



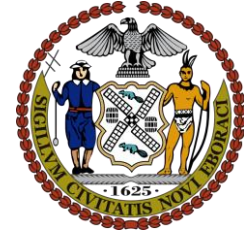
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THE COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF NEW YORK

May 19, 2015

Mayor Bill de Blasio  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor de Blasio,

In the recently announced OneNYC plan, you outlined a laudable goal to “send zero waste to landfills by 2030.” Yet this plan, if enacted, would immediately render obsolete the costly, disruptive and dangerous construction of the East 91<sup>st</sup> Street Marine Transfer Station, the Southwest Brooklyn Marine Transfer Station and other such Transfer Stations in residential neighborhoods.

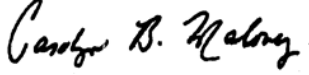
We commend OneNYC, and believe that many of its initiatives are essential towards improving our city for all of its residents. However, we believe that building infrastructure that entrenches our outdated and irresponsible approach to waste management flies in the face of Vision 3 – A Sustainable City.

Vision 3 outlines a plan to transform New York City into “the most sustainable big city in the world.” While the OneNYC plan looks towards the future, the flawed Solid Waste Management Program, the proposed East 91<sup>st</sup> Street Marine Transfer Station and the proposed Southwest Brooklyn Marine Transfer Station are stuck in the past. If the city is to truly “send zero waste to landfills by 2030,” as outlined in Goal 2, these Marine Transfer Stations will become unnecessary after fewer than thirteen years of use, if not earlier. By this date, at least \$390 million will have been spent on the capital construction of these two transfer stations alone, as well hundreds of millions on trash disposal. Those funds should instead be spent on the difficult but worthy goal of making New York City a zero waste city through expanding recycling and composting pilots, educating New Yorkers on environmental issues, and public space recycling and composting.

The East 91<sup>st</sup> Street Marine Transfer Station and the Southwest Brooklyn Marine Transfer Station will further impede the progress of the OneNYC plan and New York City, with regards to improving our city’s air quality. The exhaust from the hundreds of trucks that will cart garbage to both Marine Transfer Stations adds significantly to already-high pollution levels in the area. Given they are both located in dense residential neighborhoods, and, in the case of the East 91<sup>st</sup> Street Marine Transfer Station, a highly-visited community center Asphalt Green, this will affect tens of thousands of residents, including children. We should be focusing on meeting the OneNYC goal of radically reducing waste, instead of creating infrastructure to engrain our current approach.

We urge you to reconsider your support of the East 91<sup>st</sup> Street Marine Transfer Station and the Southwest Brooklyn Marine Transfer Station and bring your position into alignment with the OneNYC plan. Our current solid waste approach is a step away from, instead of towards, “A Sustainable City.”

Sincerely,



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Congresswoman



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State Senator



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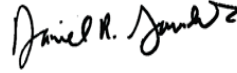
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