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I view many of the proposed developments within the New York State Energy Plan as favorable, however, I must stand in opposition of the proposed creation of LNG plant and terminal sites due to their unsustainable economic and environmental contributions. The creation of LNG plants and terminals will further degrade fragile ecosystems; New York's proposed sites would impact both Jamaica Bay and the coastal areas of Rockaway peninsula and Long Island, in addition to diverging from the commitment of both New York city and the Federal EPA to combat climate change through reduced carbon emissions and the creation of less ecologically taxing renewable energy sources. There have been many recent developments with the energy sector; algae, wind power, solar energy, and hydro power have all advanced exponentially within the past several years leading to fundamentally successful energy choices for municipalities and a wave of investment opportunities that extend well beyond positively correlated financial growth. I can not say the same about energy sources such as coal, nuclear, and gas that continue to threaten natural habitats and the citizens that inhabit these spaces. The integration of LNG projects will only further our dependence on nonrenewable sources of energy and continue to degrade communities both near and far. It is for these reason that I oppose the creation of any LNG projects, and I am asking all commissioners, public representatives, and community leaders that have worked tirelessly on the NY State Energy Plan to reject the current plan and begin a more holistic, environmental and socially responsible energy plan that omits LNG and reduces New York State's dependence on fossil fuels.

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