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MENCAHCA STATEMENT ON RECEIVING PETITIONS REGARDING INDUSTRY CITY'S REZONING PROPOSAL IN SUNSET PARK

Thursday September 5, New York, NY -

"I want to thank my neighbors, but especially the parents, who volunteered precious time to meet with each other to discuss the Industry City rezoning. It's a complicated proposal that could have far reaching and lasting consequences for Sunset Park. I want to know – in fact, need to know – what my neighbors think about it prior to making any decisions myself about the proposal. The petitions delivered today will add to a diverse range of viewpoints I've received from other neighbors – including the organizers of today's petition drive, who I met with for almost 3 hours two weeks ago – and community leaders in urban planning, housing, jobs, and climate change. Together, we will figure out whether it makes sense to ask Industry City to modify their rezoning proposal to address community concerns, or if there is really no way to do this productively through Industry City. I will present my view on this on September 16."