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*Via Email*

December 7, 2022  
Hon. Keith Powers, Chair  
Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections  
City Council of New York

Dear Council Member Powers,

The Fine Arts Federation of New York would like to express its strong support for the appointment of Isabel Castilla, ASLA and Jimmy Van Bramer as Commissioners of the Public Design Commission of New York. As you may be aware, FAF holds the City Charter-mandated responsibility of proposing possible nominations to the Public Design Commission to the Mayor. We spoke with Ms. Castilla and Mr. Van Bramer before submitting their names to the administration and were impressed with their deep experience in the realm of public art and design, as well as their commitment to encouraging social equity within the public sphere for all New Yorkers.

Ms. Castilla's work on the High Line shows both her talent and her ability to address community needs and accessibility within a large-scale project. Mr. Van Bramer brings with a broad perspective and long experience in conceptualizing, funding and actualizing public projects which benefit numerous diverse communities. We believe they will both make exemplary Public Design Commissioners and look forward to working with them.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Simeon Bankoff, *President*

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