



March 17, 2016

Howard Zemsky
President & CEO
Empire State Development Corporation
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New York NY, 10017

Dear Mr. Zemsky:

We write regarding the Brooklyn Bridge Park Pier 1 development and the Scenic View District (SV-1) zoning designation. SV-1 was created in 1974 to protect the Brooklyn Heights Promenade's historic view of the Brooklyn Bridge and lower Manhattan.

As you know, a General Project Plan, under the Empire State Development Corporation's jurisdiction, governs build-out of Brooklyn Bridge Park. Included in this plan are project height limits and a stipulation that building placement must "respect the mandated view plane from the Brooklyn Heights Promenade."

The community has raised concerns about the Pier 1 development's compliance with SV-1. In response to these concerns, we reviewed the Zoning Resolution, and surveys from the developer and City for the Pier 1 development. It appears to us that the zoning rules for SV-1 have been incorrectly applied. It is clear that any development at Pier 1 must comply with SV-1.

In light of these concerns, what jurisdiction can the Empire State Development Corporation exercise over the Pier 1 development's compliance with SV-1?

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact Senator Squadron's office at (718) 875-1517 or squadron@nysenate.gov with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Daniel Squadron
State Senator

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Stephen T. Levin
City Councilmember