civic Center.

The LMDC promised affordable housing downtown. They must deliver.



Regards,

Justine Justine Cuccia

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Christopher Scholz

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Additionally;

It is outrageous to think that yet another luxury building- on land owned by the city- PUBLIC LAND, that a private developer, who thinks only on profit motive, could think of getting away with only saving a 'minimal' number of apartments considered 'affordable'. What is 'minimal'? 25% is less than minimal and is not acceptable- NOT GOOD ENOUGH. EVERY building these days must be a minimum of 50% 'affordable' and 'affordable' needs a better definition. That 50% should be divided in half by income limit and the other half needs to be specifically for lower income/voucher level. High profit motive should eliminate lots of developers- they can afford to start anew- buy land and build- but PUBLIC land should not be an easy option for any of them to spin into gold.

This city cannot continue to exist if it is too expensive to house all of the people it needs to run and thrive. We have PLENTY of luxury housing- much of which is not used by people (lights out in many buildings is a cue), or can't be afforded by more than half the population- and many of which are not used or owned by city residents/workers/taxpayers. That does not help build or maintain a vibrant city. We need to STOP thinking only luxury and start thinking about real people who build lives and families in our city. That doesn't give license to creating sub-par crap housing, but it can mean that over the top furnishings or amenities are not always required- and used as selling points and absolutely no 'poor' doors.

Who is controlling the Lower Manhattan Development Council and what has the private developer promised? To me, this sounds more like Percoco and the Buffalo Billion- a corrupt boondoggle...... Cuomo is gone, his grifters- if still there- need to be booted from the board. If Governor Hochul has continued in that tradition, then that needs to be investigated too-BEFORE any project moves forward. (So much for Hochul's promise to work for the people- the voters who put her in office) If Mayor Adams appointed people- look under their sheets to see the corruption....So far in his administration, no one is squeaky clean or honest and none of them are working for the people of this city! Their (Hochul and Adams) combined approach and acceptance of a potential windfall for the developer is not OK- it is troublesome.

I looked on the LMDC website, and cannot find a section talking about a building with a potential 900 units. Is it hidden from public review? Why? The only listing that I thought could be this development is called 5B (it does not fit the description of 900 units at all-BUT even Site 5B sounds sketchy- what is a 'meaningful' level of affordable housing? I didn't know 'meaningful' had a % definition!). If Site 5B is supposed to keep people happy, with only 163 units better assorted for affordability, then why hide a building of 900 from the website? And IF Site 5B can be brought about with nearly 50% labeled 'affordable', then why sin't the 900 unit building?

We already have an unacceptable level of inequality in this city- with every deal like this, it will get worse, and the city will suffer. NO! Do not move forward on this 'deal/project'. Regards, from a city resident and taxpayer,

Stacy Rauch- I would love a detailed response from the LMDC Board!

Site 5B description from website:

This new mixed-use development project will consist of market rate condominiums, commercial retail space, and a mixed-income residential rental building. The residential rental building will be a mid-rise building facing Greenwich Street above a two-story retail base and underground parking. Prior to September 11, 2001, Site 5B had been planned as an entirely a commercial project. However, shortly after September 11, 2001, the City reexamined its vision for Lower Manhattan and determined that Site 5B was better suited for a mixed-use development that was largely residential, with a goal to include meaningful affordable housing. LMDC funds would be provided to subsidize the planning and design of the rental housing tower, including related portions of the building base, and interior fit out of the affordable housing units.

The residential rental component of the project will include affordable housing. HDC will administer the Mixed Income Program to ensure that the development will meet the following affordability targets. Of the total 163 units in the residential rental component, 85 will be market rate units, 44 will be middle-income units serving households below 175% AMI, 33 will be low-income units serving households at or below 50% AMI, and one will be a superintendent unit.

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Marie Garescher <info@email.actionnetwork.org> Yesterday, 7:43 PM Public Comment ♥ Reply all | ∨

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Ellen Novack

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Lucy Young <info@email.actionnetwork.org> Yesterday, 7:47 PM Public Comment * Reply all | ∨

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The city is glutted with high end housing units, many of which sit empty or serve as cash reserves for rich over seas owners. The only housing needed now is low income housing and housing for the homeless. We are sick and tired of developers taking public land for their profits and in most cases not paying their fair share of taxes so that the public subsidies their big profits. It is time to take those empty apartments and use them for the needs of those who are not housed.

Respectfully, Lucy Koteen

Lucy Young

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Maureen North <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Remy Kothe <info@email.actionnetwork.org> Yesterday, 8:20 PM Public Comment * ♠ Reply all | ∨

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Daniel Morrison <info@email.actionnetwork.org> Yesterday, 8:30 PM Public Comment > ♠ Reply all | ∨

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Sharon Goel



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Arlene Schutz <info@email.actionnetwork.org> Yesterday, 8:46 PM Public Comment * Reply all | ∨

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Respectfully, Arlene Schutz

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Karen Stamm <info@email.actionnetwork.org> Yesterday, 8:49 PM Public Comment ♥ ♠ Reply all | ∨

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Alice Ross <info@email.actionnetwork.org> Yesterday, 8:57 PM Public Comment * \$ Reply all |
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Suzanne Kirby <info@email.actionnetwork.org> Yesterday, 9:02 PM Public Comment ♥ ♠ Reply all | ∨

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Banjo ettinger <info@email.actionnetwork.org> Yesterday, 9:26 PM Public Comment * ♠ Reply all | ∨

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Lora Tenenbaum <info@email.actionnetwork.org> Yesterday, 9:27 PM Public Comment * Reply all | ∨

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... by the proposed plan to build luxury housing on public lands! I understand the LMDC had promised affordable housing here. Please don't break that promise! And let's follow the money for sure!

