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Meera Joshi
Deputy Mayor for Operations
City Hall
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Subject: Support for the Brooklyn Bridge Manhattan Park Project

Dear Deputy Mayor Joshi,

I write to express my full support for Brooklyn Bridge Manhattan, a community-driven envisioning of the properties under and around the Brooklyn Bridge in Manhattan, known as the Manhattan Anchorage. Upon approval by the City, my office is committed to providing dedicated funding to support the construction and full realization of this project.

Brooklyn Bridge Manhattan would reopen the Manhattan Anchorage to the public from Park Row to the waterfront, creating new open spaces, recreational areas, and institutional and community uses. At the intersection of the Civic Center, the Financial District, Chinatown, and the Lower East Side, this project would provide deeply needed open and public spaces in the heart of the city, activating a site once rich with economic activity and public life.

More than 47,000 residents live within a half mile of the site. Much of the neighborhood's existing open space will be fenced off by the Fidi-Seaport and Brooklyn Bridge-Montgomery Coastal Resilience projects for the foreseeable future. Brooklyn Bridge Manhattan provides an opportunity to return the Manhattan Anchorage to the public as a vital open space and economic driver for the diverse communities in its proximity.

The proposed area is entirely publicly-owned. With a plan already in place, City Hall's partnership is crucial to executing this vision. My office is ready to dedicate capital funding to see this become a reality, and to work with the administration in realizing the Manhattan Anchorage's full potential.

I urge you to join my office in a commitment to this project. I am available to coordinate next steps with your office at your earliest convenience. Please reach out to Conor Allerton in my office at callerton@council.nyc.gov to discuss moving forward.

Deputy Mayor Joshi

October 12, 2022

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Marte". The signature is stylized with large, sweeping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Christopher Marte
New York City Council Member