

DEAR LIC,

Any time I walk along your water's edge I am lifted to new heights. Nothing beats people watching at Gantry Plaza and Hunters Point South! Always and forever my favorite thing to do.

LIC VISITOR, 36

DEAR LIC,

**Thank you for always having a bench to sit on,
a cafe with coffee to sip on,
a restaurant with wine to sip on,
tree pits filled with flowers from Fall to April May June and July-on
and a community filled with people to rely on.**

ANGEL H, 26

DEAR LIC,

Your growth and resiliency are impressive proving LIC an amazing place to live and work!

LIC WORKER, 68

DEAR LIC,

Remember as humans we are designed to play throughout our lifetime. So get out and play!

RYAN S, 33

DEAR LIC,

We've drifted in and out of each others lives for years like fair weathered friends. Whenever I sit and gaze over at the big city I know this magical feeling will never fade; day or night, sun or snow, we both know this is where we'll always meet.

PRITI P, 37

DEAR LIC,

You're always changing, so sometimes it's hard to keep up. I'm always wondering what exciting adventure you have in store for me.

DREW T, 26

DEAR LIC,

Thank you for being the setting for such a pivotal time in my life. Even during the most difficult moments, having the man running the halal cart sneak me an extra falafel really helps bring me back to reality.

There's always a smile waiting for you somewhere, even if you can't manage your own sometimes. This place is full of smiles!

ALEXIS Z, 25

DEAR LIC,

Your boisterous buildings and thundering flavors take my breath away. You are the epicenter for homey industrial traditions and vibrant revolutionary thinkers. Your movements and growth astound my senses. You make me feel both safe and full of bliss with your sparkling aura.

YOUR SECRET ADMIRER, 23

DEAR LIC,

There is no better place to be than LIC.

LIC RESIDENT, 33

DEAR LIC,

You are the most fascinating part of NYC! Be proud of all that you are and of all your immense potential - particularly at this pivotal moment for the city.

Love,
TEAM PLAXALL, 75

DEAR LIC,

LIC has emerged as a true 24/7 live, work and play community that distinguishes itself with its publicly accessible waterfront spaces, transportation network, schools and an abundance of diverse housing, retail, office and entertainment assets. LIC has something for everyone from young singles to families to retirees.

ANONYMOUS

DEAR LIC,

We love how vibrant and ever-changing you have become. We fondly look back on our decision to open shop here almost 40 years ago and have recognized the opportunity in this community since the beginning. It is inspiring to watch our community grow and take shape around us, and we look forward to seeing what's next. You have become an epicenter for creativity and progress that should not be underestimated!

SILVERCUP STUDIOS

DEAR LIC,

**LIC ROCKS!! No better neighborhood to work, play, stay, mix, meet and make!
Forge ahead LIC**

DAVID B

DEAR LIC,

Thank you for being and showing that a true 365/24/7 Urban City is possible - Separate but attached to one of the biggest and best urban hubs in the world. Thanks for providing the structure on which we can build. Thank you for staying true to your industrial and manufacturing roots, but allowing for a diverse flow of residential and office tenants. Thanks for demonstrating your grit during Covid. Excited to watch you keep on growing, bigger and better!

SARAH C, 64

DEAR LIC,

Very exciting and very convenient place to work & live

ANONYMOUS, 75

DEAR LIC,

I love that everything and everyone comes together and is welcome here, right smack at the center of the city that is at the center of the universe.

LIC RESIDENT/WORKER, 56

DEAR LIC,

**Thank you for being the perfect setting for so many new beginnings
All around you, I see remnants of the past giving me glimpses of the future
Always growing and always changing.**

ALEXA G | HIVE PS, 34

DEAR LIC,

Thank you for welcoming me with open arms. I could not be more grateful for such an amazing place to live and work.

DANA, 25

DEAR LIC,

I love your juxtaposition of the warm, natural beauty of parks and gardens alongside the cold concrete and steel of glass covered high-rises.

