

**Ann Machado - 50 Myrtle Street**

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**Subject:** 50 Myrtle Street

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Dear Ms. Machado,

My husband, Adam Hill, and I own the house at 59 Myrtle Street and we wanted to write and express our support for the proposed project at 50 Myrtle Street. As this street now has 4 owner-occupiers on it (up from 1 when we bought our house in 2004), the neighborhood has definitely improved and we would welcome another owner-occupier.

However, we'd also welcome a multi-unit building in that spot, or anything that allows more people to live downtown.

I hope the current plans for 50 Myrtle are allowed by the suburban-style zoning that has oddly been applied to our neighborhood. This zoning prevented us from building a fire escape for our second story apartment that only has one egress. It's also meant that all the projects that have occurred in this neighborhood have required a contract zone. (One block in either direction and the zoning is appropriate for a downtown, allowing 100% lot coverage.)

In the future, we hope the city modifies the zoning in this area to allow 100% lot coverage (in keeping with a downtown, urban neighborhood).

For now, we fully support more housing on our street.

Sincerely,  
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