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President

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Re: Letter from Borough President Adams in support of PortSide New York's efforts to create a new maritime center

Dear Ms. Dees:

I am writing in support of PortSide New York (PortSide)'s efforts to create a new maritime center, which they are proposing to build into the Pier 11 warehouse at the Atlantic Basin in Brooklyn's Red Hook community.

Establishing a permanent location next to the historic Mary A. Whalen oil tanker will create an enhanced educational space for schools, organizations, and the general public to learn more about marine life and the vitality of this littoral space while providing PortSide with an opportunity to expand its community-based work and programming on our city's working waterfront.

It is my understanding that negotiations to fund and site this development are ongoing. I urge the New York City Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and PortSide to work together in order to make this project a reality. PortSide has long served to educate on the importance of Brooklyn's waterfront and has shown a genuine passion in harnessing that knowledge and sharing it with the greater Brooklyn community at-large.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please contact Borough President Adams' transportation policy analyst, Anthony Drummond, at adrummond@brooklynbp.nyc.gov or (718) 802-2682.

Sincerely,

Eric L. Adams
Brooklyn Borough President

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