



December 8, 2017

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

We write regarding S130B/A4002A, which would require residential appointments to the Battery Park City Authority (BPCA) Board. This legislation, authored by Assemblymember Deborah Glick and former State Senator Daniel Squadron, was delivered to your office on December 6, 2017. Assemblymember Glick has already written to urge you to sign this important legislation. Collectively, we would like to, again, urge you to sign this bill to give Battery Park City residents a voice on the issues that affect their community.

Forty years ago, Battery Park City was a 92-acre landfill. The Authority's mission was to develop that landfill into a thriving mixed-use community, and its board members reflected that mission. Today, there is no longer active development in Battery Park City, yet the Board is still composed of experts in construction and municipal finance. Most board members have little connection to the community they serve, unlike similar authorities such as the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation, which has a majority of residents as its members.

The right to local representation is a cornerstone of our Federal, State, and City governments, and this legislation is a step in extending that right to residents of Battery Park City. Now that this bill is before you, we strongly urge you to sign the legislation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Brian Kavanagh
State Senator

Deborah Glick
Assemblymember

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Assemblymember