



REPORT ON SURVEY OF ATTITUDES OF WEST SIDERS TOWARD HUDSON YARDS EXPANSION PROPOSAL

A strong majority of Manhattan West Side residents oppose proposed plans to rezone the Western Rail Yards, according to a survey of almost 1300 registered voters completed in late September by Public Policy Polling, an independent research firm.

Key findings of the survey, which included voters in the districts represented by City Councilmember Erik Bottcher, State Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal and State Assemblymember Simone, include:

- When asked at the beginning of the survey, 56% percent of voters oppose zoning changes to allow for the proposed six million square foot expansion of Hudson Yards on top of the Western Rail Yards, possibly including a casino; 24% support the zoning changes and 21% of voters are not sure. [Q4]
 - Opposition is slightly stronger among Democrats: 57% oppose, 22% support.
 - Results are similar in all three legislative districts.
- 73% of voters agree that the 2009 zoning approved for the site should not be replaced with the new Hudson Yards casino/expansion proposal unless it provides new benefits for the community; only 12% support replacing the 2009 zoning without new community benefits. [Q6]
- 70% of voters say that placing a new six million square feet development with a casino and three new skyscrapers directly adjacent to the northern part of The High Line would hurt neighboring West Side communities. [Q7]
- By a nearly 5-to-1 margin, voters said they would be less likely to vote for their elected representatives if they supported the proposal for the six million square foot expansion of Hudson Yards, possibly including a casino. [Q10]
 - Among all voters: 53% said it would make them less likely, 11% said it would make them more likely and 25% said it would not make a difference. Results were similar among Democrats: 54% said it would make them less likely, 9% said it would make them more likely and 24% said it would not make a difference.

The survey was conducted of registered voters in City Council District 3, State Senate District 47 and State Assembly 75. Respondents were contacted by telephone and text message from September 24-26, 2024. 1,298 respondents completed the survey. The margin of error for the survey is +/- 2.7%