



SAVE GANSEVOORT

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Dear Mayor Adams,

We were pleased to see this *New York Post* report that another company is offering 5G service without the intrusive and ugly 32-foot poles that are threatening the quality of life in neighborhoods across the city: <https://nypost.com/2023/10/29/metro/tech-firm-pitches-replacing-ugly-32-foot-nyc-5g-cell-phone-towers-with-nicer-poles-that-blend-in/>

We are all participants in the federal historic preservation review process for the current scheme. It is clear that these poles are having a negative impact on historic districts, the visual quality of neighborhoods and the navigability of our sidewalks across the city. We are cognizant of their impact in every location. They're towering over businesses and looming in front of people's windows.

The prior administration and the vendor made promises of substantially expanding the reach of free 5G service. They even implied that this service would help children in underserved communities do their homework. Instead we have learned from the vendor that the poles are empty boxes, waiting for connections. Even when they are connected, the service will be to people passing by on foot or in cars, not inside to nearby homes and businesses.

This proposal shows that there can be alternative paths forward, and we urge you to consider them. The current situation is not of your administration's making. We think it would be a welcome gift to residents throughout the City if there was a way to provide 5G service in a way that reinforces the vitality of our communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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