

Testimony of Congressman Adriano Espaillat

New York City Council

Subcommittee on Landmarks Public Sitings & Dispositions -- Kingsbridge Armory Hearing

September 30, 2025

Dear Councilmember Sanchez,

I am proud to submit this testimony in support of the Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment project's Land Use-related application(s).

For decades, the Kingsbridge Armory site stood as a dispiriting exhibit of political inaction, broken promises, and bureaucratic blockage. I was proud to collaborate with your office, our state and local partners, community leaders, and my colleagues in the United States Congress to secure \$215 million in government funds for its redevelopment. This project will significantly enhance the Kingsbridge neighborhood and deliver vital community space, local jobs, and economic growth to the area -- and to the Bronx at large.

The vibrant, mixed-used development project will include 450 units of affordable rental housing units on an adjacent site and 25,000 square-feet of dedicated community space, which will be utilized for educational and workforce development programming. The project will also bring new sports and recreation activities for Bronx youth.

This redevelopment project, which enjoys overwhelming support from community leaders and elected officials, is expected to generate more than \$2.5 billion in economic impact over the next 30 years -- and will rely on many permanent employees, who will largely be members of the surrounding community. In the immediate future, it will create 3,000 local construction jobs, which will boost the economic output of the surrounding small businesses. When completed, the Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment site will no longer be a sign of government failure or stand as a black eye on the Kingsbridge community -- but will instead represent that vibrance and promise of the Bronx and the power of the community's advocacy efforts. Likewise, as demonstrated by other major redevelopment projects around New York City in recent years, the completion of this project is likely to spur additional, synergistic investments in affordable housing, small businesses, and common spaces within the Bronx and Kingsbridge neighborhood.

Accordingly, I respectfully reiterate my support for the Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment's applications associated with the Land Use process and permitting requirements. I commend you, your staff, our partners, and the development team for contributing to this vital project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adriano Espaillat', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Adriano Espaillat
Member of Congress



Senator Gustavo Rivera's Testimony on the Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment to the New York City Council Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Sitings, And Dispositions

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Thank you, Acting Chairwoman Nurse, for allowing me to share a few words at this hearing. My name is Gustavo Rivera, State Senator for the 33rd District in the Northwest Bronx. I am here today to voice my strong support for the Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Project by 8th Regiment Partners.

I want to thank my colleague, Councilmember Pierina Sanchez, for her staunch advocacy for our community. Above all, thank you to my neighbors who demanded opportunities for public input ahead of the ULURP process, through the Together For Kingsbridge Visioning Process that shaped the request for proposals and the selection of the developer.

When I was first elected in 2010, the Armory was part of my district and just two blocks away from where I lived. After the 2023 redistricting, the Armory now sits just across the street from my current Senate District. As their representative, I remain accountable to tens of thousands of Bronxites who deserve to benefit from the Armory's redevelopment. As we near the end of the ULURP process, the aspirations, needs, and concerns of our community must be central to the project's priorities and approval.

We expect this developer to commit to an even stronger Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) than the nationally-renowned agreement that our community won during the previous redevelopment. The previous cba should be considered the standard because it included:

- Local hiring, training, and living wages
- Permanent union jobs
- Sustainability standards
- Community space
- A community benefit fund that dedicates at least 1% of project gross revenues for wealth-building in the Bronx.
- Community governance and oversight

The community is expecting more from this development:

- True community ownership. Thank you to the Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition for securing a Memorandum of Understanding to ensure the manufacturing space is owned and operated by our community.
- Local procurement for our small businesses
- Union jobs for the construction of the Armory, to address the flooded basement and the hole in the roof
- Ensuring local street vendors can continue to make a living

- Multi-bedroom units as part of the affordable housing plan, even if that means less units overall. Those apartments should be for current residents.

We expect the New York City Economic Development Corporation (EDC) to offer a lease agreement that truly benefits the Bronx. After 30 years of passive neglect, the costs of mitigation have ballooned, and the developer will need to spend tens of millions of dollars simply to get the site construction ready. The Bronx receives less services, less funding, and less investment than anywhere else, so the EDC must recognize that this project is a chance at redemption.

I am urging EDC to finalize an agreement where the City breaks even so that the developer and their partners can keep as much revenue as possible for the community fund, union labor, youth and community programming, and other local benefits. This is not a project that should be on EDC's books as a boon to city coffers. The Bronx is owed investment, and the Armory is our chance to get what we are owed. We expect the city to commit to revitalizing our community through:

- Strong anti-displacement measures to protect local businesses, including capital funding access through both loans and grants, legal support, and financial coaching
- Dedicated City and State Opioid Settlement Fund dollars to support community health and safety in the blocks surrounding the Armory, through service delivery, syringe clean up and exchange, and facilities to support these efforts
- Supporting a robust Community Revenue Fund instead of the Citywide public purse

The \$200 million investment from the State and City is just a start. The community has been waiting for 30 years for the Armory to put us on the map, but not at the expense of those waiting 30 years to see it transform. This redevelopment project must be for the Bronx and no one else.

I have worked for years to ensure that our borough sees the benefit from a transformative redevelopment. Time and time again, we have seen only a small percentage of people benefitting from projects like this, leaving out local communities, including small business owners. This cannot happen to our Kingsbridge community.

I will continue to support our community and key stakeholders to ensure this project fulfills its potential, and I will not be afraid to hold anyone accountable for any decisions that do not prioritize our neighbors first. I will have my community behind me to hold all parties accountable.

I've been here through three mayors, two borough presidents, two council members, and two governors, and I'll be here for the ribbon cutting to enjoy this space with my neighbors.

Thank you for listening to my testimony.



City Council Testimony

Date: September 30, 2025

Re: LU 0389-2025, App # N 250296 ZRX - Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment

From: Raye Barbieri, Chief Executive Officer

The Kingsbridge Heights Community Center, Inc.

Good afternoon City Council Members,

My name is Raye Barbieri, and I am the Chief Executive Officer at the Kingsbridge Heights Community Center, a 51 year old settlement house with an established track record of providing high-quality, high-impact youth, adult, family and community services in the Kingsbridge Heights and surrounding Bronx communities. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

As a proud member of the Kingsbridge Together Working group, we strongly support both the Kingsbridge Armory Project, as well as a robust and clearly articulated Community Benefit Agreement that lifts up the core tenets that formed the vision and foundation for this project. The City's commitment to this project requires a concurrent commitment to a Community Benefits Agreement that upholds all of the following:

- Building Youth and Community Ownership and Opportunity
- Respecting and Ensuring Public Access
- Centering and Celebrating Bronx Culture, Arts and Music
- Establishing a Community Council and Benefit Fund
- Improving Surrounding Parks and Green Spaces
- Building Affordable Housing
- Creating and Sustaining Jobs for Local Bronxites
- Protecting and Supporting Small Businesses
- Embracing and Engaging Union Labors

The Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Project is a historic opportunity for the City to deliver on past promises and establish new parameters and standards for protecting and supporting all sectors of our community that will benefit countless Bronx families for generations to come. As such, we are excited to support the community's vision for the Kingsbridge Armory redevelopment through a Community Benefits Agreement that makes that vision a reality!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kingsbridge Heights Community Center

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From: [Christina C](#)
To: [Testimony; Land Use Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Testimony
Date: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 2:29:06 PM

Christina Callender's Testimony for Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment

Hello Council,

My name is Christina Callender, and I am from Kingsbridge and a soon-to-be graduate of the nearby Lehman College and have been engaged with this project through NWBCC. I've dedicated my studies and professional life to understanding and alleviating the strains on working-class communities much like the one I'm from.

I'm deeply invested in projects that not only enhance economic prosperity but also improve the lives of the people who live here now. I'm in strong support for this project, however we have the opportunity to ensure that the current project is one that keeps its benefits rooted in The Bronx and a different model of development is exemplified through key efforts. To achieve that, I urge the commitment to a community benefits agreement and for the City and the Developer to commit to the following:

Firstly, there must be an accessible design. The Armory must be welcoming and usable for all residents, including those with disabilities. That means ramps, lifts, wide pathways, and clear signage designed in partnership with the disability community.

Secondly, the project must ensure truly affordable, family-sized housing that prioritizes Bronx residents in leasing. This project cannot rely on inflated AMI. so there must be some measures to counteract this to ensure that "affordability" reflects Bronx incomes, so families here can actually qualify. Units must include two- and three-bedrooms.

Thirdly, the project must emphasize local hiring and contracting. This means that jobs at every stage must go to Bronx residents, and businesses first. Contracts should be awarded to Bronx-based businesses, MWBEs, and worker cooperatives. Additionally, space needs to be made available for existing Bronx vendors to mitigate displacement and ensure that wealth circulates within our borough.

Fourthly, affordable community access to Armory uses should be prioritized. Create pricing and access policies that lower financial barriers for Bronx residents: e.g., resident discounts, sliding-scale memberships, free community hours, and no-cost space allotments for youth, seniors, and local nonprofits so the people who live here can actually benefit from what's inside.

Lastly, the city must ensure that the public infrastructure surrounding the armory matches the

Armory's project's scale. The armory will draw thousands of people and the city must meet the demand. This could be done with increased bus service on the BX9 and BX22, expanded 4, B, & D train service, and safety officers to guide traffic and pedestrians during large events. The surrounding area also needs stronger sanitation services; more frequent pickup, public trash cans, and recycling bins, so the Armory remains an asset, not a burden, to the neighborhood.

This project has the potential to set a new standard for equitable development in New York City, but this will only happen if the project commits to a signed community benefits agreement and holds Bronx residents at the center.

Thank you

Christina Callender

Christina Callender



Good morning, my name is Osei Dwomoh, a Sophomore at Lehman College, and a member of the Northwest Bronx. As a native Bronx resident for almost 20 years, I've seen changes in my area, and the decisions we make in the long term would have an impact for years, if not decades, to come. Right now, our community needs help, economically and mentally. To give them a place that can let them shop, let them grow, and let them build stability, and this borough stability. If the Bay Plaza Mall provided these possibilities with just a bus ride away, I figured we could do the same thing here. If we want to reduce unemployment and the unhoused, we have to lay the groundwork. We've been living here since we came here. Let's live with peace of mind. Thank you for listening and understanding.

