

September 24, 2014

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Mayor Bill de Blasio
Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams
Assemblymember Walter Mosley
State Senator Velmanette Montgomery
City Council Member Laurie Cumbo
Community Board 8 Chair Nizjoni Granville
Community Board 6 Chair Daniel M. Kummer
Community Board 2 Chair Shirley McRae
ESD President and CEO Kenneth Adams

Dear Elected Officials, Community Board Chairs and President Adams;

We are writing to express our strong support for environmental expert and Director of Pratt Institute's M.S. in Sustainable Environmental Systems, Jaime Stein to be appointed to the Atlantic Yards Community Development Corporation, (AYCDC), currently being formed to improve oversight and monitoring of the Atlantic Yards Project. We think Ms. Stein is a good choice because her background and focus will increase community involvement in the implementation of the Project.

In the fall of 2010 Ms. Stein worked with the community and 25 graduate students at Pratt Institute School of Architecture's Programs for Sustainable Planning and Development as the community-led construction watch that eventually became Atlantic Yards Watch was formed. The class analyzed and reported on other construction watch initiatives, and recommended how the community could move forward. A particular focus of the class was transparency and encouraging community engagement. The final report stated that in a context where there are diverse voices, all voices should be heard and given appropriate consideration and attention.

The AYCDC has been formed among other things to monitor compliance with all public commitments including those related to construction impacts and quality of life issues; evaluate the quality and effectiveness of monitoring, support and other services; and assure effective communication between the developer, government agencies and officials, elected officials and community and civic organizations. Ms. Stein's expertise and real world experience are well suited to fulfilling these tasks. She has past experience working with community and government to build trust as a means to generate oversight that is effective and responsive, and she has experience assessing

monitoring systems. Furthermore, her background in sustainable development will enhance the board's input into the development of the project overall. We believe she would be a great asset to the advisory board as it moves forward.

A Curriculum Vitae detailing her wide ranging academic and work experience is attached. As you will see from her resume, her expertise and experience make her an ideal candidate to fulfill the scope of tasks of the new board.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tracy Collins, Vice President
Peter Krashes, Secretary
Robert Puca, Treasurer
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