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Liberty Science Center Applauds Jersey City Council On Vote For SciTech Scity

Jersey City, NJ – March 23, 2017 – The Jersey City Council voted last night to approve the land transfer necessary for Liberty Science Center’s planned SciTech Scity, a mini-city, unique in the world, that will house a K-12 school dedicated to STEM; the world’s first business “optimizer” for 100 science, technology, and engineering startups; a small conference center; and Scholars Village, short-term accommodations for visiting scientists and entrepreneurs and longer-term residences for STEM college students and people working at SciTech Scity.

“We want Jersey City to become one of the East Coast’s premier innovation and STEM education hubs,” said Paul Hoffman, President and CEO of Liberty Science Center. “SciTech Scity may be the region’s answer to Silicon Valley.”

Liberty Science Center is grateful to the dozens of parents, students, and community leaders who attended last night’s public hearing and shared stories of how LSC changed their lives.

LSC trustee Minal Patel, who grew up in Jersey City, spoke passionately and persuasively about how SciTech Scity could make Jersey City a destination for science and technology innovators. “The original Silicon Valley was not in California. It was in Menlo Park, New Jersey,” Minal said.

Councilman Jermaine Robinson, who represents Ward F, where LSC and SciTech Scity is located, voiced strong support for SciTech Scity: “My vision is for the children of Ward F to become astronauts, brain surgeons, engineers.”

The Science Center is especially grateful to Mayor Steve Fulop for partnering with us on this visionary project and doubling-down on his support and commitment to helping Jersey City reach great new heights.

About Liberty Science Center

Liberty Science Center (LSC.org) is a 300,000-square-foot not-for-profit learning center located in Liberty State Park on the Jersey City bank of the Hudson near the Statue of Liberty. Dedicated to bringing the power, promise, and pure fun of science and technology to people of all ages, Liberty Science Center houses 12 museum exhibition halls, a live animal collection with 110 species, giant aquariums, a 3D theater, the world’s largest IMAX Dome Theater, live simulcast surgeries, a tornado-force wind simulator, K-12 classrooms and labs, and teacher-development programs. More than 250,000 students visit the Science Center each year, and tens of thousands more participate in the Center’s offsite and online programs. LSC is the most visited cultural institution in New Jersey with more than 650,000 visitors annually and the largest interactive science center in the NYC-NJ metropolitan area.