Osei Dwomoh
Bronx, NY



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June 20, 2025

Dan Garodnick
Chair, City Planning Commission (CPC)
Director, Department of City Planning (NYC DCP)
1775 Grand Concourse, Suite 503
Bronx, NY 10453

RE: Bronx CB7 Letter Recommending Approval of Project ID Number: 2025X0262

Dear CPC Chair and Director of NYC DCP, Dan Garodnick,

Bronx Community Board 7 (Bronx CB7) writes in support of recommending approval of 8th Regiment Partners LLC, NYC Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC), and the NYC Department of Administrative Services (DCAS) ULURP application(s)¹ to facilitate the redevelopment of the Kingsbridge Armory:

- Application #: C 250293PPX²- proposed disposition of city-owned property Block 3247, Lot 2 [Individual Landmark: 10 West 195th Street, Bronx, NY 10468] and Block 3247, Lot 10 [Individual Landmark: 1 West Kingsbridge Road, Bronx, NY 10468] submitted by the NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS).
- Application #: C 250292ZSX³- special permit submitted by the NYC Economic Development Corporation and 8th Regiment Partners LLC pursuant to Section 74-182(b)⁴ of the Zoning Resolution to allow an indoor arena with a maximum seating capacity of 17,000 within 200 feet of a Residence District and to modify the sign regulations of Sections 123-40 and 32-60⁵ in connection with a proposed mixed-use development on property located at (Block 3247, Lots 2 [Individual Landmark: 10 West 195th Street, Bronx, NY 10468] and 10 [Individual Landmark: 1 West Kingsbridge Road, Bronx, NY 10468] in an M1-4A/R7-2 District⁶, within a Special Mix Use District (MX-30). Applicant is to find mitigating solutions to significant environmental impacts in coordination with related city agencies.⁷
 - Application #: N 250296ZRX⁸- special permit submitted by the NYC Economic Development Corporation and 8th Regiment Partners LLC pursuant to Section 74-182(b)⁹ of the Zoning Resolution to allow an indoor arena capacity from 6,000 to 17,000 persons at Block 3247, Lot 10 [Individual Landmark: 1 West Kingsbridge Road,

¹ Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Proposal on the Zoning Application Portal: on.nyc.gov/3ZqqZsW

² Related Applications: C250292ZSX, C250294ZMX, N250296ZRX, and C250295ZSX

³ Related Applications: C250293PPX, C250294ZMX, N250296ZRX, and C250295ZSX

⁴ Chapter 4 Zoning Resolution: Special Permits by the City Planning Commission: bit.ly/44mY5gh

⁵ Chapter 3 Zoning Resolution: Sign Regulation: bit.ly/3G1XBTz

⁶ ULURP Application C250294ZMX

⁷ City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR): on.nyc.gov/40uMOjY

⁸ Related Applications: C250293PPX, C250292ZSX, C250294ZMX, and C250295ZSX

⁹ Chapter 4 Zoning Resolution: Arenas, auditoriums, stadiums or trade expositions: bit.ly/3SYAqwg



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Bronx, NY 10468]. Provided that paragraphs (b)(1), (b)(2), (b)(3), (b)(4), and (b)(5) are met. Applicant is to find mitigating solutions to significant environmental impacts in coordination with related city agencies.¹⁰

- Application #: C 250294ZMX¹¹- a proposed amendment of the zoning map at Block 3247, Lot 2 [Individual Landmark: 10 West 195th Street, Bronx, NY 10468] and Block 3247, Lot 10 [Individual Landmark: 1 West Kingsbridge Road, Bronx, NY 10468] to change from C4-4 District to an M1-4A/R7-2, and establish a Special Mixed Use District (MX-30) submitted by the NYC Economic Development Corporation and 8th Regiments Partners LLC. Subject to the conditions of CEQR Declaration E-850 by the NYC Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation (OER) environmental requirements relating to hazardous materials, noise, or air.¹²
- Application #: C 250295ZSX¹³- special permit submitted by the NYC Economic Development Corporation and 8th Regiments Partners LLC pursuant to Section 74-195¹⁴ of the Zoning Resolution to allow a public parking garage with a maximum capacity of 248 spaces and 13 spaces at the cellar level in connection with a proposed mixed-use development at Block 3247, Lot 10 [Individual Landmark: 1 West Kingsbridge Road, Bronx, NY 10468] and 80 spaces at Block 3247, lot 2 [Individual Landmark: 10 West 195th Street, Bronx, NY 10468]. Applicant is to find mitigating solutions to significant environmental impacts in coordination with related city agencies.¹⁵

Bronx Community Board 7 voted in favor of recommending approval for the proposed land use zoning changes at its June 17, 2025, General Board Meeting, Motion D¹⁶¹⁷. The board held a public hearing on June 3, 2025. Public comments can be found here: bit.ly/4kRBXk9, and written comments are available here: bit.ly/3ZISONr.

If you have any questions, please email me at kcabreracarrera@cb.nyc.gov and/or call me at (929) 496-0748.

Sincerely,

Karla Cabrera Carrera
District Manager
Bronx Community Board 7

Yajaira Arias
Chair
Bronx Community Board 7

¹⁰ City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR): on.nyc.gov/40uMQjY

¹¹ Related Applications: C250293PPX, C250292ZSX, N250296ZRX, and C250295ZSX

¹² City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR): on.nyc.gov/40uMQjY

¹³ Related Applications: C250293PPX, C250292ZSX, C250294ZMX, and N250296ZRX

¹⁴ Chapter 4 ZR: Public Parking Garages or Public Parking Lots in High Density Central Areas: bit.ly/4lhCV93

¹⁵ City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR): on.nyc.gov/40uMQjY

¹⁶ June 17, 2025, Bronx CB7 General Board Meeting: bit.ly/3G9Ojgt

¹⁷ Bronx CB7 Motion D with corrections: bit.ly/4jVCHTX

Testimony of David Levers

Director of Government Relations & External Affairs

Bronx Community College – City University of New York

Before the New York City Council **Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Sitings and Dispositions**

On the Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment

September 30, 2025

Good morning, Chair **Kamillah M. Hanks**, members of the Subcommittee, and community stakeholders. My name is **David Levers**, and I serve as the **Director of Government Relations and External Affairs at Bronx Community College**, where I am a member of the President's Cabinet. It is my privilege to testify today in strong support of the **Kingsbridge Armory Community Benefits Agreement (CBA)**.

At Bronx Community College, our mission is to advance **equity, inclusion, and public higher education** as pathways to opportunity. The redevelopment of the Kingsbridge Armory is a once-in-a-generation project, and we believe it must be anchored in a clear commitment to the people of the Bronx through a strong, enforceable CBA.

Opportunities for Youth

For our students, and for the young people of the Bronx, this project must create meaningful opportunities. We are encouraged that the CBA includes:

- **Youth internships** connected to Armory tenants and vendors;
- **Job training, workforce development, certification programs, and apprenticeships** that prepare Bronx residents for lasting careers; and
- **Partnerships with local colleges**, including Bronx Community College, to design direct pipelines from education into the workforce.

These commitments should be **legally binding** within the Community Benefits Agreement to ensure accountability. Bronx Community College is ready to partner with the Armory and its tenants to shape these programs and deliver real results for Bronx families.

Investments in the Surrounding Neighborhood

The reality is that the Bronx continues to live with the effects of **decades of disinvestment**. A project of this magnitude has the power to reverse that history, but only if the surrounding neighborhoods are also given the resources they need to succeed.

Redefine What's Possible

That means:

- Supporting **small businesses** facing the risk of displacement;
- Investing in **public parks** that are still waiting for long-overdue improvements; and
- Rehabilitating **housing** that remains in urgent need of repair.

The City must pair this redevelopment with **robust, visible investments in the Bronx** to ensure the Armory benefits not only those within its walls, but the community as a whole.

In closing, Bronx Community College proudly supports this Community Benefits Agreement because it reflects our mission and values — and because we know that when the Bronx is given opportunity, it thrives. This redevelopment has the potential to be a landmark investment not just in a building, but in the people of the Bronx.

Thank you, Chair Hanks, and thank you to the Subcommittee for your leadership. I look forward to continuing this partnership and to answering any questions you may have.



[EXTERNAL] Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Public Hearing

From Alfred Valdez Rosario [REDACTED]
Date Fri 10/3/2025 9:11 AM
To Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

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Dear NY City Council,

My name is Alfred Valdez Rosario. I have been living in the Bronx for 15 years right next to Tremont. I have three demands I would like to talk to you about today.

The first demand I would like to talk about is Youth internship programs/ Youth Workforce Opportunities. I know that there are many young voices in the Bronx that have the power and want to fight and express their beliefs, but never had the ability to voice these concerns and beliefs. However with these internships young people can get jobs for example with the N.W.B.C.C and fight for the Armory and then continue to work at the N.W.B.C.C or they could get jobs at the Armory after it is made into what we want it to be. We need to shine a light on these voices.

My second demand is a free public space for all Bronx residents. I would love a public space to just hang that safe and free. In the Bronx there aren't that many places for people to just hang out for free. There's the park and school but that's it for us. I feel that there are those who can't afford these hangouts because a certain amount of money is either paid rent or paid groceries. I don't want to buy a McChicken just to sit down.

My third and final demand is a place for Small Businesses and Labor .There are many small businesses that are being taken advantage of by greedy landlords that sometimes have to pay \$10,000 a month and that's just not possible or fair. These small businesses need to escape this greed by having a space at the Armory. There are also those who offer free classes and could have a space in the community to teach to those who want to learn a skill. These people who offer these classes could teach young people how to code for free.

Thank you for your time and I hope you take my demands into consideration.

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Alfred Valdez Rosario



Kingsbridge Armory: Written Testimony - Tuesday, September 30th 2025
Good morning, City Council,

My name is Alexandra Maruri, and I have been a proud Bronx resident for most of my life. As a child, I witnessed and experienced the devastating decade of the fires that tore through the South Bronx. In 1980, my family moved to Kingsbridge Heights, where I spent my teenage years and early adulthood.

The Kingsbridge Armory holds profound meaning, not just for myself, but for countless residents across our borough. Since opening in 1917, it has stood as a symbol of strength and pride in The Bronx. It has served as more than a military facility, it has been a community gathering place, a cultural landmark, and a witness to generations of Bronx history.

And yet, for all its history, one thing has remained the same; the need for opportunity, access to good jobs and sustained community investment. I experienced this firsthand growing up in The Bronx, and I still see it today in the lives of our youth. Regardless of how much time has passed, our young people are still confronted by the many of the challenges, barriers, and limitations that I once faced.

That's why I am deeply supportive of the vision plan to provide youth an opportunity in the Kingsbridge Armory project. This is more than a redevelopment; it's a chance to rewrite the future of The Bronx. To invest in our young people. Honoring our past while building a new path forward, unlocking the endless potential of our young people.

This is a new opportunity to break free from the weight of the past, the cycles of poverty, high unemployment, youth disconnection, and to begin building a new future in The Bronx.

We must ensure our youth have access to the tools that can truly shape their future; opportunities for employment, a clear path to entrepreneurship, access to technology, positive mentorship, and the ability to see themselves as agents of change. This isn't just about creating jobs, it's about inspiring vision, growing leadership, and building equity from the ground up.

The Kingsbridge Armory is the largest and most promising redevelopment project in The Bronx, and we must push to get it right. For this generation, and the next. Let's invest in our youth. Let's give them a voice, new skills, and let's give them the resources and opportunities I wasn't given.

