



Battery Park City Authority

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BATTERY PARK CITY AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES NEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DESIGN AND LOCATION OF ESSENTIAL WORKERS MONUMENT IN BATTERY PARK CITY

Committee Comprised of Representatives from Essential Worker Groups, Local Residents, Community Board Leadership, and State Officials

Battery Park City Authority (BPCA) Chairman George J. Tsunis today announced the creation of a new Battery Park City Essential Workers Monument Advisory Committee to provide recommendations on design, location, and installation of a monument in Battery Park City honoring the service and sacrifice of New York's essential workers throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. The committee includes a majority of Battery Park City residents from the local community board, neighborhood association, residential complexes, and BPCA Board, as well as representatives from essential worker groups and New York State officials.

"The new Battery Park City Essential Workers Monument Advisory Committee brings a diverse array of local voices together with representatives of essential workers groups and other stakeholders to develop recommendations for a monument befitting the service of those who sacrificed so much for all of us," said **BPCA Chairman George J. Tsunis**. "I look forward to building on the productive, community-based dialogue from these past weeks to deliver a fitting and meaningful monument in Battery Park City's public space that all New Yorkers can appreciate."

The BPC Essential Workers Monument Advisory Committee is comprised of 17 individuals representing essential workers, local and residential organizations, and State officials. The members of the Committee are:

- George Tsunis, Chairman, Battery Park City Authority
- Stu Appelbaum, President, Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union
- Kavita Beren, Battery Park City Neighborhood Association and resident
- Kyle Bragg, President, 32BJ SEIU
- Justine Cuccia, Manhattan Community Board 1 Battery Park City Committee Chair and resident

- RoAnn Destito, Commissioner, Office of General Services
- Jahmila Edwards, Associate Director, DC 37
- Robin Forst, 1st Vice President, Gateway Plaza Tenants Association
- Martha Gallo, Vice Chair, Battery Park City Authority
- Gary LaBarbera, President of the New York State Building & Construction Trades Council and President of the Building & Construction Trades Council of Greater New York
- Kelly McGowan, Battery Park City Neighborhood Association and resident
- Catherine McVay Hughes, BPCA Board Member and longtime lower Manhattan resident; former Manhattan Community Board 1 Chairperson
- Tammy Meltzer, Manhattan Community Board 1 Chairperson and resident
- Glenn Plaskin, best-selling author and longtime Battery Park City tenant advocate
- Gregory Sheindlin, Battery Park City Neighborhood Association and resident
- Tristan Snell, Founder & Managing Partner, MainStreet.law; founder and member, Battery Park City Neighborhood Association
- Rafael Torres, MD FACEP, Chief Quality Officer, White Plains Hospital; Battery Park City Neighborhood Association member

About BPCA: Established in 1968, The Hugh L. Carey Battery Park City Authority is a New York State Public Benefit Corporation charged with developing and maintaining a well-balanced community on the Lower West Side of Manhattan. Battery Park City's 92-acre site has achieved worldwide acclaim as a model for community renewal in planning, creating, and maintaining a balance of commercial, residential, retail and park space. For more info visit: bpca.ny.gov.