



Democracy4BPC.org



January 11, 2022

Via Email

Senator Brian Kavanagh  
250 Broadway, Room 2011  
New York, NY 10007

**Re: Urgent need for legislative action on behalf of your constituents**

Dear Senator Kavanagh:

We seek your support or, alternatively, clarification of your position regarding three issues that greatly impact your constituents who live in Battery Park City (“BPC”) and neighboring communities throughout lower Manhattan. Those issues are: (1) Bill No. A08146, which if passed would maintain homeownership affordability in the face of a crippling level of planned ground lease increases; (2) the Manhattan Community Board 1 (“CB1”) Resolutions, passed 6/22/2021, supporting Stabilizing Condominium Affordability in Battery Park City, and 12/21/2021, for legislation requiring a majority of the Battery Park City Authority Board to be BPC residents; and (3) the CB1 resolution, passed 12/21/2021, for BPC residents to be included in discussions for the formulation of future joint purpose fund targets. These issues directly impact the ability of families to continue to live in their homes, families which include working class citizens, 9/11 survivors who continued to live in the community despite the toxic fumes, and senior citizens who want to continue to live in their homes during their golden years.

At the moment, it is our understanding that the proposed legislation and resolutions are supported by all elected City and State officials representing lower Manhattan, except for you. The supporters include Assemblymember Deborah Glick, Assemblymember Yuh-Line Niou, NYC Council Member Christopher Marte, District Leader Vittoria Fariello, and Community Board 1. On a number of occasions, we requested your support and expressed our concern regarding these issues. We explained their importance, such as how they will protect your constituents including longtime working-class residents who are being forced to move out of our community due to affordability issues. Overall, we are asking for nothing more than what you promise in your literature: *[To] fight for a fairer, more just New York and a government that works for everybody*. Sensible solutions are on the table and ready for implementation. They will succeed if you support them. To date, you have neither stated your support nor proposed any meaningful alternative solutions, despite ample time to consider the matters.

Please provide us with a clear statement regarding your position on each of these issues. We are available to meet with you at your earliest convenience. We propose a meeting on January 28, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in Battery Park City. Please provide an alternative time and location if this does not work for you.

Sincerely,

Battery Alliance,  
Battery Park City Neighborhood Association and  
Democracy4BPC  
(Signatures on following page)



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President, Battery Alliance



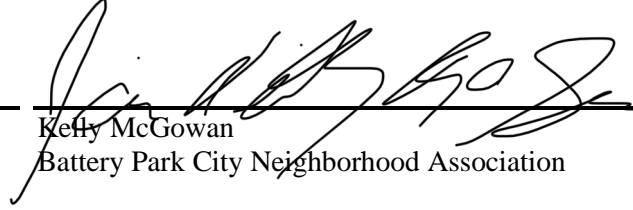
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CC: Hon. Deborah, J. Glick, New York State Assembly Member for the 66<sup>th</sup> District  
Hon. Yuh-Line Niou, New York State Assembly Member for the 65<sup>th</sup> District  
Hon. Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President  
Hon. Christopher Marte, New York City Council Member for the 1st District  
Hon. Vittoria Fariello, District Leader, 65th District  
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