Thank you,

Alexandra Maruri
Angellyh Yambo Foundation



Outlook

[EXTERNAL] Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Public Hearing

From Anthony Rodriguez [REDACTED]
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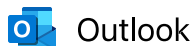
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Dear NY City Council, My name is Anthony Rodriguez, And I've lived in the bronx all my life, It's what i live and breathe, I am here today to discuss the committee needs to do about the kingsbridge armory and how it'll benefit the Bronx and its community members,

First and foremost the Committee has to make sure that affordable housing has to be implemented as the Kingsbridge Armory is being built, and make sure that the armory doesn't displace Bronx residents and its former residents because of the Armory and its presence.

Second, Athletic Facilities and Community Access should be available to Bronx residents and others, Sports are very important to the Bronx Community, and if not all or most are involved in sports and having a space to go instead of going far like Brooklyn just to play some sports is not ideal, Sports are supposed to bring people together, Price tags Don't.

This is why the committee has to make sure that affordable housing and community access are ensured, Thank you. Sincerely, Anthony Rodriguez.



[EXTERNAL] Kingsbridge Armory redevelopment Public hering

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Armory testimony October 1

Good morning City Council,

My name is **Anthony Suarez**, and I have resided in this neighborhood for 16 years. I am here today to discuss about Kingsbridge Armory and the important benefits it may bring to the Bronx community.

Firstly, one of the benefits that should come to light is **Transportation**, as a person who uses the Metro daily. Ive felt that the mta should increase their subway service at Kingsbridge Road. **E.g implementing elevators and escalators.**

Furthermore, security guards should be at stations for safety concerns. As there are crimes that transpire in the subway every day, and also a very infamous trend I notice, which is subway surfing. And due to this contingency, there are kids who are dying from doing this, so I feel that's a way to prevent this from happening; there should be security guards on alert that could make sure tragic stuff like this won't even happen.

Secondly, another benefit would be **internship programs for youth**. As this would become very crucial, because it could provide Job training for adolescents. To add on, council, I've felt that this could open up for the youth to have an exposure to a variety of career opportunities and creative opportunities.

Lastly, another benefit would be **Parks**. As I feel like there could be a complete recreational center reconstruction towards parks. Specifically, with soccer fields and just making new soccer fields and allowing for soccer fields to be expanded and become very spacious and accessible for anyone who goes to the park. _

To end this off, these community benefits that I have listed should pave the way for the youth of the Bronx to get access to huge decision making in the Kingsbridge Armory.

Thank you council for hearing me out

Anthony Suarez



[EXTERNAL] Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Public Hearing

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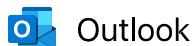
My name is Ari and I am a high school student in the Bronx who lives near Webster. My first demands for the armory are affordable housing plans. I believe that everybody needs affordable housing in the Bronx, and everybody deserves a home, no matter the circumstances. It's sad to see homeless families on the side of the street because the prices for just a small basic apartment are too high. Not only that, but affordable housing for apartments that are 2 and 3 bedrooms. Some of my family in other parts of the city have only 1 bedroom, which is upsetting because there's 3+ people living in those apartments, and it hurts to know some of the family has to sleep on the couch or has no spot to sleep.

Another demand is parks and open space because there aren't enough parks for me to hang out in between school and home. I believe we as a community need more third space options.

My final demand is youth and community employment, because I believe it's essential for us students to have many good, high paying job opportunities. As a young Bronx resident, there's barely any job opportunities. It's also essential for us students to get experience from internships and jobs now because this is the period we're learning the most, and that way we can learn for the future when we have bigger opportunities in front of us.

Those are my demands, and thank you for listening to me,

Ari



[EXTERNAL] KingsBridge Armory Redevelopment Public Hearing

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Dear NY City Council,

I was born and raised in The Bronx for 17 years. Specifically in Fordham Road, There is a park which is called St James Park, and it's near where I live. Ever since I was a kid, I would always go to that park after school to have fun and spend time outside of school. Even to this day, I always go to St James Park right after school to play Volleyball with my friends, where that is my community outside of school. St James Park has always been my childhood park and I wish for the park to be cleaned up, more secure, and fix the recreation center. Once in a while, whenever I go to St James, I see needles around the recreation center.

We need to make a change to St James Park. These needles can be harmful and dangerous to the innocent people and children who are wanting to have fun at this park. It can also damage the environment and community. We should put job opportunities like cleaners who clean up garbage right after everyone in the park leaves. We should add security to make the park more secure and safe for others. Thank you Council for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Ariel Astudillo



[EXTERNAL] Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Public Hearing

From Ashlyn Michaca-Molina [REDACTED]
Date Fri 10/3/2025 1:22 PM
To Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

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Dear NY City Council,

My name is Ashlyn and I have lived in the Bronx for all my 17 years of living. I am here to demand that the armory must bring important benefits to the Bronx community. A demand that I have to for the armory to have community access. In this economy that we are living in there should be free soccer fields, basketball courts, volleyball courts, etc. Most places where people play sports you have to pay around \$50 or more and are located in Manhattan. The only courts that are free are in parks which are usually dirty and worn down. So the armory should have courts that the people in the Bronx can use and are affordable. A second demand that I have is that there should be job opportunities for the youth. Having job opportunities will help build up students' resumes and give us experiences for when we are ready to start our careers after high school. In today's world if you go into the work world and don't have any connections or have any experience you wouldn't be hired. So being able to have the opportunity to work at a young age is really important. My last demand that I have is that the armory should be a welcoming space for the youth. In the Bronx there aren't many places for us teenagers to hang out and have fun. So in result we go to a nearby Mcdonalds and just hang out there but sometimes there are conflicts and then we have no place to go. The youth deserves this space because it helps us keep active and not be home doing nothing. The Bronx deserves more. We need the city council to ensure measures to protect Bronx residents, and for the armory to benefit the Bronx now and in the future.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my testimony,

Ashlyn.Michaca



[EXTERNAL] Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment

From Brayan Ferreras De Pau [REDACTED]
Date Fri 10/3/2025 11:16 AM
To Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

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Dear Council,

My name is Brayan E Ferreras from BASE high school, in other words, Bronx Software and Engineering. I'm here today to talk about many problems in this community that revolve around the armory specifically or many things that can be added. This will be my opinion alone and how I think this can and will be helpful to my community. Today I will be typing about youth employment, community safety and also how local hiring will improve lives for those in the community who struggle to make ends meet. I will be making this into three separate parts to talk about each.

Community safety -

People near the armory tend to deal with harassment and unjust behavior that maybe would have been one of the reasons for staff to tell us not to take photos of vendors because they have been in such spots before or maybe over-policed at some point. This also can apply to homeless people but mostly people in the area selling and doing business. One case could be drug users so my plan is to involve people in the community who are willing to help step in and do something about it, a group of people that don't allow such injustice. They could be a part of the youth program which I will be getting to in the next section.

Youth employment -

Youth employment can go both ways youth employment can either be an after school thing for students to go and practice different types of jobs, such as community safety guards or similar to that i believe it can be an after school program or a summer opportunity to get kids ready for when the armory is at full blast and full capacity. This will help build the younger community and possibly make the Bronx a better place along with it. I feel we need the youth community to help those that are in need of job experience also.

Local hiring will make better lives-

I believe that if we really own 20% of the armory this can be a huge steps for people that are struggling and for those who are in need to go search for job in new upcoming businesses or maybe start then own little business I believe that the armory will bring huge attractions which will be a big money move to start

a business in such place this is why i believe it can work also going back to youth employment. Youth employment can help families that are already in a tight spot.

My name is Brayan Ferreres and this is my statement. Thank you for your time, Council.

City Council

Public Hearing: Kingsbridge Armory

September 30, 2025

Good afternoon, my name is Brenda Irizarry and I live in the Norwood section of the Bronx. I am a member of the Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition.

The Kingsbridge Armory Project will bring economic development to the Bronx, however, our residents and small businesses need more. A community benefits agreement that ensures local hiring, living wage jobs, free public access to athletic facilities, 30 hours per week for Bronx residents and allow street vendors to sell their goods within the Armory.

In addition to community benefits, the city needs to do its share to improve, support and upgrade the area and nearby communities.

I urge the city council to consider the following recommendations:

- *Create a Stabilization Fund for local small business that will provide legal services and other anti-displacement measures.
- *Create a local Harm Reduction Plan to support persons that are experiencing homelessness, addiction and mental health issues.
- *Designate the Armory as a Resilience Hub for extreme weather events.
- *Increase subway service on the B, D and 4 trains as well as buses along Kingsbridge Rd.
- *Upgrades to the Aqueduct Walkway and improvements to other local parks.

In closing, a community benefits agreement and commitments by the city are essential to the Armory Project. Therefore, I urge the city council not to compromise our communities but strengthen them.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

September 30, 2025

Redevelopment of the Kingsbridge Armory

Public Hearing Testimony by Brenida Parsons

Good Afternoon City Council,

My name is Brenida Parsons, and I am a proud resident of this Bronx neighborhood for over 40 years. I currently serve on the NYCPS Panel for Educational Policy (PEP) Bronx Representative, and I've had the honor of being a Community Education Council (CEC) District 10 president for two years. I am writing this testimony on behalf of myself, as a parent, as an advocate, as a neighbor, and someone deeply invested in the future of our community.

The redevelopment of the Kingsbridge Armory represents a historic opportunity. One that must reflect the needs, dreams, and potential of the Bronx. I am calling on City Council and development stakeholders to ensure that this project becomes a beacon of education, opportunity, and equity for our youth.

I'm proposing a three-part community initiative to be embedded in the Armory redevelopment:

1. Youth Employment Empowerment – For All Students, Including Those with Special Needs and our English Language Learners.

A section of the Kingsbridge Armory should cater to a center for career and technical training. I'm proposing year-round internship and externship programs that provide first-priority access for Bronx District 10 school community students, including students with special needs. These should connect directly to union trade careers and skilled professions in:

- Environmental studies
- Historical and contextual studies.
- Architecture
- Carpentry
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Masonry

These programs must also include expanded STEM education and college-prep courses, in partnership with our nearby CUNY colleges, that lead to industry-recognized certificates or degrees.

Additionally, I propose that the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) be extended into the school year, creating a continuous pipeline from classroom to career.

2. Generational Economic Wealth & Transitional Support

Empowerment must go beyond employment. The Armory should house a financial literacy and economic empowerment center offering:

- Courses in opening bank accounts, building credit, and managing finances
- Introductory training in real estate, investment banking, and entrepreneurship
- Access to certification programs through accredited institutions

And for our high school seniors heading to college, I propose guaranteed transitional housing opportunities—because no student should have to choose between education and shelter.

3. Civic Engagement & Leadership Opportunities for Students

Lastly, I urge you to include programming that brings students into the civic life of our borough. The Armory should host:

- Civic education workshops with our schools
- Youth mentorship programs with our elected Bronx leaders
- Opportunities for students to participate in future community board meetings and public hearings at the Armory.
- A dedicated Youth Advisory Council to keep young voices at the center of decision-making

We need to teach our students not only how to succeed—but how to lead.

