



March 20, 2009

Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg
Office of the Mayor
City Hall
New York NY 10007

Dear Mayor Bloomberg,

As a resident of Greenpoint/Williamsburg, I am writing to ask that the city take action to follow through on the terms of the 2005 Waterfront Rezoning, by taking the steps necessary to compel the MTA to leave its site at 65 Commercial Street so that the promised park and affordable housing can be built in its place.

The city's commitment was made in the "Terms of Agreement" dated May 2, 2005, yet nearly four years later the MTA still remains on the site and not a single useable site has yet been offered to the MTA that would allow them to move. Eight sites have been suggested, all of them, apparently unsuitable to the MTA (whose criteria for a new location seems to be in constant flux). Councilperson David Yassky has suggested two more without response.

The 2005 Waterfront Rezoning plan has completely altered our community's environment with more than a dozen residential towers either built or in construction along the waterfront. The city promised that our neighborhood, having long suffered one of the lowest ratios of open space per capita and as well as a housing crisis, would receive – in tandem with the onslaught of development – new parks and affordable housing. Now, four years later, those needs are now more pressing than ever and the excuses for inaction by the city and the MTA have become completely unacceptable.

We appeal to your sense of fairness and pride in what should become a green jewel along the City's revitalized waterfronts and ask that you act immediately on what you have claimed is one of your administration's top priorities: **Complete the vision of the 2005 Waterfront Rezoning and clear the MTA site at 65 Commercial Street for the park and affordable housing that should have already been built there.**

Sincerely,