Patricia Towers

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Kim Beck <info@email.actionnetwork.org> Yesterday, 9:31 PM Public Comment * ♠ Reply all | ∨

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Ellen Fox <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Robert Roberts <info@email.actionnetwork.org> Yesterday, 10:08 PM Public Comment \$ Reply all | ∨

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Mary Lou Bailey-Smith <info@email.actionnetwork.org> Yesterday, 10:42 PM Public Comment * ♠ Reply all | ∨

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Francisco Velez <info@email.actionnetwork.org> Yesterday, 10:43 PM Public Comment * ♠ Reply all | ∨

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Please make 5 WTC fully affordable



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Action Items

This city needs affordable housing and that includes minimum wage workers, like those who are in our homes as nannys and home health workers, in local stores and restaurants. This is an area that is NOT fighting low income people joining in our neighborhood and still we can't get this done. Honestly, this could help integrate our schools.

I am a disappointed voter. Maryanne Palmieri Braverman

Living in 10280, where we pay extra to BPCA to give NYC money for affordable housing since 1987 AND where did that money go??

housing



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Affordable housing must be built.

It is an absolute necessity.

It is unconscionable to have people living on the street.

Tax dollars, not from the wealthy who pay from very little to nothing, but from working people.

More affordable housing



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Acadia Cutschall <info@email.actionnetwork.org> Yesterday, 11:05 PM Public Comment \$ Reply all | ∨

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Acadia Cutschall

Demand for More Affordable Housing at 5WTC



Nicholas Farfan <info@email.actionnetwork.org> Yesterday, 11:09 PM Public Comment * Reply all | ∨

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Sara Kimbell

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Tine Byrsted

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Enid Cardinal <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Ann Romanczyk <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Marion Riedel, President Grand Street Dems

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Mary Anderson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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William Ferns

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Thomas Cali

Affordable Housing for World Trade Center site



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I would like to add my voice in favor of Affordable Housing for the entire World Trade Center site. This community does not need more luxury hosing, at minimum the development should have at least 50%. Susan Cole

Resident Financial District and CB1 member

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Owen Waite <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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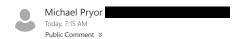
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Kim Gerstman

5WTC housing



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We need affordable housing! Change your plans. The mass of New Yorkers are enraged. Dr. H Fraad

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kim wurster

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Cressida Wasserman <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Sincerely,

Cressida Wasserman

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Josephine Pizzino <info@email.actionnetwork.org> Today, 8:19 AM Public Comment * ♠ Reply all | ✓

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Hi

I live in the neighborhood and support 100% affordable housing at WTC.

Maggie

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Maggie Dallal <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Sean Dugan

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Mia Marais

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Respectfully, Colleen Moran

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Declan Moran <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Respectfully, Declan Moran

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Gigi Vera Petez <info@email.actionnetwork.org> Today, 8:56 AM Public Comment * Reply all |
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I am a full member of Manhattan Community Board 1, and a member of the New York State Democratic Party Democratic State Committee. I am a resident of the Financial District in lower Manhattan, having lived here since 2010. I also have a law practice in the same community, and on 9/11/01 my office was located across from the ground zero site of the World Trade Center Twin Towers. I have a 7 year old child who attends a local public school.

Living and working in Downtown Manhattan, I have seen the area change so dramatically, particularly over the past 20 years, as more and more buildings are torn down and replaced by luxury housing beyond the reach of even middle income folks. Many people and families have been and are continuing to be priced out of their homes. In order to maintain the character and particularly the diversity of the community, we need real affordable housing downtown, and the last thing we need is more and more super luxury apartments which only the very few can afford.

I think I speak for many of my fellow Lower Manhattan residents, when I say that Downtown needs a fully affordable 5WTC and not a plan that ignores the needs of the community.

Morton S. Minsley Member, MCB1

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Meredith Kent-Berman <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Cheryl Cannon <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Today, 9:26 AM
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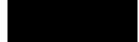
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Cheryl Cannon



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Respectfully, Caroline Laskow, District Leader, AD65, part A Grand Street Democrats

caroline laskow

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obie hunt <info@email.actionnetwork.org> Today, 9:34 AM Public Comment * ♠ Reply all | ∨

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Greg Rieves <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Kathryn Freed <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Zoe Hart <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Mx. Zoe

Zoe Hart

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Kathrine Jason <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Respectfully,

Kathrine Jason

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Hal Pillinger <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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jenny dubnau

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Jane E Blackstein <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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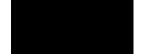
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Livvie Mann <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Livvie Mann

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Victoria Hillstom <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Melissa Krawitz <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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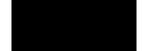
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5 WTC Comments from Assemblymember Glick



Tracy Jackson <jacksont@nyassembly.gov>
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Hello,

Attached please find written comments regarding the development of 5 World Trade Center from Assemblymember Deborah Glick, for review by the LMDC Board of Directors before tomorrow's Board Meeting.