The Kingsbridge Armory must be more than a real estate project but, a legacy project.

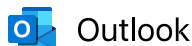
A place where students of all backgrounds, including those with special needs, can grow academically, economically, and civically. A place that truly reflects the strength and diversity of the Bronx.

We owe our young people a future built with them not just for them.

Thank you for your time, and for the opportunity to testify on behalf of the families, students, and community members who believe in a Bronx that rises together.



Brenida Parsons



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[EXTERNAL] Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Testimony

From Christina C [REDACTED]**Date** Tue 9/30/2025 2:28 PM**To** Testimony <Testimony@council.nyc.gov>; Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

Christina Callender's Testimony for Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment

Hello Council,

My name is Christina Callender, and I am from Kingsbridge and a soon-to-be graduate of the nearby Lehman College and have been engaged with this project through NWBCC. I've dedicated my studies and professional life to understanding and alleviating the strains on working-class communities much like the one I'm from.

I'm deeply invested in projects that not only enhance economic prosperity but also improve the lives of the people who live here now. I'm in strong support for this project, however we have the opportunity to ensure that the current project is one that keeps its benefits rooted in The Bronx and a different model of development is exemplified through key efforts. To achieve that, I urge the commitment to a community benefits agreement and for the City and the Developer to commit to the following:

Firstly, there must be an accessible design. The Armory must be welcoming and usable for all residents, including those with disabilities. That means ramps, lifts, wide pathways, and clear signage designed in partnership with the disability community.

Secondly, the project must ensure truly affordable, family-sized housing that prioritizes Bronx residents in leasing. This project cannot rely on inflated AML. so there must be some measures to counteract this to ensure that "affordability" reflects Bronx incomes, so families here can actually qualify. Units must include two- and three-bedrooms.

Thirdly, the project must emphasize local hiring and contracting. This means that jobs at every stage must go to Bronx residents, and businesses first. Contracts should be awarded to Bronx-based businesses, MWBEs, and worker cooperatives. Additionally, space needs to be made available for existing Bronx vendors to mitigate displacement and ensure that wealth circulates within our borough.

Fourthly, affordable community access to Armory uses should be prioritized. Create pricing and access policies that lower financial barriers for Bronx residents: e.g., resident discounts, sliding-scale memberships, free community hours, and no-cost space allotments for youth, seniors, and local nonprofits so the people who live here can actually benefit from what's inside.

Lastly, the city must ensure that the public infrastructure surrounding the armory matches the Armory's project's scale. The armory will draw thousands of people and the city must meet the demand. This could be done with increased bus service on the BX9 and BX22, expanded 4, B, & D train service, and safety officers to guide traffic and pedestrians during large events. The surrounding area also needs stronger sanitation services; more frequent pickup, public trash cans, and recycling bins, so the Armory remains an asset, not a burden, to the neighborhood.

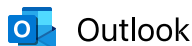
This project has the potential to set a new standard for equitable development in New York City, but this will only happen if the project commits to a signed community benefits agreement and holds Bronx residents at the center.

Thank you

Christina Callender

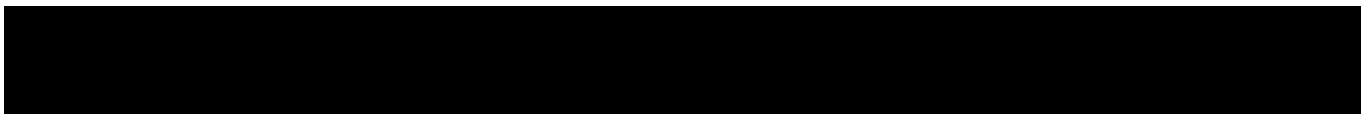
Christina Callender





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[EXTERNAL] Written Testimony: Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment

From Constance Barnes [REDACTED]**Date** Mon 9/29/2025 10:54 PM**To** Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

Dear Members of the Council,

I'm writing today as a proud Bronxite to elevate the importance of the Kingsbridge Armory to the upliftment of our community.

I have a connection to the Bronx that is indelible, dating back to my father's youth, growing up he rode the "L Train" to and from work, to visiting family on Decatur Ave. and spending endless days with my aunt on Gun Hill Road. I've spent most of my adult years in the Bronx, in close proximity to the armory as a Lehman College alum and adjunct professor, and I've never strayed far from the neighborhood.

We have the opportunity to create true economic opportunities for our residents if we, as residents, have the opportunity to shape those opportunities.

First and foremost, the armory should be utilized to support Bronx residents in obtaining skills that allow them to earn a livable wage. With the proposed combination of "maker space" (manufacturing) and workforce development, Bronx residents can remain in their community while gaining valuable skills. This would alleviate the stress of traversing across the city for this unique type of workforce development.

Additionally, the retail space/storefronts, allow our small Bronx businesses to remain in the Bronx, without paying exorbitant rent, and help to keep our dollars in our community.

Bronx residents/businesses should be considered first for space inside the armory to promote their businesses and services.

Our youth need constructive outlets, as we see the rise of graffiti again and the endless list of senseless youth-on-youth violence. We need to bring back the spaces that Boys and Girls Clubs offered, that PAL offers, and increase weekend activities for youth that will keep them off the street but also help them shift their mindset to a growth mindset as they build community and friendship, not enemies. The armory, and its future businesses, could provide space as a Summer Youth Employment Provider (SYEP), again keeping our children in our communities and building upon the youth-based activities we propose year-round. We also need a space to provide digital literacy, at varying levels to learners of all ages. We have to move our people from solely being users of tech to being producers of tech.

We also need an oversight committee, an extension of the NWBCC, to actively govern current and future projects in the armory to ensure we are not left out of the conversation. For far too long, we've been minoritized in the Bronx: our health has been compromised for years, we've borne the brunt of New York's "slum cleansing" pushing us into cramped spaces in the Bronx and recreating "slums" while midtown gleams, our homes are often neglected resulted in endless tragedies. We need the

armory as our centerpiece of the entire Bronx community, to bring our people together, to build relationships and partnerships to help our communities thrive.

And we can only achieve these things when we are the designers of our destiny.

I humbly ask the City Council to consider the voices of the community as the armory is restored. You have the chance to stand on the right side of history and create an unforgettable fortress of opportunity in the Bronx. This is OUR Bronx and we deserve to be included in the critical decisions that affect us.

Thank you for your time and support,
Constance D. Barnes, Ed.D, PMP



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[EXTERNAL] Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Public Hearing

From Donte Husbands [REDACTED]**Date** Wed 10/1/2025 9:11 AM**To** Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

Dear NY City Council,

My demands for the armory is for it to benefit the community whether it'd be youth & community, community access & benefit fund. The armory should be able to uplift the community if they struggle with money, a place to work and having food and clothes. The community should be a safe environment and open for people. It's not fair that we/us as a community have to come out of pocket to relax and have fun with friends. Things like having an open gym for basketball can be a major thing for the youth because it keeps kids off the street and keeps them from getting in trouble. From personal experience, I can't find one open gym that's free. During the winter, kids can't go outside to play basketball due to how cold it is and if we have a free open gym, it can benefit the community a lot. Thank you for your time and consideration, Donte Husbands.



[EXTERNAL]

From Dulce Mota-Mateo [REDACTED]
Date Fri 10/3/2025 11:12 AM
To Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

Dear City Council,

My name is Dulce, and I've lived in the Bronx my whole life. I am here today because I believe the Armory must bring important benefits to the Bronx community.

I believe we should create more places like stores or fun areas where teens can get jobs, gain work experience, learn responsibility, and make their own money. It is very difficult for teens to make money nowadays or even find a job. As a teen in the Bronx, I know from experience how hard it is to find work. That's why I believe we need more spaces that offer real opportunities for young people.

Many teens today are struggling to meet their needs and help support their families. I believe this kind of change would really help them. It might even give people who are living on the streets a chance to earn money and turn their lives around.

This is why I believe we need more stores or community spaces that offer jobs specifically for teens. Sometimes teens are placed in jobs where they have to work with much older adults, and that can be uncomfortable. Creating jobs designed for teens would give us a safer, more comfortable work environment.

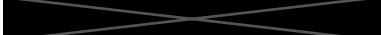
Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope we can put the Armory to good use in a way that benefits the entire community.

Sincerely,
Dulce



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[EXTERNAL] Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Public Hearing

From Elvis Mainato **Date** Fri 10/3/2025 10:38 AM**To** Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

Dear NY City Council,

My name is Elvis Mainato and I've lived all my life in the Bronx. I'm a high school senior at Bronx Academy for Software Engineering. We demand youth & community spaces, small business & jobs, and parks & open space.

The Bronx deserves more. We need the City Council to ensure measures to protect Bronx residents, and for the armory to benefit the Bronx now and into the future.

I feel like the armory needs support from the government. A good make over would help the armory make a good use. At this time of age the armory isn't being used and the space is being put to waste. Over time the armory would still be an open lot. At least put the space to use towards the community and the people around the neighborhood.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my testimony.

Elvis Mainato



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[EXTERNAL] Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Public hearing

From Entony Chavez Flores [REDACTED]
Date Fri 10/3/2025 10:19 AM
To Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

[REDACTED]

Dear NY City Council,

Hello, my name is Entony and what I feel about the area where I live is a very nice place, a clean community where everyone is chilling and relaxing but every time going home I notice many places / communities that are terrible.

I feel like the Armory should have a place where it brings communities and helps out other communities to like clean, having a safe environment, fun activities to not stay home most of the time. Some sort like a program but also a place where you can hangout, a place for studying and fun stuff to do.

During my research, Asphalt Green has very nice ideas and is really good for communities to bond together, but when I choose membership, I notice that some people may afford this but others wouldn't. I would believe that the place SHOULD be paid for but also affordable so that many people can go and also a day/ couple hours people can get stuff for free, free hours to visit and such more. I should believe it all depending on the income they get.

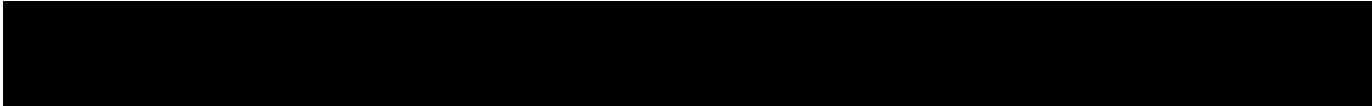
This will make a huge impact / change since most communities don't have anyone to change the environment and which can affect the youth community.

