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### ALLIANCE FOR CONEY ISLAND STATEMENT ON NYC FERRY EXPANSION

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**Coney Island, January 10, 2019** - Statement from Alexandra Silversmith, Executive Director of the Alliance for Coney Island:

Today marks a very exciting day for Coney Island. For several years we [*the Alliance for Coney Island*], in collaboration with our community stakeholders have been advocating for and working closely with many city agencies and local elected officials including, Council Member Mark Treyger, to bring awareness of the need for transit alternatives for our community, and today we feel that our voices have finally been heard. Over the last few months, we amplified our advocacy with a rally to draw attention to our call for ferry service and collected close to 6,000 signatures to ensure that City Hall heard the voices of our community and would be included in this next phase of ferry service expansion. Coney Island residents and visitors will now have a quicker and more convenient way to travel to and from the peninsula connecting our community to Lower Manhattan. The implementation of ferry service to Coney Island marks a new level of transit equity for our neighborhood and we anticipate these connections will bridge residents to greater opportunity and services. We look forward to partnering with the City and New York City Economic Development Corporation to bring this new infrastructure to our community.

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