



**Battery Park Neighborhood Association
Alternative Siting Liaison Group**

July 12, 2021

Battery Park City Authority
Attn: BPCA Chairman George Tsunis
200 Liberty Street, 24th Floor
New York, New York 10281

Re: BPCA Statement regarding proposed Essential Workers Monument

Dear Chairman Tsunis:

The Battery Park City Neighborhood Association (BPCNA) expresses its gratitude to you and the Governor's Office for formally pausing construction of the Essential Workers Monument, recognizing our concerns regarding the process and establishing a new and inclusive advisory committee to select a site and design for the monument. As stated in BPCNA's previous **letter**, dated July 8, 2021, we are confident that together we will produce a monument that is appropriate in scale and design, preserves green space, and respectfully honors our essential workers.

Further, today's announcement confirms Governor Cuomo's and BPCA's commitment to green urban design as well as our recovery and healing from the COVID-19 pandemic. As we emerge from this pandemic, the public spaces and parks in New York are more vital than ever to our health and well-being. An open process will ensure that these cherished spaces are protected and enhanced while we honor those who made enormous sacrifices throughout the pandemic.

BPCNA would like to recognize the hundreds of people in our community who came together and worked tirelessly in a short period of time to protect these principles and secure a meaningful voice on this and future projects in BPC. Equally important, we thank our elected leaders whose fervent support elevated our voices and empowered our cause.

Finally, as stewards of the neighborhood, BPCNA looks forward to partnering with BPCA on the major issues facing our community including governance, affordability and resilience planning. Working together we can ensure that Battery Park City remains one of most attractive places to live and work in New York State.

Sincerely,

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