

Empire State Development

Charles A. Gargano
Chairman
and Chief Executive Officer

October 31, 2005

Honorable Major Owens
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
2309 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Atlantic Yards

Dear Representative Owens:

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Honorable Letitia James
Member, City Council
250 Broadway
New York, NY 10007

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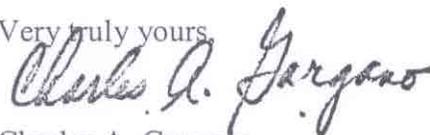
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Member, NYS Assembly
416 7th Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11215

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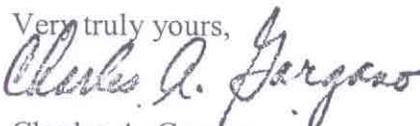
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Honorable David Yassky
Member, City Council
250 Broadway, 18th Floor
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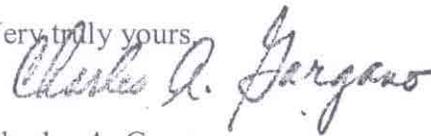
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Honorable Velmanette Montgomery
Member, NYS Senate
306 Legislative Office Building
Albany, NY 10007

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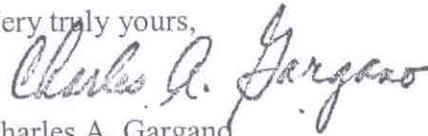
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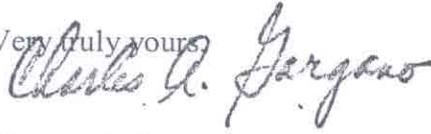
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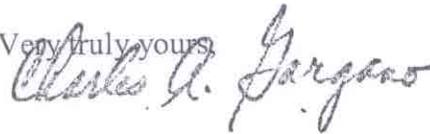
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