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VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE BPCA Board and Leadership

Now that Battery Park City is fully developed, we stand at the crossroads to determine our future. The current Battery Park City Authority (BPCA) Board and their appointed executive leadership team (CEO, CFO, COO and General Counsel) have disqualified themselves to be in the position to take our community on this journey. We respectfully call on Governor Hochul to (a) replace the seven former Governor Cuomo appointees with a majority of seats occupied by full-time, local residents and (b) replace the entire executive leadership team for their:

1. Contempt of due process and fairness
2. Deficiency of basic responsibility and care for the residents they purport to represent
3. Assumption of extra-legislative authority and encroachment on the roles and responsibilities of elected bodies
4. Preference of putting corporations first over residents
5. Failure to perform the fiduciary and management responsibilities to protect the future of BPC affordability for middle income and fixed income residents
6. Use of misleading public statements to further its agenda
7. Lack of transparency on future capital projects, bond issuances, and other financial matters
8. Hubris of consistently railroading projects onto the community and not incorporating community in a meaningful way
9. Stonewalling and failure to provide timely and complete responses to questions on major efforts
10. Lack of incorporating feedback into major initiatives and operations of the Authority
11. Omission of key details on major initiatives
12. Absence and/or availability to meet with residents to discuss and answer questions on major issues in a simple roundtable format
13. Large discrepancy between commitments compared to conduct
14. Absence of engagement by Board Members with local representative groups

This Board and leadership team's consistent defiance to work with the community has led to its failure in carrying out their obligations of democracy and inclusion and of fairness and due process. Left in place, they continue to make decisions to the detriment of the community.

Over the years, the trust between all of the groups who represent residents of BPC and the current Board and executive leadership team has eroded and is now considered irreparably broken.

In furtherance thereof, we express "No Confidence" in the current Authority's board and officers, request a pause on all major projects until the appointment of a new Authority Board whose majority of members are primary residents of BPC, and a replacement of the executive team.

We stand at the crossroads for BPC. We plead this Administration not perpetuate Governor Cuomo's status quo, yet rather seize this opportunity to establish a new vision and new direction for Battery Park City.

Sincerely,
Battery Park City Neighborhood Association