Thank you for this opportunity to share what I feel about it,
By Entony



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[EXTERNAL] Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Public Hearing

From Ezekiel Agyei **Date** Fri 10/3/2025 11:11 AM**To** Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

Good day city council. We, the people of the Bronx, come forward with our truth and demands. We live in the borough that has been overlooked for generations. As we the residents who live here we deserve to have our voices heard and demands put to action. We demand Affordable Housing. Most of the BX residents struggle to afford rent and still a lot of buildings don't get maintenance since NYC is a hugely populated city, and living expenses already are a drag and making enough to pay every month is a struggle. For me my Parents have to work constantly to make sure we have a roof over our heads. Affordable housing means a happy and one less stress free community. One specific idea or program that can be useful is a system where if residents keep paying rent for a couple years they can own their own apartment space and fully own it. In conclusion we as a community demand affordable housing. Thank you for your time and we hope you take our testimonies into consideration.

Ezekiel Agyei



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[EXTERNAL] Fwd: Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Public Hearing

From Ibrahim Bah [REDACTED]
Date Wed 10/1/2025 10:45 AM
To Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

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From: Ibrahim Bah [REDACTED]
Date: Wed, Oct 1, 2025 at 10:44 AM
Subject: Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Public Hearing
To: <District15@council.nyc.gov>

Hello City Council,

My name is Ibrahim Bah and I am a student at Bronx Academy for Software Engineering. I am also an aspiring electrician.

I want to express the importance of helping the Bronx residents keep and reform the Kingsbridge armory because the armory can be a place of opportunity for the youth but for long time Bronx residents who are less fortunate.

My first demand is for the armory to create affordable housing for all Bronx residents, this will help low income families struggling with rent have more resources to allocate for other needs like food, savings, healthcare and give them overall financial stability.

My second demand is for organizations like Asphalt Green, Kingsbridge Heights Community Center to work with the armory to create a fitness center where students can go and challenge themselves to adopt a healthier lifestyle and encourage the youth to be more proactive, courageous, and confident for a more affordable price.

My last demand is to create a youth internship program to allow young adults to gain work experience as they get ready to transition into an adult while teaching them how to spend their money effectively.

Once again, helping Bronx residents keep and reform the Kingsbridge is important because the armory does not belong to a single person or a corporation it belongs to us.

Thank you city council for allowing me to project my vision for the Bronx,

Sincerely, Ibrahim.



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[EXTERNAL] Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Public Hearing

From Jahmiere Lewis [REDACTED]**Date** Fri 10/3/2025 8:02 PM**To** Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

[REDACTED]

Dear NY City Council,

Hey my name is Jahmiere Lewis and I am a 17 year old student of Bronx Academy For Software Engineering who has lived in the Bronx my whole life. When it comes to the Kingsbridge Armory which is currently the biggest project in the Bronx, there are some things that the Armory must bring to the community in order for it to be considered a benefit to the community.

Firstly, I demand that the Kingsbridge's Armory must bring affordable housing units to the Bronx Community. Personally I know people and have neighbors who can barely afford rent for run down and neglected apartments, thus if the Kings bridge Armory is claiming that it will bring affordable housing, then the housing must be affordable for the people that walk, work, and bring community into the streets of the Bronx Community.

Secondly, I demand that the Kingsbridge Armory must bring an opportunity for community ownership to the people of the Bronx Community. It is unreasonable that the people who own a majority of the Bronx's real estate and businesses don't live or even experience Bronx culture. The Kingsbridge Armory should provide an opportunity for people and young people to gain ownership of things they bring to the community.

Lastly, the Kingsbridge Armory should provide a Council or Committee to look over and maintain the benefits of Kingsbridge Armory to ensure and project what the Armory is supposed to bring to the Bronx Community.

I hope this email finds you all well, thank you for time and I hope you take these demands into consideration.

Best, Jahmiere Lewis



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[EXTERNAL] Kingsbridge armory redevelopment Public Hearing

From Jay Pacheco [REDACTED]
Date Wed 10/1/2025 1:49 PM
To Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

[REDACTED]

Dear council,

My name is Jay Pacheco and I have lived in the Bronx for my whole life, 17 years.

My first demand for the armory is to have community access so things like athletic facilities will be free and available to Bronx residents for 30 hours per week year-round.

My second demand is for youth and community training and I believe the youth acquiring work experience would cause more development to be brought into the community, it would offer job training, work force development, certification programs, and apprenticeship opportunities for Bronx youth.

My third and final demand would be to install a soccer field into the armory. A lot of people in the Bronx enjoy playing soccer but the fields in the Bronx are either too small or poorly maintained and to go to good fields you'd have to go outside the Bronx which is inconvenient. Adding a soccer field inside the armory would bring more people to it and be more convenient and develop Bronx professional players.

Thank you for listening and I hope my demands are heard,

Jay



[EXTERNAL] Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Public Hearing

From Jessica Rondon [REDACTED]
Date Fri 10/3/2025 11:04 AM
To Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

Dear NY Council,

My name is Jess. I am a highschooler in the Bronx and have been in the Bronx my whole life, born and raised. My time living here has made me question whether or not the Bronx is somewhere I can continue building my future and whether it is time to start somewhere new. This is because the increased poverty levels everyday can be seen on streets, shelters or even just someone struggling to pay rent living paycheck to paycheck. If you are turning the Kingsbridge Armory into a brand new renovation, it needs to bring benefits for our people and the youth. My first demand is I would like the Armory to pay a fair wage and give many opportunities to get hired. This hiring plan needs to be accessible, no private hiring, and it needs to be promoted to everyone, no singling people out because of their age, color, or identity. In my experience as a youth, it can be very difficult to find a job because we are not taken as seriously as adults are. Just because we are a youth group does not mean we are less capable, we might be less experienced than but we are able to learn and be better if given the opportunity. My second demand for the Armory is if you plan to build housing, This new housing needs to be clean and safe meeting all basic regulations. If you have never been in an apartment, for example NYCHA apartments, in my own experience they are often not taken care of and neglected on purpose because it is seen as not "worth" it. They can be very dangerous as well in terms of the area. People shouldn't have to go home getting harassed on the same street where their home is, a home where it is supposed to be safe, and no garbage should be left around leaving a poor appearance, this can be fixed with real monitoring, cameras aren't decoration they need to be used. You also say affordable housing, But how will you make sure rent does not rise in these buildings? Affordable to who? My last demand is this Armory needs to remain safe for our youth. A lot of nice things get ruined for us, especially in New York, because people get too rowdy or take advantage. Security should be there in case of physical altercations or even verbal, the Armory should not be turned into an affiliation or be dangerous but instead a place to have fun and enjoy ourselves. In conclusion, I hope this Armory can become something beautiful for the Bronx and be a stepping stone for real change

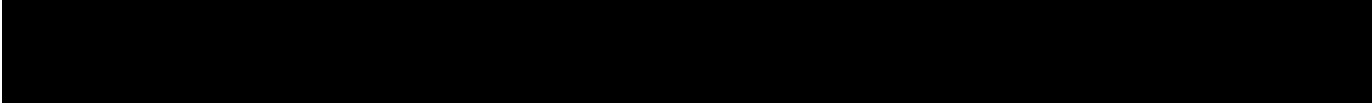
Thank you for your time and consideration,

Jess



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[EXTERNAL] Kingsbride Armory Redevelopment Public Hearing

From Jhan Reinoso **Date** Fri 10/3/2025 1:33 PM**To** Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

Dear NY City Council,

My name is Jhan and I have lived in the Bronx for over ten years and would love it if the community would start to improve after this project. I am here today because the armory should bring lots of benefits to the armory and the community around it.

1. There should be a community designated space, for the community to enjoy being together.
2. There should be living wage jobs for the community and many workshops in the armory.
3. There should be some sort of affordable rec centers for sports in the armory.

The Bronx deserves more. We ask the city council to ensure measures to protect the Bronx residents, and for the armory to benefit the Bronx community now and later in the future.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Jhan Reinoso



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[EXTERNAL] Kingsbridge Armory Testimony

From Jodiel Toribio-Portillo 
Date Fri 10/3/2025 1:23 PM
To Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>



Dear council, my name is Jodiel

My demands for the Bronx community's armory are access, safety, and an open safe space. As a NYC Bronx teenager, a Recreational center in one of the most known, and accessible areas would be amazing. I know friends who would do anything for an indoor basketball court. Me and a few of my friends shouldn't have to go to a place like Brooklyn, being vulnerable to our surroundings just to have a good quality game of basketball.

A rec center would help build the sports culture in the Bronx and would help others bond. The rec center would also give kids a home and a place to escape to, keeping kids off the street, away from drugs, vapes, and anything bad.

Community safety is a must, especially in such an accessible area, the armory would require good security to protect children and communities in it. Whether it's upgrading equipment, hiring the right people, or increasing patrols, Whatever is necessary to keep the armory safe.

An open space like a park would be a great idea for the children and community to come to the armory and bond. Security needs to be elite tier, I personally wouldn't want potential kidnappers or predators to be around stalking my children.

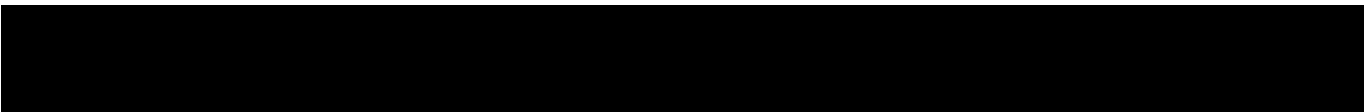
The Bx needs to benefit from the Armory.

Thank you for your time and consideration, Jodiel



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[EXTERNAL] armoty testimony

From Jonathan Milevoix **Date** Fri 10/3/2025 1:16 PM**To** Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

Hello my name is Jonathan Milevoix and I lived in the Bronx for the majority of my life. A huge part of the community is the people of my age and where they hang out is usually a place that isn't a great influence on young adults. For example our parks are filled with older men who smoke all day. So I want the armory to be a smoke free place that doesn't have any type of alcohol influence like bars for example. The security should be present too and I don't just want an old guy who barely knows a thing about security. I want trained security equipped to any situation and I want patrols of them. Colleges and high schools should have free trips and access to the armory as they are what builds community. These requests should be obvious but a lot of people in power like to abuse these and make profit out of it. Thank you council for reading my email.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

-jonathan milevoix

Good morning. My name is Jorge Arias. I am a lifelong member of this community, where I still reside today.

I am also a business representative for District Council 9, Painters Local Union 19, and I represent hundreds of painters who live in the Bronx.

I was given the opportunity to join DC 9 and go through the apprentice program, where I learned a trade and obtained a career. Through the apprentice program I learned the value of a union, like having employer paid health insurance and a pension. After finishing the apprentice program, I continued to be involved in the union attending rallies advocating for safety standards and against worker exploitation. My involvement in the union led to me being given an opportunity to become an organizer and eventually become the elected business representative for my local union.

We are in the midst of a time when many families are struggling with the cost of living, housing insecurity, and economic uncertainty. The Kingsbridge Armory redevelopment can provide the youth in our community with opportunities like the one I was offered. This project, with its commitment to providing union jobs, offers a direct solution by creating meaningful work that provides fair wages, benefits, and long-term employment. These jobs aren't just paychecks, they're opportunities for our neighbors to support their families, invest in their futures, and stay in the community they love.

