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Chair Dan Garodnick  
City Planning Commission  
120 Broadway, 3rd Floor  
New York, NY 10271

Re: Support for the Green Fast Track Initiative

Dear Chair Garodnick and members of the City Planning Commission,

The Building Congress represents over 500 constituent organizations and over 250,000 skilled tradespeople and professionals dedicated to the growth and prosperity of our city. We write to express our full support for the "Green Fast Track" initiative, a proposal firmly grounded in data from a decade of meticulous research.

The "Green Fast Track" initiative, categorizing environmentally responsible residential developments as "Type II" actions, is a welcome and common-sense approach. By expediting reviews for projects that we already know won't significantly impact the environment, we not only save valuable time and resources but also accelerate the delivery of much-needed housing. We are in a dire housing crisis — and only bold, innovative initiatives like the Green Fast Track can pull us out of it.

Central to this initiative is its environmentally sound methodology. The Green Fast Track is exclusively applicable to projects with a proven track record of no environmental impacts. This careful selection underscores the proposal's commitment to preserving the environment while addressing the city's housing needs in the urgent manner that they deserve.

Importantly, the proposal does not alter the public review process or any zoning rules. This commitment ensures that the public remains an integral part of the decision-making process, preserving the transparency and inclusivity that are hallmarks of our city's planning endeavors.

In conclusion, the "Green Fast Track" initiative is a thoughtful, innovative-yet-common-sense policy, crafted by our city's foremost planning experts. Our members look forward to the opportunity to leverage this vital policy to help combat our city's growing housing crisis.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Carlo A. Scissura', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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President and CEO  
New York Building Congress