



**New York City Council
250 Water Street Proposal - ULURP**

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New Yorkers for Parks is a 100-year-old not-for-profit that champions equitable access to quality parks and open space throughout New York City. We do this through research, advocacy, and public programming.

I am testifying today in support of HHC's proposal to develop a mixed-use building at 250 Water Street. The project will spur economic development, add residential housing near transit and good jobs, create permanent, deeply affordable housing in Lower Manhattan's affluent Seaport neighborhood, and generate funding for the Seaport Museum, a district and asset that are essential to the fabric of New York City.

Further, the development will create a welcoming gateway to the Seaport, increase pedestrian access to existing and planned waterfront parks, and provide additional open space through pedestrianizing and activating streets near the seaport. It will also refurbish the esplanade and Titanic Park.

This is the right time for a development like 250 Water Street. In one of NYC's densest neighborhoods, HHC is prioritizing affordability, increased access to existing and future open spaces and parks along the waterfront, and increased access to pedestrian-only streets... priorities that match the direction this city's advocates are pushing to create a more livable and equitable New York.

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