

## **MOBILIZE AGAINST DOCK STREET**

The only way to **Save the Brooklyn Bridge** — whether or not you live in New York City — is to **call, write, fax or email**. We have attached **two sample letters** for your convenience. We ask that you personalize your letters with your own thoughts and be sure to cc DNA in correspondence – [dna@dumbo-dna.org](mailto:dna@dumbo-dna.org).

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Dock ST large-scale development project next to the Brooklyn Bridge because it is massive and too tall! I understand that the developer plans to include a public middle school in the proposed building. However, I understand that there are other and better opportunities for a school. I agree with the DUMBO Neighborhood Alliance position that the school should be addressed as a separate issue. It must not be used as a tactic to win approval of an otherwise unacceptable building.

The proposed 200-foot high rise will intrude upon our borough's and Nation's most beloved landmark and icon: The Brooklyn Bridge. Whether we are seeing it from the East River, from the historic streets below the Bridge, or from the Bridge itself, the Dock St large scale development will permanently detract from the grandeur of the Bridge. The unique grandeur of the Bridge stems from its towering above and apart from its surroundings. A project of this scale will create a canyon effect as it towers over the 19th century landmarked warehouses across from it in the Empire Fulton Ferry State Park.

I urge you to recommend against any rezoning that would allow such a tall building next to the Brooklyn Bridge and support the position adopted by the DUMBO Neighborhood alliance, the Brooklyn Heights Association and the Fulton Ferry Landing Association-a zoning that would limit the height of the building to below the span of the Brooklyn Bridge.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dear Council Member \_\_\_\_\_,

I am writing to express my opposition to the Dock Street Development Project.

It has come to my attention that on April 22, 2009 the New York City Planning Commission voted in favor of Two Trees Management Company's request for rezoning to accommodate the approximately 200ft high rise, Dock Street DUMBO project with minimal alterations in their recommendation. We are disappointed that officials tasked with representing all New Yorkers would so endanger an icon both respected and enjoyed by so many. We understand the developer wants to include a public school in the proposed tower. However we believe that the issues should be treated as separate. The community should not be led to believe that the only way to get a middle school in our community is to accept a tower that will forever tarnish one of our greatest, national land-marked treasures, the Brooklyn Bridge. We strongly feel alternative locations for the public school were never properly evaluated.

I stand alongside the DUMBO Neighborhood Alliance, two-time Pulitzer prize-winning historian David McCullough, filmmaker Ken Burns, as well as other neighborhood associations and preservation organizations in condemning the CPC vote as disrespectful of both our country's history and our City's future. I strongly support the DNA's stance alongside the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Historic Districts Council, Municipal Art Society, Roebling Chapter - Society for Industrial Archaeology, Fulton Ferry Landing Association, Brooklyn Heights Association, Vinegar Hill Neighborhood Association, Cobble Hill Association, Fort Greene Association, Boerum Hill Association, fellow Brooklynites, and 12,000 petition signatories that opposed this vastly inappropriate project.

I encourage the New York City Council to vote against this ULURP application when it comes up for a vote in May.

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