



Laborers' District Council

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Dear Chairwoman Wilkerson and Members of the School Board,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Laborers District Council to urge your support in extending the Keystone Opportunity Zone that for the past decade has been in place at the former PES refinery site.

This extension will speed the creation of an estimated 19,370 permanent jobs, as well as generate 13,330 jobs during the construction of this project. As you are aware, when the refinery closed more than 1,000 people lost their jobs. For more than a year, the location stood abandoned generating no jobs or economic benefit to the region.

HRP Philly's redevelopment of this location will replace that loss in an unimaginable order of magnitude. It will provide livable wages to our members and their families, creating a more vibrant and stable economy for the City. We have met with HRP Philly and are confident they will live up to their promise to be inclusive to minority contractors. And we will work along with them to this end.

It is our firm belief that union jobs are critical to Philadelphia reversing the economic decline which now makes it the poorest top-10 city in America. Our union stands ready to provide the expertise and labor necessary to make real and long-lasting economic impact.

HRP has also committed to an aggressive diversity and inclusion goal, that will be beneficial to minorities who are often excluded from the process and opportunities. Their diversity and inclusion plan is solid, and with the support of the City, Unions, School District, and corporations they can achieve those goals.

By extending the KOZ, you will make that eventuality a reality, providing good-paying, safe jobs for the people of this City. We urge you to act favorably and support HRP Philly's request for extending the KOZ.

Sincerely,

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