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Coney Island Neighborhood Rallies Together to Raise Awareness of Need for Ferry Service

Coney Island Businesses, Community Leaders, and Residents held a press conference this morning to demand the City commit to a Coney Island ferry study

CONEY ISLAND, October 3rd, 2018 – This morning, Coney Island businesses, residents, community leaders, a representative from State Senator Diane Savino's office, and Community Board 13 held a press conference calling on the City to commit to studying their community for ferry service and to raise awareness of EDC's open portal to submit Coney Island as a location to study. Currently, Coney Island residents, businesses and visitors have the longest average commute to Manhattan out of any outer-borough location that is not currently served by ferry service.

With the NYC Ferry passing in the background, the press conference held on the Boardwalk united the voices of many Coney Islanders in bringing the City's attention to the area and the needs of the community with over 50,000 residents, hundreds of businesses, and more housing development on the way.

The community urges local residents and all New Yorkers to submit Coney Island to the open portal at the below link before it closes on October 15th to make sure the City knows how critical a study for Coney Island ferry service is: https://www.nycedc.com/resources/studies/2018-ferry-feasibility-study or www.allianceforconeyisland.org/ferry-service.

"This morning's rally illustrated the demands of the Coney Island community and the critical need for transit alternatives for our growing neighborhood. Our residents have long commutes on a daily basis in addition to the many new residents that will arrive in the coming years. It is essential that City Hall and EDC acknowledge the demand and need in Coney Island and officially commit to studying the area for ferry service," said Alexandra Silversmith, Executive Director of the Alliance for Coney Island.

"Ferry service to Coney Island will allow the City of New York to realize the full potential of the public-private partnerships that underlie the economic growth in the area—and meet its responsibility to the residents of the area who deserve reliable transportation alternatives," said Jon Dohlin, Chairperson of the Alliance for Coney Island and Vice President and Director of the Wildlife Conservation Society.

"Coney Island is in need of ferry service and better transit access. We are a growing community and need to better service our local residents, neighborhood and visitors. ," said Eddie Mark, District Manager of Community Board 13.

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The not-for-profit Alliance for Coney Island, Inc. is a private-public partnership dedicated to continuing the year-round revitalization of Coney Island. The Alliance represents local businesses, nonprofits, and the community, with support from the New York City Council, the Brooklyn Borough President and New York City Economic Development Corporation. More info at www.AllianceforConeyIsland.org.

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