

Mayor's Office of Sustainability
Denise Pisani, Senior Project Manager
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Dear Ms. Pisani,

I am writing to encourage you to take a step back and listen to the community regarding the proposed EDC ferry landing site in Red Hook, Brooklyn. You have, no doubt, been inundated with letters such as this one and after the last meeting at Borough Hall, are well aware of the community's desire for a ferry site at Atlantic Basin. The alternative benefits are clear: greater access for *all* residents, adjacency to bus stops and the bike path greenway, adjacency to the center of the Van Brunt commercial corridor, parking availability, sheltered water, proximity to the Harbor School, and the potential to activate a strong neighborhood axis of social and economic growth.

But even before the letters and community hearings, Red Hook's desires have been made known through decades of public presentations on the Atlantic Basin location. Additionally, with the help of the planning firms of HR&A Advisors, Parsons Brinckerhoff and local and regional waterfront and transportation experts, these needs were laid out neatly in a report for the Governor's Office of Sustainability in the Red Hook New York Rising Community Reconstruction Plan (page 124). Eight months worth of community outreach and input from residents across the neighborhood—a unanimous voice for Atlantic Basin. And yet, with total disregard for the people whom you were making the decision for, you selected two different sites that are frankly, baffling.

You already know the reasons why not to select the proposed site; you just chose to ignore them. A ferry won't run and survive without ridership. The community members of Red Hook do not want a ferry landing at the Beard Street Pier, nor in Valentino Park. If a ferry landing is put at either site, we will not ride.

As a member of the Red Hook NY Rising Planning Committee, I speak for all of us when I say we were incredibly disappointed and disheartened by your complete and utter lack of transparency. If you truly wish to enact efficient and effective public policy through an informative community process with the people of this city, these sneaky, top-down approaches by the EDC will not fly. Step up and engage with the public or risk losing the trust of other communities, as you have already lost ours.

Please conduct a feasibility study on the Atlantic Basin Cruise Ship Terminal.

Thank you,
Isabel Miesner

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