



# YONKERS COMMITTEE FOR SMART DEVELOPMENT

29 Rockland Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10705

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To Whom It May Concern:

Yonkers Committee for Smart Development (YCSD) is a community organization in Yonkers with the goal of imaginative, enlightened development planning that respects the spirit and integrity of both the past and future of Yonkers. YCSD views Yonkers as the Gateway to the Hudson Valley, and has put its energy and political weight into cooperating with other organizations, members of the public, and the City of Yonkers in working to protect its Hudson River waterfront from overdevelopment, misuse of public property, and environmental degradation.

YCSD stands with Yonkers City Council President Liam McLaughlin and Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano in their rejection of the proposed Coast Guard plan to increase the number of anchorages on the Hudson River.

***To quote Mayor Spano:***

*Yonkers objects to this proposal which will lead to the re-industrialization of our pristine Hudson Riverfront and reverse the momentum of our waterfront revitalization as evidenced by over \$1 billion in new economic development. We anticipate the proposed anchorages would turn our portion of the Hudson River into a parking lot for potentially volatile substances.*

***To Quote Council President McLaughlin:***

*Accommodating up to 16 vessels along our waterfront would at a minimum, be an eyesore to our breathtaking panorama of the Palisades, which has drawn so many people to Yonkers throughout our history, but now particularly during our great City's renaissance and revitalization. Further, additional commercial traffic could harm wildlife habitats and the potential for spillage and floatables would impede the great progress we have made in returning the Hudson to the publicly-accessible treasure that it once was, and should be once again.*

YCSD urges the Coast Guard to reconsider this plan, a plan which would only serve to destroy a river which is the pride and joy of Yonkers, and beyond our own 4.5 mile waterfront would cause enormous damage to one of the most fabulous rivers in the United States.

Sincerely yours,

Terry Joshi  
President, YCSD

Cc: Mayor Mike Spano  
City Council President Liam McLaughlin