

April 8, 2026

Julie Su, Deputy Mayor for Economic Justice
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NYC Economic Development Corporation (EDC)
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Dear Deputy Mayor Su,

First, thank you for agreeing last week to the request for an extension to the DSOW comment period. We also appreciate EDC agreeing to host two community meetings.

To meaningfully engage in these meetings and provide useful DSOW comments, it is important that the community has access to relevant information - including full RFEI responses. One port operator, Prologis, has already shared its complete response with several community members. It is in the interests of both the City and the community that the Final Statement of Work (FSOW) addresses the details found in those plans.

The Joint Electeds Letter dated March 23 requested the EDC “share the RFEI submissions along with their assessments of them” at the community meetings. CSWA’s letter of support dated March 26 noted that EDC’s RFEI summaries presented at the virtual sessions “were cursory and left out key details that the community needs to understand and respond to them.”

EDC recently wrote that the upcoming meetings will include the same information as prior ones, making it unclear if EDC plans to release the RFEI details. We are writing to clarify and confirm that EDC will make this information publicly available (to the extent allowable).

Columbia Street Waterfront Association also requests EDC consider these changes to the planned in-person sessions::

- The Joint Electeds Letter’s requested “EDC hosts two community meetings: one in Red Hook and one in the Columbia Street Waterfront District”. EDC has scheduled the April 13 meeting at Sacred Hearts & St. Stephens Church, 125 Summit St, in Carroll Gardens. The second session’s location is in Red Hook, at the Miccio Community Center. EDC should move the first session to 100 Columbia Street. EDC held several public BMT meetings at this location during the Vision Plan process. This is not only within the Columbia Street Waterfront District, but also more accessible to Cobble Hill and Brooklyn Heights residents.
- Both our letter and the Joint Electeds’ stressed the essential nature of including viable alternative plans in the DSOW scope. EDC’s RFEI presentation did discuss the City Club/Tom Fox port-only plan. But other members of the community have also proposed alternative plans. These include (but are not limited to):

- A port-only plan developed by Jim Tampakis, a member of the original BMT Task Force
- BMT Community Energy Network Plan released by Resilient Red Hook and the NYC 2030 District
- Social Life Project's "Creating The City Of The Future: How an Improved Brooklyn Waterfront Can Spearhead a Thriving New Era for NYC and the Region"
- PortSide's RFEI response outlining a variation on the port proposal of the Vision Plan.
- NYU Wagner's report on revitalizing the South Brooklyn waterfront.
- Pratt's "Imaging Alternative Futures for the Brooklyn Marine Terminal"

CSWA recommends EDC's presentation include summaries of these plans, without any analysis or conclusions.

Deputy Mayor, CSWA considers the DSOW comment period extension a significant step towards EDC recognizing the importance of allowing adequate time and real community engagement to this massive, once in a generation project. Our requests regarding the in-person RFEI sessions will enhance the extension's impact. Addressing them will build trust in this process with our community.

Sincerely,



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cc: Assemblymember Jo Anne Simon, Assemblymember Marcela Mitaynes, City Council Member Alexa Avilés, City Council Member Shahana Hanif, Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso, State Senator Andrew Gounardes, U.S. Rep. Dan Goldman, Community Board 6