

September 7, 2012

Dear Governor Christie, Commissioner Simpson, and Executive Director Weinstein:

We are writing with urgency regarding NJ Transit's intentions to purchase the Union Dry Dock property on the Hoboken waterfront for use as bus storage and ferry repair and refueling. In the strongest terms possible, we want to express our unequivocal opposition to this idea and offer our assistance to work with you to consider and find a better alternative.

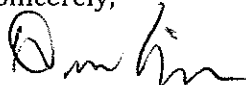
Hoboken's waterfront is the jewel of our City, a gateway to the region, and an incredible asset to the State of New Jersey. The revitalization of our waterfront as a world-class destination has played an enormous role in the rebirth of Hoboken. It's why businesses want to locate here, why families want to live here, and why people from around the country and world come to visit.

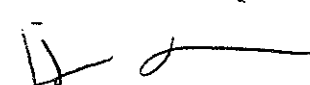
We are experiencing a surge in economic development potential and interest in Hoboken. A major concert was recently hosted on our waterfront, bringing 15,000 visitors to our community. Organizers for major events are recognizing Hoboken's potential for hosting thousands of visitors. And we are making real progress in attracting businesses to our City, including the recent relocation of Pearson in which your Administration played such an important role. In addition, we are working to establish Hoboken as a regional technology hub to attract the businesses of tomorrow.

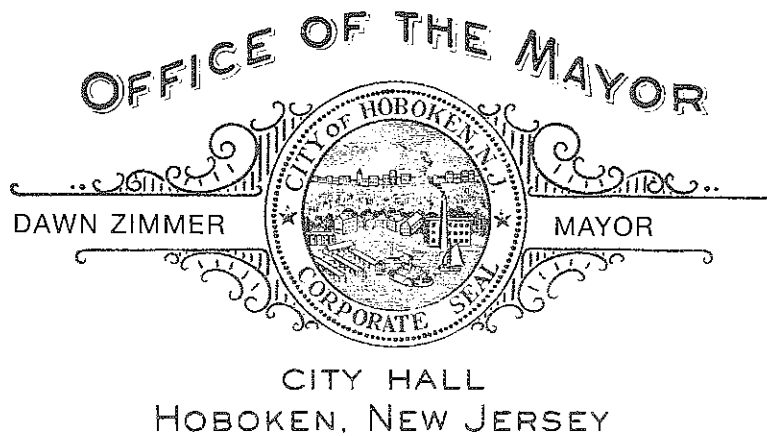
These things are possible because we are blessed with an environment where businesses and visitors want to be. But the plan being considered would permanently scar one of the most tremendous assets and economic drivers in Hoboken and the State of New Jersey.

We have talked to many members of our community and there is near unanimous opposition to this idea. We strongly believe that the severe impacts on the economic development potential for Hoboken and the State of New Jersey far outweigh any potential benefits associated with the plan. We call on you to reconsider and are committed to working with you to find a better solution that works for everyone.

Sincerely,


Mayor Dawn Zimmer


Councilwoman Jen Giattino



October 12, 2012

Jim Weinstein, Executive Director, NJ Transit
Deborah Gramiccioni, Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy and Cabinet Liaison, Governor's Office
Wayne Hasenbalg, President & CEO, New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority

Dear Mr. Weinstein, Ms. Gramiccioni, and Mr. Hasenbalg:

I am writing for the third time to make my position on the State's potential purchase of Union Dry Dock for a ferry maintenance and NY Waterway refueling station absolutely clear.

I am adamantly opposed to the use of Union Dry Dock for this purpose because it will scar Hoboken's waterfront, create unacceptable levels of bus traffic, and damage forever the future economic development of both Hoboken and the State of New Jersey.


As I advised each of you in separate conversations yesterday, I believe it is my responsibility as the Mayor of Hoboken to make my strong opposition to this proposal clear to everyone.

After writing to NJ Transit and the State in May and again over a month ago, I have been unable to receive clarification with regard to the status of NJ Transit and the State's intent to purchase Union Dry Dock and use it as a ferry maintenance facility and refueling station (Copies of these letters are enclosed).

Please be advised that I will be bringing this matter and my opposition to this project to the attention of the public and the media by next Wednesday, October 17.

If the State's purchase of Union Dry Dock is in fact no longer under consideration, please advise me in writing prior to next Wednesday.

Best regards,



Mayor Zimmer

Cc: Governor Christie
Commissioner Simpson