For far too long The Bronx has been considered the poorest and most disadvantaged community in New York. A project like this can help change the narrative and show us that we deserve better — that we can build real community and stability together.

Union jobs don't just benefit the workers who hold them; they strengthen the entire neighborhood. When our community members have stable, well-paying jobs, they can afford to stay in their homes and support local businesses.

Additionally, union workers bring professionalism, safety, and skill to the job site. Our work guarantees that whatever is built will be done responsibly and to the highest standards.

The Kingsbridge Armory represents a once in a generation opportunity to invest in the Bronx and it's important that this project reflects our community's vision, including good union jobs. I urge the development team to abide by the community vision document which took years to develop. Thank you for the opportunity to speak today.



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[EXTERNAL] Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Public Hearing

From Jose Jimenez-Garcia [REDACTED]
Date Fri 10/3/2025 10:30 AM
To Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

[REDACTED]

Dear City Council,

My name is Jose Jimenez and I have lived in the Bronx all my life. I am here today because the Kingsbridge Armory must bring important benefits to the Bronx community.

1: community access - This would be helpful for the youth and elders, a place where people spend time and have fun playing basketball while also being healthy doing exercise. This is needed in the Bronx community because I'm tired of trying to have fun in parks playing basketball but also worrying if something bad can happen. Recently there was a shooting at the park me and my friends go and now my parents are worried to let me go. I just want a place where I can have fun with my friends while not having to worry about anything dangerous that can happen to us.

2: Youth and community space - a place where people can grow and help the youth in their future at getting jobs or college.

3: Community funds - can help the community grow and create more opportunities for us the people of the community. These funds can help the Bronx make more housing or more activities for the youth.

The Bronx deserves more, we need city council to City Council to ensure measures to protect Bronx residents and for the Bronx now and into the future.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Jose Jimenez



[EXTERNAL] Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Public Hearing

From Jose Mena [REDACTED]
Date Fri 10/3/2025 11:21 AM
To Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

[REDACTED]

Good day council,

My name is Jose Mena, I have lived in the Bronx for many years and am a student in Bronx Academy for Software Engineering. I'm here today because the armory must bring important benefits to the Bronx community, such as youth internships for youth and workforce for the youth so that the youth can be able to get a job.

Another demand public/free access to athletic facilities for the youth in which the armory can house a basketball court for the community because such indoor spaces are usually in bad condition or aren't free.

My final demands are to watch over benefits in the community such as for making sure the funds go back to the community, a council made of people in the Bronx community, for the small business in the area/the Bronx deserves more.

We need city council to do your part to ensure the Bronx residents get their share of this community changing project. The armory needs to benefit the Bronx now and into the future.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my testimony.

Jose Mena



[EXTERNAL] Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Public hearing

From Josianny Rodriguez [REDACTED]
Date Fri 10/3/2025 11:29 AM
To Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

[REDACTED]

Dear NY City Council,

My name is Josianny Rodriguez, I'm a young Dominican high school student that has grown here in the Bronx and I demand more local job programs and hiring opportunities for all nationalities. That includes English, Spanish, Arabic, Portuguese, etc. So all teenagers can start their own business for a good future instead of being out there in the street smoking or either doing illegal activities that harm them.

Additionally, the Armory would be a perfect place that will motivate the community by having more unity, support and making it grow abundantly.

The Armory, one way or another, belongs to the Bronx. This process shouldn't have taken that long, since we can all come together and have a beneficial decision made already. In the end, we the people of the Bronx are going to appreciate the opportunity that the Armory is brought to our community.

Thank you, for your time and consideration,
Josianny Rodriguez



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[EXTERNAL] Armory Testimony

From Justin Corniel [REDACTED]
Date Fri 10/3/2025 1:50 PM
To Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

[REDACTED]

Justin Corniel

[REDACTED]
Bronx - New York - 10456
[REDACTED]

Dear City Council.

Hey, my name is Justin Corniel. I have been a Bronx resident for the past 8 years. I am a 17 year old boy who grew up in the Dominican Republic, which I came from in 2017 for the first time ever and have adopted this country and nation as mine also.

I believe you guys have noticed that the Kingsbridge Armory got left out like it is just there occupying space that could be useful for the Bronx community or New York city. The space that The Armory holds could be used for many different things. For example affordable housing, ice skating center, museum, mechanical space rental, and even hosting space.

I believe that space should be used for sports. What I mean by sports is that sport centers should be built like in different sports. For example like a baseball practice center like batting cages with pitching machines and things like that also and being able to rent one single cage per hour but at a very reasonable and affordable price. The reason why is because people in the Bronx have a low-income job. In the floors below I also believe basketball courts should be built for people to keep practicing and make New York a high athlete producer and make the sports in tournaments or public schools more competitive.

Thank you for you time and consideration- Justin Corniel



[EXTERNAL] Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Public Hearing

From Ke-Shaun Kirkland [REDACTED]
Date Fri 10/3/2025 10:38 AM
To Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

[REDACTED]

Dear NY City Council,

My name is Ke-shaun Kirkland and I've lived in the Bronx for 7 years after relocating from Brooklyn. The Bronx's economic strength and its reputation is lacking—however, using the Kingsbridge Armory in a similar fashion to the Barclays Center in Brooklyn can repair the reputation of the Bronx and improve the economy of the Bronx. Before I moved to the Bronx, I was given the idea that the Bronx is an awful place to be in, due to the prejudiced ideas about the Bronx that have existed for years. These ideas still exist in the minds of non-Bronx residents, and it is disheartening to hear how people talk about the Bronx in such a poor manner. If we use the Armory in a way that can brighten the image of non-residents, like how the Barclays Center Arena does for Brooklyn, I believe that over time, the prejudiced ideas will greatly be reduced.

Additionally, it will also improve the economic strength of the Bronx. Using the Armory like an Arena can give great revenue which can be reinvested into the Bronx. The Bronx needs something that can bring up its economy, as many unfair policies and negligence from the city has put the Bronx far behind any other borough. Utilizing the Armory like an arena can generate well needed funds for the Bronx, which can be reinvested into the community in order to support the Bronx in catching up to the economic standing of the other NYC boroughs.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Ke-shaun Kirkland



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[EXTERNAL] Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Public Hearing

From Kevin Martinez [REDACTED]**Date** Fri 10/3/2025 10:36 AM**To** Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

Dear Ny City council

I Have lived in the Bronx ever since I was born. I have watched everything around me change, the park i live next to, apartments being built near me, stores opening and closing. But the one thing i have seen stay the same. Is the armory, which i could always see outside my window Hell i even remember seeing it on fire. If the kingsbridge armory plan does go through. I really hope for one thing. Safety, Along with affordable housing and allowing the community around to have access to this. I want to see the bronx become a better place for everyone, especially since i've heard a lot of horrible things Happening near me, which wasn't a thing when I was a kid. Which is why I want the armory to be a safe space from what's happening nearby. Especially with how the armory could possible benefit creative people, my whole life I've wanted to be able to have a space where i could work on art projects But it has been limited since my room isn't able to hold anything in it. Which is why I believe this armory plan, could help many creative people let their talent

Be shown, rather than pushed away from limitations.

thank

from Kevin...

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Good morning City Council,

My name is **Khamarin Nhann** I was born and raised here in the Bronx. I am the Campaign Director of Mekong NYC. We serve and organize the SEA community in the Bronx and throughout NYC. Our base is made up of Cambodian and Vietnamese immigrant and refugee communities. Mekong NYC was a signatory of the first CBA with KNIC project back in 2014 and part of the Together for Kingsbridge Working Groups participating in powerful visions for the future of the Bronx.

The Kingsbridge Armory should be a place where all Bronxites can access recreational space, community space, professional space and leisure space. Creating designating time and accessible space for Bronxites is important to the growth and investment in the local neighborhoods. The creation of a Community Council made up of broader groups of the Bronx community to watch and protect benefits to the community is needed. This will ensure that the Bronx grows and I become **decision-makers** and **owners** of the Bronx. The Community Benefit Funds dedicate 1% of project gross revenues to promote community ownership and wealth-building in the Bronx.

The Kingsbridge Armory should be a leading example of intentional local hire and providing living wage jobs. We already know the economic and social challenges here in the Bronx, we need to build and support programs, training opportunities, pathways to success and sustainability workforces for Bronxites. This investment will create a new generation of workers that live in the Bronx, but also build futures in the Bronx.

In short, a Community Benefits Agreement should commit to the full breath of the Bronx getting access to real **cooperative decision making** and real **economic power** in the Kingsbridge Armory.

The Bronx deserves more. We need City Council to ensure measures to protect Bronx residents, and for the armory to benefit the Bronx now and into the future.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my testimony,

Best Regards,

Khamarin Nhann

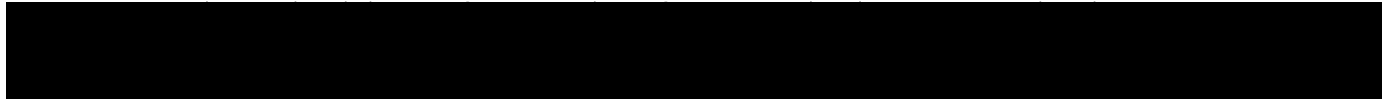
Thank you,

Stephina Fisher



[EXTERNAL] Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Public Hearing

From Lucas Garcia [REDACTED]
Date Fri 10/3/2025 1:28 PM
To Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>



Good day council members, my name is Lucas Garcia and I have lived in the Bronx all my life. I am here today because the armory must benefit the Bronx. One being small business and jobs, which is the top priority from my experience. It's extremely difficult to get a good stable job. My brother for example has a bachelor's degree in computer science and still can't get a job, just some trash customer service questions

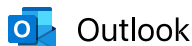
no one cares about it. Like how does that make any sense?

With the job market being so unstable nowadays it's so hard to get a good job especially if you don't have any connections, which I find extremely unfair. With that being said the amory should be a center where people who can't get a job can find one. Not just for the youth but for everyone! So you can make what you should earn.

For example, one side is the real world for people who majored in business, construction, etc, they can construct plans on how to make the Bronx better like more housing and clean parks and do it. While the other side is digital, where they create websites, apps, ads, and animations on how to promote the bronx, they become safer and place so when they leave they have a very good reputation/resume to get the job they deserved. With along ofcourse being paid \$17-19 an hour because this is not light work.

Once again I'm saying this my name is Lucas Garcia, I'm here today because I KNOW the job market in the economy is very unstable.

Thank you for listening and for your time. Lucas Garcia



[EXTERNAL] Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Public Hearing

From Malakai Farrell [REDACTED]
Date Fri 10/3/2025 10:40 AM
To Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

[REDACTED]

Dear NY City Council,

My Name is Malakai Farrell, I've been living in the Bronx for as long as I can remember. Dear Council, I and others alike demand that the armory is to be used for the benefit of the community in terms of affordable housing. It's too easy to walk outside and find a homeless person begging and or slowly dying. They would take me to a pizza shop 1 block from the armory. We lived close so we would always see 2-3 of them on the way for a 2-3 minute walk. Aside from that, every time we passed by the armory, there would always be small businesses filled with clothing, shoes, shirts plus more hung up on the gates right in front of the armory. I always wondered why there were so many people and now I know why. They gotta make a living somehow.

