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Testimony on 23-10 Queens Plaza South ULURP

Good morning, I am Charles Yu, VP of Economic Development at the Long Island City Partnership.

The mission of LICP is to advocate for economic development in Long Island City that benefits our neighborhood's diverse business sectors as well as the fast-growing residential population in Western Queens.

In keeping with our mission, LICP believes that the 23-10 Queens Plaza South rezoning will deliver much needed benefits to the community, including a designated community facility space, gainful union construction jobs and permanent office jobs, and much anticipated rooftop outdoor public space. As an added benefit, the applicant intends to do this all while respecting and preserving the history of the Eagle Electric Company.

In addition, this project will enliven the streetscape of this corner of Queens Plaza South with enhanced lighting and new space for local retailers.

LICP applauds the applicant for successfully collaborating with the community to determine how this rezoning may provide the best possible benefit to the neighborhood while also reactivating this abandoned site.

For these reasons, it is our hope that the City Council considers the benefits of this rezoning for the neighborhood.



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On behalf

**BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF GREATER NEW YORK AND
VICINITY**

In Support of the 23-10 Queens Plaza South Project

April 17, 2023

I am Gary LaBarbera, President of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Greater New York & Vicinity. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of the 23-10 Queens Plaza South Project.

The Building and Construction Trades Council is an organization of local building and construction trade unions that are affiliated with 15 International Unions in the North American Building Trades Union. Our local union affiliates represent approximately 100,000 union construction workers. The Building Trades mission is to raise the standard of living for all workers, to advocate for safe work conditions and to collectively advance working conditions for our affiliates' members, as well as all workers in New York City.

Dynamic Star's proposed development for 23-10 Queens Plaza South will create approximately 300,800 square feet of office space, at least 2,400 square feet of community space, and a public bathroom. In addition, the project will house an exhibit for Eagle Electric in the lobby, which will be open to the public and provide information regarding the Company's history and products. There will be another 2,650 square feet of public space on the rooftop, 18,400 square feet of space for retail, and 8,100 square feet of tech and cooking incubator space.

In addition to providing community space and public space, the owner is committing to hiring union labor, with area standard wages, medical and retirement benefits for the construction workers who build this project. This is an important commitment that will help provide opportunities for construction workers to support their families. The owner has also entered agreements to use union labor for building service works and estimates that this project will create over 1,400 office and retail jobs, which will have an overall multiplier effect on the local economy.

Community Board 2 voted unanimously in support of this project. The Queens Borough President also supports this project. The Building and Construction trades Council of Greater New York and Vicinity wholly supports building this project and those like it with good paying union construction jobs for the construction workers in our City. We thank you for this opportunity to submit this testimony in support of the 23-10 Queens Plaza South project.