

April 29, 2022

Ms. Tammy Meltzer, Chair
Manhattan Community Board 1
Ms. Justine Cuccia, Chair
Battery Park City Committee
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Dear Ms. Meltzer and Cuccia:

The Battery Park City Homeowners Coalition Board of Directors notes with interest the declaration of no confidence in the Board of Directors and the President & CEO of the Battery Park City Authority (BPCA) proposed by the Battery Alliance and the Battery Park City Neighbors Assn. We ask that Manhattan Community Board 1 consider a similar resolution expressing no confidence.

This statement of no confidence is driven by the BPCA's total failure to adhere to its mission statement which reads:

The Hugh L. Carey Battery Park City Authority is a New York State public benefit corporation whose mission is to plan, create, co-ordinate and sustain a balanced community of commercial, residential, retail, parks and open space within its designated 92-acre site on the lower west side of Manhattan.

The BPCA has operated with little of the transparency and respect for the needs of the community expected of a government agency. It has failed to properly maintain the 92-acre site for which it is responsible. It has refused to negotiate in good faith with representatives of the homeowners who sustain its operations through their ground rents.

The Homeowners Coalition understands that CB 1 is free to shape its resolution as it sees fit, but we ask that CB 1 calls on Gov. Kathy Hochul to replace as quickly as possible the five members of the BPCA Board of Directors whose terms have expired and to name at least four Battery Park City residents to the BPCA Board.

The Coalition thanks you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
Pat Smith, President
Battery Park City Homeowners Coalition