

February 15, 2017

Fernando Ferrer  
Acting Chairman  
Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
2 Broadway  
New York, NY 10004

James Patchett  
President and CEO  
New York City Economic Development Corporation  
110 William Street  
New York, NY 10038

Dear Chairman Ferrer and President Patchett:

On behalf of all New York City residents, we respectfully request an integrated Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) fare system and no-fee transfer, starting within the first year of ferry service, to MTA buses and subways for all ferry passengers on the New York City Economic Development Corporation's (EDC) Ferry to be operated by Hornblower Cruises, serving Manhattan, the Bronx, Queens, and Brooklyn.

According to the EDC, ferry service will include year-round seven-day per week service, matching the \$2.75 subway fare and reduced fare. A matched MTA regular and reduced fare needs to be accompanied by a customary no-fee transfer.

An integrated fare system is vital for all, including seniors and the disabled utilizing the Reduced-Fare program, which would allow them to maneuver seamlessly through the city's transit network, at no additional cost. Furthermore, a no-fee transfer will keep the daily commute affordable and alleviate severe overcrowding.

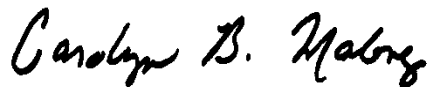
Roosevelt Island exemplifies the critical need behind our request. Roosevelt Island is served by the Q102 bus, F train and Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOC)-operated tram service, seamlessly integrated with the MTA fare system and no-fee transfers. With EDC's projected 4.6 million trips per year, the ferry will relieve the crowded neighboring transit options and forge critical connections for the city's waterfront communities. Additionally, the Cornell Tech campus, currently under construction on Roosevelt Island with an anticipated open date of July 2017, is projected to increase the island's population by 50% or 7,000 people by 2043. Ferry landings will be a welcoming beacon for residents and visitors alike as our communities across the city continue to flourish.

We, the undersigned, respectfully request an integrated Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) fare system, including a no-fee transfer to MTA buses and subways for all ferry passengers on the New York City Economic Development Corporation's (EDC) ferry within the first year of service. A no-fee transfer for all passengers would best reflect the Mayor's goal of "providing affordable and convenient transit for communities with limited transportation options; supporting growing neighborhoods; and increasing the resiliency and redundancy of our city's transportation network." Please continue to build on the progress that we have made for the improvement of New York City transportation. Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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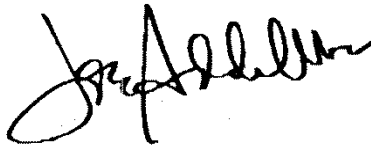
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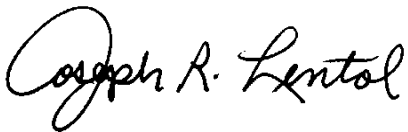
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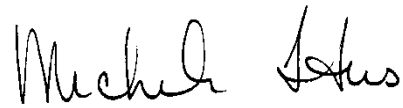
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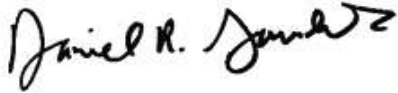
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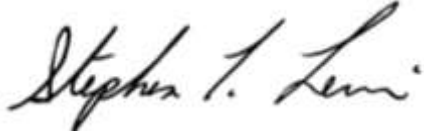
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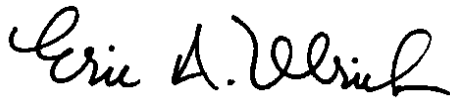
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donovan Richards". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "R".

DONOVAN RICHARDS  
Council Member, 31<sup>st</sup> District

Cc: Mayor Bill de Blasio