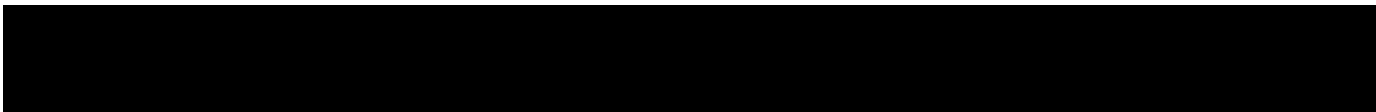
The armory needs to include clothing stores with safety from heat and better chances at getting the customers. Even at that, these people could get actual and legal vending licenses so that cops and such would stop harassing them all the time for little to no reason at all. There would be more spaces, there could be more upgrades and training and there already is a perfect place right in front of them being the Bronx's Kingsbridge Armory in which was basically left to rot. So lastly, please use this chance to make the Kingsbridge Armory a place for all and especially for those in need of it.

Thank you for your possible Considerations.
Once More From Malakai Farrell



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[EXTERNAL] Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Public Hearing

From Marcus Joseph **Date** Wed 10/1/2025 1:48 PM**To** Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

Hey City Council,

I'm Marcus. I'm a 12th grade student at BASE high school and I feel like the armory should have community access. I believe that an athletic facility open to the Bronx residents would be great for the community and I think it would really get the youth into athletic activities.

Having the athletic facility would make a great spot for kids to go to after school because when I was younger I used to go to school around that area and I always thought there should be an area me and my friends can go to and I think this armory would be a great place to do this. Although this facility might not be affordable for some residents it should have free access for all schools in this location.

Another idea I feel would be great for the armory would be more affordable housing. This idea would be really great for the community that needs it. This could really help families that live in poverty and the people that work minimum wage paying jobs. With this idea I believe affordable housing can really help and impact this community in a really great way, this may not save the Bronx but it can make the Bronx feel like a community again.

Please take this into consideration. Thank you,
Marcus



Please accept this written testimony as a Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition member concerning the proposed Kingsbridge Armory Project.

After decades of back-and-forth, we've finally entered what appears to be the last stretch of the armory project. The excitement in city hall is palpable, but you can still feel the tension in the community. This project **can and must work**—but only if it is planned wisely, respects community intelligence, and balances economic ambition with local integrity. It's time to decide whether we're building a **legacy for the Bronx** or just another “big idea” that leaves its hardest-working people behind. There are still many unanswered questions about **financial sustainability** and **day-to-day operations** that no one seems ready to tackle head-on.

I. Financial Foundation and Feasibility

The current plan leans heavily on income from:

- A 17,000-seat multipurpose venue
- Rental housing units
- Leased retail space

But here's the reality check: under existing government policies, the Kingsbridge community simply doesn't have the revenue base to sustain a project of this size.

The math doesn't work unless there's **consistent, high-dollar traffic from outside boroughs**, and that's a long shot.

A. The 17,000-Seat Gamble

The idea that 17,000 affluent suburbanites will flood the Bronx fifty times a year is, frankly, **wishful thinking**. We've already seen this movie at Yankee Stadium.

Regional Transit Overcrowding

- Already stretched thin on Yankee Stadium game days.
- Metro-North adds extra stops on these days, but Bronx and Upper Manhattan riders still often pay to stand in packed trains.
- The 4 train is packed coming out of Manhattan during late afternoons and evenings—even outside weekday rush hours.
- Now imagine adding 50 more event days to that chaos.

Local Transit Overcrowding

- The 9, 22, and 28 buses serving the East and West Corridors along Kingsbridge Road and Fordham Road are **notoriously overcrowded**.
- There's barely room for walkers, strollers, or groceries, let alone surges from large event crowds.

This proposal **strains an already-strained transit system** and unfairly burdens underserved Bronx residents.

Additional Concerns

- Heavy police details before and after events
- Minimal economic benefit for local street vendors
- “Family leisure” now limited to the privileged—think pre-Hernandez, pre-Rodriguez days (chuckles)
- Most jobs are seasonal or temporary (set-up, security, cleanup), while stable, higher-paying roles go to private contractors

The community deserves better.

B. Planned Affordable Housing Misaligned with Community Needs

The proposed housing plan fails to meet the most urgent needs of Bronx residents. There is:

- No transitional housing for newly evicted families
- No group housing for foster youth and domestic violence survivors
- No housing for homeless youth
- No pathway to homeownership
- No set-aside affordable, family-size units for teachers, home health aides, or building maintenance workers commuting daily into Kingsbridge

Less commuting means more engagement—especially in our schools.

IV. Proposed Sustainable, Year-Round Facilities and Services

A. Biotechnology and Green Energy Innovation Hubs

A missing piece of the puzzle is the inclusion of:

- A **biotechnology industrial hub**
- A **green energy innovation center**

These hubs would focus on best-in-class biotechnology innovations and sustainable urban infrastructure solutions—supporting Bronx economic revitalization, attracting investment, and creating workforce pathways for **Lehman College undergraduates**.

B. Cultural, Educational, and Recreational Infrastructure

There’s huge untapped cultural potential here—**make it a creative hub, not just a commercial one.**

- **Urban Gun Range** – Maintain the shooting range for historical and educational purposes. Promote responsibility and safety through training—teach respect for the tool, not fear.
- **Film and Theatre Complex** – A foreign and independent film house and stage could serve as:
 - A draw for international tourists
 - A venue for anime and children’s media events
 - A home for Bronx-grown productions tied to Lehman College and Bronx High School for the Arts
 - A link to NYC’s film and TV workforce pipelines
- **Library and Learning Center** – Include a satellite branch for book returns and reserves, staffed by reference librarians trained in entrepreneurial, business, and family history research. Offer digital resource trainings.
- **Indoor Amusement Park** – Offer annual passes discounted for Bronx residents (see Six Flags MD model). Encourages local use, promotes family fun.
- **Horse Stables** – Central Park-style buggy horses could have a second life here.
- **Top Ten Golf Range** – Adds recreational and revenue potential.

V. Spaces That Build Community

Every thriving neighborhood needs places to meet, heal, and celebrate.

Free Community Spaces for:

- Book clubs and tutoring
- Parenting and domestic violence support groups
- Freedom and anti-racism circles
- Tenant unions and civic organizing

Low-Cost Rental Spaces (2–6 hours) with basic amenities (sink, fridge, microwave) for:

- Memorials for unhoused or low-income residents
- Birthday and graduation parties
- Neighborhood events and commemorations

VI. Sustainable Logistical and Governance Considerations**A. Proposed Phased Implementation**

1. **Prephase:** Environmental cleanup and protection
2. **Phase I:** Construction and core community integration
3. **Phase II:** Operational testing and small business partnerships
4. **Phase III:** Risk identification, quality assurance, and performance auditing
5. **Phase IV:** Continuous quality improvements and public transparency updates

B. Urgent Pre-Phase Maintenance and Remediation

The Armory's current state of neglect must be addressed. The building, sitting unoccupied and unmaintained, is accelerating damage.

Starting now prevents costly problems later and signals a serious commitment to the project's future. Let's talk logistics, long-term sustainability, and transportation coordination.

C. Sustainable Transportation

- Develop bike and bus lanes serving Williamsbridge Metro-North, Woodlawn Station, Kingsbridge Station, Fordham Road Metro-North Station, and Fordham Road Station.
- Expand the Williamsbridge train line and the surrounding area to accommodate freight train supplies and warehousing.

D. Oversight, Governance, and Accountability

Big projects fail when no one's watching the store. Multiple entities with distinct oversight responsibilities can make this work.

Proposed Governance Structures**Paid Positions (Under City Council Oversight):**

- Kingsbridge Armory Hiring Authority
- Kingsbridge Armory Governing, Operations, and Funding Authority
- Kingsbridge Armory Civic Oversight Board

Volunteer Collectives:

- Kingsbridge Armory Business Tenant Collective
- Kingsbridge Armory Nonprofit Tenant Collective
- Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition

Thank you for your time and kind consideration of this written testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Bryant
Bronx, NY 10467

Martha Bryant, MPA (she/her/hers)
Bronx, NY 10467



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[EXTERNAL] Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Public Hearing

From Martin Alicea [REDACTED]**Date** Fri 10/3/2025 10:26 AM**To** Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

[REDACTED]

Dear City Council,

My name is Martin Alicea. I've been a Bronx resident all my life. And I feel the Kingsbridge Armory should be used as a place where people can have fun and enjoy themselves but it also shouldn't be crazy expensive and should be price friendly so all people can come and enjoy.

I did some research on Asphalt Green and it is way too expensive for us over 100\$ a month. It is not affordable in this economy and should be cheaper where everyone can afford it and everyone can enjoy it comfortably. People are struggling to make ends meet as it is.

Also for RPM raceway 65\$ for a single session is a bit much for people, and it would be great if they had discounted days like the Bronx Zoo where everyone can come and enjoy themselves for an affordable price.

So my main demand have for the Armory is community safety so people can come outside and enjoy the outside air instead of being locked inside their house and being bored because things are too expensive.

Another demand is community access, so anybody and everybody can enjoy it as they should be able.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Martin Alicea

My name is Matthew Shore (pronouns: he/him), and I'm a Kingsbridge resident in the Bronx (Lenape Land) that was raised around the corner from this Armory on Creston Ave, and I'm a proud member of the Northwest Bronx Community & Clergy Coalition.

It is reassuring news that the community already secured various commitments from this project's developer...including:

- A Community fund
- Community co-governance; and,
- 125,000 square feet of community owned spaces..

With that said, I'm in support of this project. However, this project needs to go further. I urge the City and Developer to ensure:

1. That the Community Council have a set % of seats for seniors, local youth, persons with special needs, formerly incarcerated, undocumented persons, and formerly unhoused, to have real decision-making power.
2. All jobs produced - after the armory is redeveloped - should be at a specified living wage. **Average AMI in Bronx Community Board 7 (CB7) is 38%**, according to the Association for Neighborhood & Housing Development's (ANHD) 2025 Housing Risk Chart¹.
3. Implement a community solar microgrid.²
4. A community fund that funds mission driven community investment trusts and/or commercial CLTs in the Bronx AND supports first-time homeownership opportunities for longtime local residents that are low-income and middle-income. According to a report published in 2022 from Pratt Institute's Graduate Center for Planning and the Environment, **only 6% of homes in Bronx CB7 are owner-occupied**,

¹ <https://www.anhd.org/report/how-is-affordable-housing-threatened-in-your-neighborhood-2025/>

² <https://online.fliphtml5.com/mewzo/swne/?search=solar#p=48>

which is below the Bronx (20%) and citywide average (33%)³.

