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Alicia West
Director of Public Design Outreach
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59-17 Junction Boulevard
Flushing, NY 11373

Dear Ms. West,

Community Board 11 supports the three proposed Wards Island Wastewater Resource Recovery Facility projects (Final Settling Tanks and Prehouses; Dewatering Building; and Power Distribution) as presented by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to our Environment, Open Space & Parks Committee on November 8, 2019.

In partnership with New York Power Authority, DEP will upgrade the Dewatering Building's lighting, HVAC, odor control, and fire protection systems to meet new energy conservation measures. The second project, the Rehabilitation of the Wards Island Dewatering Building seeks to upgrade the ten primary settling tanks as well as the five prehouses that contain the electrical, mechanical, and HVAC equipment. The prehouses will be expanded in size to accommodate new equipment and the deteriorated facades will be stripped and replaced with a rainscreen façade featuring metal panels, face brick and storefront glazing. The last project, the Reconstruction of Power Centers and Transformers, proposes to reconstruct the power distribution system for the facility. DEP reassured the Board that the careful removal of harmful materials, such as asbestos, would be dealt with, as part of the protocol they must follow.

Community Board 11 requires City agencies to adhere to our local hiring preference guidelines, which set local hiring targets as follows:

- 35% for pre-construction jobs
- 35% for construction jobs
- 50% for post-construction hiring
- 35% of the total value of all contracts being awarded to local businesses.

We request that DEP adhere to these guidelines and provide regular updates during the progression of the projects.

If you have any questions, please contact our Carly Wine, our Assistant District Manager, at 212-831-8929 or cwine@cb11m.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nilsa Orama". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nilsa Orama
Chair

cc: Hon. Gale A. Brewer, Manhattan Borough President (via email)
Hon. Diana Ayala, New York City Council (via email)
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