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Rohit Aggarwala
Commissioner, New York City Department of Environmental Protection
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Subject: Noise Pollution Mitigation at 250 Water Street

Dear Mr. Scherl and Commissioner Aggarwala,

We write to you as the developer and city oversight agency for construction noise regarding the remediation and construction project at 250 Water Street, urging you to address ongoing concerns from the Seaport community regarding noise pollution and the impacts on living and learning adjacent to the site.

Pile installation for the project (DOB Job Number M00632762) has already begun on site and has proven to be incredibly disruptive to the immediate and surrounding communities, including the two schools and multiple residential buildings that directly face the site. Our offices have already heard complaints from teachers, administrators, families and residents related to incredibly loud construction and pile installation noise, as well as vigorous vibrations in classrooms and residences. As remediation begins and foundation work continues, these impacts will only worsen with movement of contaminated soil and further excavation, pile installation, and other foundation work.

We demand that this site be granted the levels of mitigation and protection that were granted to Public School 234 during the construction of 270 Greenwich Street in 2005. In that case, a very similar situation of large-scale construction directly adjacent to a public school resulted in an agreement that greatly reduced the negative impact of work on the students in classrooms only feet away. The developer was able to provide mitigations including pile driving equipment that

significantly reduced noise and a 20-foot wall that well-absorbed what noise was made during the foundation phase.

Such an effective precedent makes the case that these mitigation measures are possible here, where not only the wellbeing of residents is at stake, but the success and progress of students is in jeopardy. The noise and vibrations have already degraded living and learning conditions. Our demands are summarized as follows:

1. Implement immediately hydraulic pile driving hammers or whichever pile installation method is least disruptive; and
2. Deploy a higher and more effective sound wall around the perimeter of the site to further reduce noise.

We look forward to working together to ensure that noise and vibrations are mitigated on this site. We will invite the Department of Environmental Protection to send appropriate representatives to the next meeting of the 250 Water Working Group and include the need for noise mitigation on the agenda. Please contact Conor Allerton from the office of Council Member Christopher Marte at callerton@council.nyc.gov with any questions or responses.

Sincerely,



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