



Brooklyn Community Board #1
435 Graham Ave
Brooklyn, NY 11211
Attn: SLA Committee

June 18, 2024

Re: Planned venue & liquor license application for 11-25 Franklin Street

Friends of Bushwick Inlet Park has deep concerns about the planned 1000-person capacity entertainment venue at 11-25 Franklin Street which is seeking to obtain a liquor license.

The outdoor section of this property is open and adjacent only separated by a fence to the soon to be open (late 2025) next section of Bushwick Inlet Park, which includes the inlet itself. Blaring music, the loud din from boisterous crowds, pollution from external cooling systems and excessive light at night, will pose an existential threat to the unique naturalistic ecosystem that, as noted in the McGolrick Park Bird Club's statement, is host to wide array of bird species, and to park goers who will seek peaceful refuge there.

Bushwick Inlet Park was promised to the North Brooklyn Community in 2005 as a part of a massive local rezoning that year, to serve as mitigation against the massive increase of residents that has ensued and continues here. A nightly convergence of 1,000 people into the narrow Franklin Street corridor overflowing into the Bushwick Inlet site could easily pose major safety and quality of life issues for the park and adjacent areas.

While the Friends support a strong thriving cultural scene in North Brooklyn, it should not exist as a detriment to critical infrastructure such as public open green space. And especially with a park that our community has waited almost 20 years for its creation.

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