BRYAN S, 34

DEAR LIC,

**You take good care of us as we work, eat, sleep, and then.. do it again.
You are a great place 'to be'.**

CHARLES B | BOYCE TECHNOLOGIES

DEAR LIC,

When I first moved to LIC 15 years ago there was an impound lot underneath the Queensboro Plaza station. The JetBlue, Pepsi-Cola, and SilverCup signs served as reminders for the age that LIC was growing out of. Over the years that impound lot has transformed into a mini oasis and picnic spot for the bike path. It's been surrounded by sleek sky-reaching structures, which are home to brilliant people contributing to a contemporary Queens, which rivals that of any newly grown-up neighborhood globally. No longer a hidden gem, openly a diverse, forward-thinking and fast-moving community.

JERONI H, 36

DEAR LIC,

Thank you to make the impossible possible. It's a convenient living place. We really enjoy living here and make it even better.

NICOLE, 29

DEAR LIC,

After moving here during the middle of the pandemic uncertain about the future, you became our rock and shared your energy with us. The people, the views, the food—every day the love of this neighborhood made us feel more secure and pulled us through hard times.

HENRY L, 30

DEAR LIC,

I'm new here, but I don't think I'm ever going to leave!

ANONYMOUS, 31

DEAR LIC,

Your richness is beyond our comprehension. The people you shelter, the goods you provide, and the vibes you bring, all emanate resplendence.

JERRY T, 27

DEAR LIC,

You inspire me to dream & live life. I love sitting under your branches & envisioning my perfect home.

ANGELINA T, 35

DEAR LIC,

**Thank you for being exactly the right place to live, work, and watch
dogs as they trot around your streets!**

T.M

DEAR LIC,

We love taking walks down your shady streets and making friends with everyone that notices us.

TANG AND GELLY, 4

DEAR LIC,

Nothing feels heavier than unsaid words.

AUDREY M, 24

DEAR LIC,

You became our home during the pandemic and you helped us get through. From beautiful walks by the water to social distance hangouts with neighbors who became great friends you showed up for us. We love your breweries and restaurants and were so pleasantly surprised to find such a warm community during a difficult time.

ALEXA AND ROBERT K, 26

DEAR LIC,

Thank you for being the place for many firsts - My first own place, first full time job, first step into the real world. What a beautiful city to grow up and fall in love.

JASMINE Y, 22

DEAR LIC,

I was born here in 2020 and love you since day one. You have the best playgrounds and gave me so many friends.

MILA RITZ, 2

DEAR LIC,

Thank you for all the joy you bring when I dance down your streets and play in the dirt in your glorious parks! Keep smiling LIC!

BETSY M, 36

DEAR LIC,

Thank you for becoming the first place in NYC where I feel truly at home.

IRA L, 31

DEAR LIC,

Grow and fill, but please maintain your mysteries.

CHARLIE O, 34

DEAR LIC,

Thank you LIC for the wonderful memories and for being my childhood home. I wish that we can have a happy future together!

ANAHI V, 22

DEAR LIC,

I decided to learn biking because of the pandemic. The Pulaski Bridge is the first bridge I have ever biked through. That day after work, I rode from Williamsburg to LIC. I used every strength in my body to cycle to the top. On the verge of breaking down, I saw the most mesmerizing view of the city. Feeling the gentle breeze of early September, I started to go downhill. LIC was right in front of me.

FIVE GHOSTS, 25

DEAR LIC,

I love the historical industrial buildings, don't tear it all down!

DANNY C, 37

DEAR LIC,

I love you today, tomorrow, the day after that and forever.

MARIA S, 30

DEAR LIC,

Stay fun, bold, and unique!

LUCIANO C, 26

DEAR LIC,

You are our playground, our school, our home and our hood!

GENER, 8

DEAR LIC,

**I love the rainbows you send into my room and seeing the sunset over the skyline.
The subway rumbling and buildings rising are this city kid's lullabies.**

CLARE R, 5