Thank you, Tracy

Tracy Jackson Chief of Staff NYS Assemblymember Deborah J. Glick District 66 jacksont@nyassembly.gov 212-674-5153 office 917-834-3299 cell



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Comments of Assemblymember Deborah J. Glick Regarding the Proposed Amendment to the World Trade Center Memorial and Cultural Program General Project Plan and World Trade Center Memorial and Redevelopment Plan and Proposed Disposition of Property in Connection with Development of World Trade Center Site 5

May 12, 2023

I have been the Assemblymember for District 66, which includes parts of Tribeca and the neighborhood surrounding the World Trade Center 5 (WTC 5) site, for over 30 years. In that time, I have witnessed the dramatic transformation of Tribeca from a commercial center whose few residents were largely working- and middle-class artists to a densely populated neighborhood made up largely of families and young professionals, many of whom are wealthy. This transformation has in part been fueled by government investment -- tax breaks and subsidies for the developers of luxury housing, sales of publicly-owned land to those same developers, and the redevelopment of the World Trade Center campus have fueled the revitalization of the neighborhood, but also the displacement of many of the residents who fought to make Tribeca a place New Yorkers would want to live and work, and who maintained the neighborhood in the aftermath of the September 11th attacks.

As I have previously stated throughout the process of considering the development of the WTC 5 site, with this project the state has a unique opportunity to act as a corrective and develop a mixed-used building that includes permanently affordable residential units. Yet, the Empire State Development Corporation (EDC) continues to propose that the site be developed as a luxury tower, with only 300 of the 1,200 apartments built to be affordable, or 360 as income-restricted units. Both scenarios are outrageous and unacceptable. It is my understanding that the EDC has been engaged in sustained dialogue with community stakeholders about the potential to increase the affordability of the building; however, we now see that that dialogue has failed to produce any firm commitments to do so, and in fact, EDC plans to proceed without seeking funding that would support greater affordability. In a neighborhood that is overrun with luxury housing, the use of public land to build apartments that include anything *but* affordable housing is an abdication of our responsibility to our constituents. Any residential development at the WTC 5 site should pursue every avenue to maximize affordability.

The EDC and developers have argued that because of the high cost of construction in Tribeca, the additional tax subsidies that would be required to build greater affordability at WTC 5 would be a misuse of public funds, which they state could go further in other areas of the city. This argument rings hollow. First, it neglects the fact that often the cost of land is a huge expense, and a barrier, to any public works project, and that in the case of WTC 5 the land is already owned and controlled by government agencies. Second, it posits that we should abandon our commitment to racial and socio-economic diversity based on the cost of construction - that because it is expensive to build in some areas, government should throw our hands up and say that rapid gentrification and the concentration of resources along racial lines is simply not our problem.

And third, it ignores that the EDC has historically found substantial funds to subsidize projects, even robbing those funds from the economically depressed neighborhoods they are meant to serve. For example, the EDC ensured that the Related Companies were able to raise over \$1.2 billion through the EB-5 visa program to fund the development of Hudson Yards. The EB-5 program allows immigrants to secure visas in exchange for large real estate investment in economically struggling areas, including those with high unemployment. This was a requirement the area around Hudson Yards does not meet. Rather than allow the funds to be saved for their intended use, the EDC engaged in financial gerrymandering so that unemployment numbers in census tracts including public housing in Harlem could be used to qualify the project, despite it offering no benefit to the same residents of those tracts. Examples like these leave many of us, myself included, hard-pressed to believe that the EDC could not identify adequate funding streams if they were invested in the goal of greater affordability; or that we can trust that the funds in question will actually be used to build affordable housing elsewhere.

Tribeca is a resource-rich neighborhood. While its infrastructure has yet to catch up to its growth in population, the neighborhood offers access to a wealth of transportation options, beautiful open spaces, and high quality schools. It is exactly the kind of neighborhood where we should be investing in affordable housing, offering opportunity to all New Yorkers rather than reserving it for the rich. The concerns by those who have watched the racial and economic diversity in the neighborhood dwindle because of the pressures of the cost of living are real and well-placed, and the fact that many in the neighborhood, elected officials, and the Community Board have coalesced around the historic potential for this site is indicative of the importance of the choice that faces the EDC and the state. We have the chance to take a stand for the public goods that government should embody and promote -- opportunity, equity, and the use of government resources for all and not just the few.

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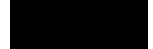
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Sincerely, Michael Kramer Public Member Manhattan Community Board One

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Tammy Meltzer < info@email.actionnetwork.org > Today, 11:55 AM

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