

**Testimony to City Council on Proposed New IS Facility on
21-31 & 35 Delevan Street Property, Brooklyn**

Good morning Chairperson Adams and Councilmembers,

My name is Gayle Mandaro and I am Senior Director and Counsel in the New York City School Construction Authority's Real Estate Department. Also with me is Tamar Smith, a Community Relations Manager for the SCA.

The New York City School Construction Authority has undertaken the site selection process for a new, approximately 650-Seat Intermediate School facility on Block 523, Lots 1 and 13R, in the Borough of Brooklyn. The site contains a total of approximately 60,000 square feet of lot area (1.37 acres) and is located on the south side of Delevan Street, the east side of Richards Street and the north side of Verona Street in the Red Hook section of Brooklyn. The site is comprised of 2 privately owned lots and is improved by a vacant, two story industrial building and an unimproved lot. The site is located within Brooklyn Community District No. 6 and Community School District No. 15. Under the proposed project, the SCA would

acquire the site and construct a new, approximately 650-seat intermediate school facility.

The Notice of Filing for the Site Plan was published in the New York Post and City Record on November 9, 2017, at which time Community Education Council No. 15, Brooklyn Community Board No. 6 and the City Planning Commission were also notified of the Site Plan. The CEC and Community Board were asked to hold public hearings on the proposed site plan. Brooklyn Community Board 6 and CEC 15 held a joint public hearing on November 14, 2017. Written comments were not received from the Community Board and CEC. The City Planning Commission did submit written comments dated December 18, 2017.

The SCA has considered all comments received on the proposed Site Plan and affirms the Site Plan pursuant to Section 1731 of New York Public Authorities Law. In accordance with Section 1732 of the PAL, the SCA submitted the proposed Site Plan to the Mayor and City Council by letter dated June 3, 2019.

We look forward to your subcommittee's favorable consideration of the proposed Site Plan and are prepared to answer questions from the committee.

**Testimony to City Council on Proposed New IS Facility on
650 86th Street Property, Brooklyn**

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The New York City School Construction Authority has undertaken the site selection process for a new, approximately 592- seat Intermediate School facility on Block 6056, Lots 12 and 15, in the Borough of Brooklyn. The site contains a total of approximately 25,135 square feet of lot area (0.57 acres) and is located on the southern block front of 86th Street, between Battery and 7th Avenues. The site is comprised of 2 privately owned lots in the Dyker Heights section of Brooklyn and is improved by a former fast food restaurant building and paved parking lot. The site is located within Brooklyn Community District No. 10 and Community School District No. 20. Under the proposed project, the SCA would acquire the site and

construct a new, approximately 592-seat intermediate school facility.

The Notice of Filing for the Site Plan was published in the New York Post and City Record on March 4, 2019, at which time Community Education Council No. 20, Brooklyn Community Board No. 10 and the City Planning Commission were also notified of the Site Plan. The CEC and Community Board were asked to hold public hearings on the proposed site plan. Brooklyn Community Board 10 held a public hearing on March 13, 2019. CEC 20 held a public hearing on March 18, 2019. Written comments were not received from the CEC and the City Planning Commission. Community Board 10 submitted written comments.

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Re: Application No. 20185131 SCK (650-Seat Intermediate School Facility/21-31 and 35 Delevan Street)

Dear Councilmember Adams,

As Chair of the Children and Families Committee in the New York State Senate, I have spent much of my time talking about and working on building pipelines for young people into wide ranging career opportunities. The maritime industry in particular, is a source of exciting, impactful and well-paying careers. I am committed to ensuring that all of our children have the opportunity to explore this fascinating career path. Today, I write to express my unwavering support for the creation of a Harbor Middle School in my district in Red Hook.

I have had the privilege of working with Murray Fisher, former President of the New York Harbor Foundation and Urban Assembly New York Harbor School staff to help build a pipeline for Harbor School graduates into SUNY Maritime, one of the premier maritime institutions in the world. From this collaboration, the idea emerged to create a Harbor Middle School in Red Hook or Sunset Park that would expand the Harbor pipeline to students all across Brooklyn.

The Harbor School is the only maritime high school in our city and they are unapologetic in their commitment to diversity and making maritime studies accessible to all students. Its success is evidenced in the kinds of young people they produce. They are highly intelligent, eager and engaged with a sense of service to community and environmental justice. I have met graduates from Central Brooklyn who went on to travel the world operating large vessels and give back to their community. These are the young people who will tackle maritime issues globally including as it relates to climate change.

We have been discussing, convening and reconvening stakeholders and engaging community around the creation of a Harbor Middle School for many years. I am so happy to see this project moving forward for our young people, most of whom have no exposure to these industries and have no idea these opportunities exist. Again, I express my support for this proposal and I look forward to continuing to engage stakeholders as this project progresses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Velmanette Montgomery', written in a cursive style.

State Senator Velmanette Montgomery
25th Senate District

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