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Testimony in Support of the OneLIC Neighborhood Plan Presented by Plumbers Local Union No. 1 May 20, 2025

On behalf of Plumbers Local Union No. 1's more than 6,000 members, I would like to express our strong support for the OneLIC Neighborhood Plan.

Though Local 1 is pro-development, this plan is of particular interest to our membership, since we are also a resident – the Local's headquarters and training center are in Long Island City, and thousands of our members are Queens residents.

However, though we are supportive, Local 1 would like to reiterate our support is contingent on a commitment that the plan is fully executed as it is currently envisioned.

For instance, full investment must be made in OneLIC's planned expansion of the nearby sewage treatment plant, along with sewage and water main infrastructure upgrades in the neighborhood to ensure its resiliency and long-term health - and this work must be performed by skilled, union workers with proper labor protections.

This is the only way to provide opportunities and affordability for residents to work and live in the community. This must be more than a goal – it must be OneLIC's priority moving forward.

The plan, if fully executed, will lead to good union jobs, much needed infrastructure improvements, and the construction of new schools and more affordable housing. It is this level of investment that will inevitably lead to improving the local community and providing real opportunities for working people and their families.

OneLIC is an opportunity to deliver over 14,000 units of housing, including over 4,000 affordable units, pave the way for over 14,000 new jobs, over 3.5 million square feet of both commercial and industrial space, and even more access to the East River waterfront. It will mean 1,300 classroom seats and the educational opportunities, playground, and jobs those seats will afford.

The OneLIC plan covers 54 full blocks and has included an 18-month community engagement process that had the participation of 1,600 participants from across the City's housing, industrial, art, cultural, development and labor arenas. It was a thorough process that provided an unique opportunity to transform Long Island City into a vibrant, affordable and industrious community that we cannot afford to pass us by.

If fully implemented and invested, OneLIC represents the height of conscientious and equitable development that will benefit working New Yorkers and their families for generations to come. As a resident with thousands of members from Queens, Plumbers Local Union No. 1 strongly supports this plan.

My appreciation for providing this forum to provide our testimony.

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