



October 27, 2026

Commissioner Paul A. Ochoa
Department of Design and Construction
30-30 Thomson Avenue
Long Island City, NY 11101

Commissioner Tricia Shimamura
Department of Parks & Recreation
830 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10065

Dear Commissioners Ochoa and Shimamura,

We are writing to urge the installation of permanent lighting to illuminate the East River Track as a part of the scope of the East Side Coastal Resiliency project. Unfortunately, the lack of lighting pre-ESCR led to less track use and created safety concerns. With construction underway and no plans to address the lack of lighting, we believe the city is missing an opportunity to improve the new track and make it safer for track users and parkgoers.

Lighting would greatly benefit the many New Yorkers with busy schedules whose opportunities for recreation fall in the early morning or later evening. We hope you will consider how to incorporate permanent lighting into the track's re-design. We are available to discuss how our offices could support the capital needs for this project.

Sincerely,

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Keith Powers
New York State Assembly
District 74

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harvey Epstein".

Harvey Epstein
New York City Council
District 2

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Kavanagh".

Brian Kavanagh
New York State Senate
District 27

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Grace Lee".

Grace Lee
New York State Assembly
District 65

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Hoylman-Sigal".

Brad Hoylman-Sigal
Manhattan Borough President