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Via Email

Good morning Nicole,

Following up on this email chain with some not so good updates and the hope for a new direction on 6/5/22. As you'll see from this (cringeworthy) article in July, 2016, the BPCA's official position of "Not Allowing the Public to Speak at Meetings is Better for the Public" continues to deteriorate. <https://www.dnainfo.com/new-york/20160727/battery-park-city/not-allowing-public-speak-at-meetings-is-better-for-public-bpca/>.

You can imagine what the past six years have been like for our community under this board and BPCA senior executives. Last year's fierce backlash and rare, public apology from Gov. Cuomo regarding the memorial in Battery Park, is the epitome of a board and leadership gone astray with this approach.

As matters continue to deteriorate, attached please find a Vote of No Confidence from the Battery Park City Neighborhood Association calling for the replacement of the seven board members and four senior executives (CEO, COO, CFO and General Counsel). You'll also see a joint Vote of No Confidence coming shortly from us, the Homeowner's Coalition and the Battery Alliance. This is the first time in 50 years the community has reached this tipping point. It's a day that puts us at the crossroads for a different future. It's a day we hope your administration can lead us with a new direction.

As you've seen Sen. Kavanagh, AM Glick, AM Fall, and AM Niou's recent legislation, they share in this new direction. Things can be so much better when we all work together.

We ask for your support of S9031A and, more importantly, a new direction for BPCA.

As next steps, we support AM Fall's 4/29 letter to Gov. Hochul and his transformation plan to:

- 1) Have the authority immediately pause on all major decisions (e.g. resiliency, ground rent, etc.) until a new board and leadership are quickly put in place.
- 2) Appoint a local person in the next 30 days to the vacant board seat and five of the holdover board seats in the next 60 days
- 3) Implement best practices for BPCA public meetings and accountability for timely and accurate responses.
- 4) Establish better overall governance at the BPCA

We welcome you to join our BPC neighborhood for our Block Party on 6/5/22 from 2-4pm at Rockefeller Park with our Senate and Assembly leaders and share your new vision and direction for BPCA. We hope this may very well be a great moment to sign bills in front of a hopeful community.

Thank you for your leadership for our great state.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss this at any time.

Sincerely,
Battery Park City Neighborhood Association