

Demanding Community Input on Moynihan Station Air Rights

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Today, I joined Congressman Nadler, Senator Espaillat, Assembly Member Gottfried and Council Member Johnson in writing to the Empire State Development Corporation (ESDC) to encourage it to include significant community input before advancing any effort to sell air rights from the Farley Post Office Building. The money from this sale will be used to fund Phase Two of Moynihan Station. Given the volume of air rights available, we strongly believe that community members and urban planners must be included in the earliest stages of identifying appropriate receiver sites. Further, any development that receives air rights should go through the New York City Uniform Land Use Review Procedure ("ULURP") for approvals if not allowed under current zoning, with extensive public review and discussion prior to certification. Please see our letter below.