



# BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 9

## **BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 9 5G TOWER MORATORIUM RESOLUTION**

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**WHEREAS;** New York City, through its Office of Technology and Innovation (OTI), has contracted with CityBridge to install and operate a citywide wireless communications network; and

**WHEREAS;** City Bridge installed its LinkNYC network as the initial deployment of the citywide wireless communications network intended to replace outdated public pay phones; and

**WHEREAS;** LinkNYC provided free 4G wireless cellular connectivity using towers placed on sidewalks throughout NYC, many of which include electronic display screens; and

**WHEREAS;** Community Board 9 in Brooklyn and other communities through out the NYC and constituents of their districts have reported adverse impacts resulting from existing LinkNYC infrastructure, including visual impacts, inappropriate usage, impacts on sidewalk clearances, and rat infestation; and

**WHEREAS;** CityBridge is now in the process of upgrading its LinkNYC network to Link5G to accommodate technological upgrades that have recently become commonplace in cellular communications; and

**WHEREAS;** Link5G infrastructure is a 32' tall tower that is installed on sidewalks in the public right-of-way; and

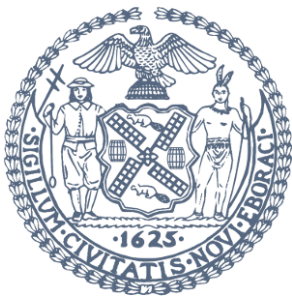
**WHEREAS;** Link5G towers in commercial districts include electronic screens similar to those found on LinkNYC kiosks that display advertising and public information; and

**WHEREAS;** the design of the Link5G towers has been approved by the Public Design Commission; and

**WHEREAS;** Link5G must adhere to siting requirements determined by NYC Department of City Planning, and must obtain Landmarks Preservation Commission approval if sited in historic districts; and

**WHEREAS;** CityBridge and OTI installed 5G towers without notification and input from the residents and Community Board 9 in Brooklyn; and

**WHEREAS;** City Bridge and OTI have proposed unknown number of sites across Community District 9; and



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**WHEREAS;** City Bridge and OTI have stated that the siting of proposed Link5G towers in Community District 9 are based on gaps in coverage and locations where excess demand for the network exists as determined by commercial cellular carriers; and

**WHEREAS;** where the currently proposed locations for 5G towers are not disclosed to residents and Community Board 9; and

**WHEREAS;** residents of Community District 9 have strongly objected to the design and the visual impacts that Link5G towers would have on streetscapes, both with and without screens; and

**WHEREAS;** there are widespread concerns that 5G towers will be constructed at distances considered too close to adjacent buildings, as has already occurred on Bedford; and

**WHEREAS;** 10' of distance from a tower to a residence that is permitted is extremely insufficient and should be revisited as a policy; and

**WHEREAS;** there are no reported issues by residents of Community District 9 of cellular gaps and frequent dropped calls that would justify Link5G being installed in the proposed locations; and

**WHEREAS;** the proposed sites for Link5G don't include any locations in areas known to be potential digital deserts within Community District 9; and

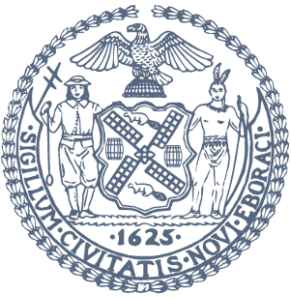
**WHEREAS;** OTI and City Bridge have not provided detailed plans regarding the full build-out of Link5G, both within Community District 9 and other parts of the Borough; and

**WHEREAS;** there is a desire for any telecommunications infrastructure to be buried underground both for reliability purposes and to minimize visual impacts; and

**WHEREAS;** there have been questions raised by some residents as to whether sufficient research has been performed to fully assuage concerns that the radiation emitted by 5G infrastructure won't have any long-term impacts on public health or the environment, including young children, seniors, people with medical implant devices, pets, plants, and parks; and

**WHEREAS;** there has the 5G towers pose safety risk including combustion, accidents related to the falling over of the 5G towers; and

**WHEREAS;** the community-at-large has expressed their views that Link5G is unnecessary and unwanted in Community District 9 in Brooklyn at present and until many of the issues identified have been resolved; and



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**WHEREAS;** New York City is in control of this process through its contract with the provider.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** Community Board 9 Brooklyn disapproves the proposal as presented to install Link 5G towers in Community District 9; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** to a request for a moratorium on the installation and activation of any new towers in the community district 9 and that OTI, DCP, the Departments of Health and Environmental Protection and any other relevant agencies are requested to come to the district to address community concerns around the installation of new towers, and the towers that have already been erected; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the existing 5G are deactivated and removed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** to require the listed organizations and agencies affiliated with the 5G Towers to make a presentation to CB9 General Board and host a question and answer session following the presentation.

Adopted:  
5/23/2023