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## **CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCES PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR NORTH END BOARDWALK PROJECT**

*12/7/18, Asbury Park, NJ* – City Council today announced the beginning of a public comment period for the North End Boardwalk Project. Comments from concerned residents, visitors and businesses for proposed improvements to the North End Boardwalk area will be collected through an online and paper form which will be available until December 23, 2018.

Comments collected from the online form, as well as the November 7<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting, will then be incorporated into draft designs of the North End Boardwalk area and presented at a public meeting on a future date still to be determined. This public meeting will be done charrette-style where attendees will have the opportunity to interact with the designers and provide immediate feedback on designs. This approach has been highly successful for the City Council when soliciting public comments in the past and was most recently used at the CHOICE Neighborhood public meeting.

“We are aiming to have an all-encompassing public arena for voices to be heard,” said Deputy Mayor Amy Quinn, “And we’ll accomplish this by opening up a pre-comment period, then a public charrette-style meeting, followed by a public presentation of the final draft design.”

“With iStar’s cooperation, the City is looking at installing temporary ramps for access to the beach and is cautiously optimistic these ramps can be installed before Memorial Day 2019,” said City Manager Michael Capabianco, “There’s a lot to do in a short amount of time with design, permitting and bidding issues that have to be completed before a contract can be awarded.”

The public comment form for the North End Boardwalk Project is available at <https://seam.ly/4Y2Li02d> and through a link on the homepage of the City’s website at [www.cityofasburypark.com](http://www.cityofasburypark.com). Printed copies will also be available in the reception area at City Hall. Comments will be collected through December 23, 2018. If you know someone who lacks internet access, or is more comfortable writing out concerns, please print the form for them and have them mail it or drop it off in-person at the City Manager’s Office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of City Hall.