Additionally, according to ANHD's 2025 Housing Risk Chart, Bronx CB7 ranks highest in the city for displacement pressures, meaning its tenants face amongst the highest eviction rates, rent burden and housing code violations.

5. **Guarantee free or truly affordable space for existing street vendors on the Kingsbridge commercial corridor in or outside the Armory, including space for them to store their equipment.** Street vendors contribute to our vibrant community. Additionally, they are small businesses and should benefit from the Armory's redevelopment, instead of being displaced. Reported by THE CITY, Mayor Adams administration previously swept street vendors from the Kingsbridge Road commercial corridor, compromising their livelihoods. This is unacceptable.⁴ **The City Council must support Street Vendor Project's Legislative Reform Package, too.**
6. With the Armory's previous redevelopment projects, businesses faced double and triple rents around the time the Kingsbridge National Ice Center was approved⁵. So, this current Armory redevelopment project will likely contribute to "indirect" residential and small business displacement. Currently, a dozen Kingsbridge shops face impending eviction, as reported by the Riverdale Press⁶. **Therefore, the City should consider a special purpose district and historic district requiring local housing production to maintain a certain affordability level, preserving neighborhood character. The City should also explore commercial rent stabilization and small business bill of rights.**

³ <https://online.fliphtml5.com/mewzo/swne/?search=6%25#p=20>

⁴ <https://www.thecity.nyc/2024/10/11/vendors-kingsbridge-bronx-crackdown/>

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<https://www.norwoodnews.org/exclusive-amid-development-of-kingsbridge-armory-rents-to-double-for-so-me-in-august/>

⁶ <https://www.riverdalepress.com/stories/a-dozen-kingsbridge-shops-may-face-eviction-soon.132812>

7. Additionally, the developer of this project is required, per city law, to create a Racial Equity Report (RER) through this ULURP process. Although developers are not required to present RERs to community boards and community organizations, due to the massive scale and high-profile nature of this Kingsbridge Armory project, **the developer should present its RER to Bronx CB7 and thoroughly publicize the presentation to ensure many people are present to hear the presentation and ask questions.**
8. Lastly, the developer should go further to ensure community decision-making in this redevelopment project by negotiation a legally binding Community Benefits Agreement with the Northwest Bronx Community & Clergy Coalition.

The Bronx deserves more. Thank you.



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[EXTERNAL] Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Public Hearing

From Michael De La Cruz [REDACTED]
Date Fri 10/3/2025 11:11 AM
To Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

[REDACTED]

Dear NY City Council,

My Name is Michael de la Cruz and I have lived in this neighborhood for years. Also I lived in a community where parents didn't feel safe letting their kids go out and have fun because they were afraid of being there safely.

Also I'm here because there's a law that is not just it. I and the community want more access. For example, basketball courts and more free use hours. Also we want someone in the community council that was raised and cares about its people. And not just its people, but also the city. We want to feed and help support our community.

Also we want someone who can stand up to these aggressive cops and save us from danger. We want more laws to protect us from the cops. We ask for more safety but instead of helping it is more hurtful. Cops worry about the wrong thing sometimes and they have power over civilians. There is danger everywhere, but cops don't seem to be there outside roaming the streets.

One of my demands is training self defense class for kids and to get them a part of the community. We want job training for students, and little kids who have dreams to be a firefighter, for example, but couldn't because they die at such a young age.

Too much budget goes to cops, and maybe more budget should go to self defense class for young kids because they are leaving the world at a young age. I'm worried about the safety of my future kids and my family and my friends. The world still needs more fixing. Kids want to feel safe but fall into a bad habit.

So this is why Kingsbridge Armory needs to give self defense to little kids. and help protect our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration
Michael De La Cruz

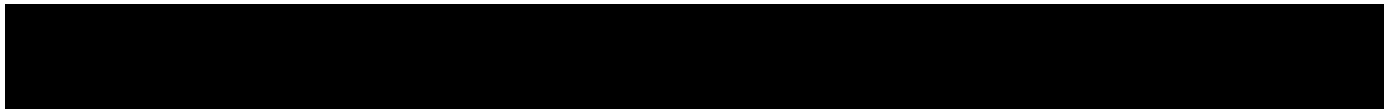


[EXTERNAL] Kingsbridge Armory Testimony

From Natalia Foreman 

Date Sat 10/4/2025 12:00 AM

To Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>



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10.03.25

Good day Council,

My name is Natalia and I have served this neighborhood and lived in the Bronx for 7 years.

I am here today because I believe the Armory is an opportunity to truly reinvest in a community that has been up until this point, been left to take care of themselves. I believe that this project should

1. Protect and support the current residents living within this community. Prevent Gentrification from happening - be proactive instead of reactive by ensuring protections for tenants- both commercial and residential.
2. Provide opportunities to partner with Bronx schools and community serving organizations to provide free programming and skill building opportunities for young people and vulnerable populations.
3. Rebuild the Armory with innovative environmentally sustainable practices
4. Create strategies and implement solutions that addresses the traffic implications, transit / commuter, and environmental impacts of the renovation and opening of the Armory

The Bronx deserves more. We need City Council to ensure measures to protect Bronx residents, and for the armory to benefit the Bronx now and into the future.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my testimony,
Natalia



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[EXTERNAL] Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Public Hearing

From Royal Heidt-Lynch [REDACTED]**Date** Fri 10/3/2025 10:45 AM**To** Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

[REDACTED]

Dear city council, my name is Royal, I'm a highschool student who lived in the Bronx for the majority of his life.

My first demand for the Kingsbridge Armory is to ensure 65% of housing units are truly affordable to the income of Bronx residents; this'll benefit the Bronx because residents will worry much less about having a mindset of living from paycheck to paycheck due to housing costs/rent.

My second demand is a Community Council that'll consist of a broad group of stakeholders from surrounding neighborhoods. This would effectively benefit the Bronx because there will be much more inclusivity for decisions in the Bronx.

My third and last demand, create a plan to buy from local businesses. This helps the businesses in the Bronx because the more funds a local business has the quicker it can have the capabilities to grow given there's competent people behind that local business.

I have much gratitude for a chance at being able to speak a little bit of my mind and gratitude that you've read this.

Royal.



[EXTERNAL] Kingbridge Armory Redevelopment Public Hearing

From RUBY AMPAH [REDACTED]
Date Fri 10/3/2025 11:34 AM
To Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

[REDACTED]

Dear NY City Council,

My name is Ruby Ampah, a student at Bronx Academy For Software Engineering and I live in the Bronx.

My demand for the kingsbridge armory is providing Youth Workforce Opportunity. These opportunities can give the youth real world experience and also help them have a skill with their hands by providing manufacturing jobs like carpentry, etc.

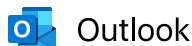
Moreover, creating a youth paid internship program can help students in high school and college within the organization in the armory .

This can help the youth get some money and make them independent.

In addition, providing youth workforce opportunities can also reduce social vices like pickpocketing, stealing, etc. Since they'll be getting money from the armory works or jobs provided and not needing to steal.

Thank you for your time and consideration and I hope my suggestions will be put in place.

Ruby Ampah.



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[EXTERNAL] Bronx Kingsbridge Armory Testimony

From Sandra Jenkins [REDACTED]**Date** Fri 10/3/2025 3:21 PM**To** Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>**Cc** Sandra Jenkins [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Kingsbridge Armory Testimony to Council.

September 30, 2025

Good day Council,

My name is Sandra Jenkins. I am a mother and grandmother that raised my children in the Bronx. A retired Bronx middle school teacher, I have continued to serve the Bronx community and worship in this Borough for more than 50 years. I am sending this testimony today because the Armory must bring economic opportunities and benefits for our youth, the present and future of a thriving Bronx.

Youth Workforce Opportunity and Economic Empowerment

The Kingsbridge Armory must give our youth opportunities to grow and compete with rapidly evolving technology by ensuring work-based opportunities in emerging technology development, including Cybersecurity, surveillance and technical Security and Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies in the Armory.

1- Armory must offer internships, workforce development and apprenticeship programs for students in Bronx High schools, and Colleges when developing the technological infrastructure of the Armory.

2-Kingsbridge Armory must collaborate and develop partnership with Bronx Universities and Technical Schools to create programs to support emerging technology training for Bronx Youth and provide space to develop a Bronx Technology Hub.

3-Bronx Youth must have priority access to employment, paid internships, summer youth employment programs, in all technology-based positions within the Armory.

Expand Youth Workforce Opportunity to include:

1-Youth Community workforce programs Re-entry and Support Opportunities for Youth and Young Adults re-entering the community from juvenile centers, programs.

2-Youth Aging out of the Foster Care system must be given priority in housing and employment opportunities.

3-Youth and Young Adults that have been or are currently in the shelter system and have been housing deprived.

Armory employers must set aside a minimum of 20% of employment positions and a minimum of 20% of paid training and internships for youth and young adults in these 3

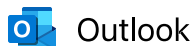
categories.

In summary this Community Benefits Agreement must commit to technological economic opportunities and experiences for the Youth and Young adults of our Bronx Community.

Thank you,

Sandra Jenkins

Sent from my iPad



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[EXTERNAL] Shayan's Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Public Hearing | What is Community without Culture?

From Mubidur Rayhan [REDACTED]**Date** Fri 10/3/2025 1:37 PM**To** Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

Shayan Rayhan

Dear City Council,

What's a community without culture?

My name is Shayan, and I've lived most of my 17 years in the Bronx. If you asked someone what they knew about the Bronx, it's most likely first gon' be that **hip-hop music**. Generations of world-renowned **artists and talents** have flourished in these Bronx streets. But how does one develop this creativity now without a **space to create**?

A lot of upcoming **young creators** and artists are making music in their bedroom, on the phone. Yet if they don't get access to real resources to elevate their craft, many voices will go unheard.

The Kingsbridge Armory **NEEDS** a place for these young creators. A **street** to collaborate and grow. A **block** where people could listen to local artists and learn about the industry. These studios, workshops, and venues don't just build culture, they **build opportunity and careers**.

To make this idea into reality we'll need a **Youth Arts & Music Council**; a group made of local artists, students, community leaders, etc. They should work in cohesion with other community-run parties. Profits from these events, bookings, vendors, all should be **reinvested into youth programs** that work towards equipment, internships, and mentorships with actual Bronx professionals.

(Some additional ideas are: affordable studio and rehearsal spaces: profit policies: mentorship programs: local artist showcase: equipment lending library: partnerships with schools/colleges: radio station: free wifi.)

We gave birth to these sounds, but we don't get the tools to keep **pushing the culture**? Music is such a big aspect of my life and other people my age. This is what's gon' plug us out of the trenches; an outlet to electrify our **souls**.

So I'll say this once more: what's a community without culture? The Bronx gave the world hip-hop. The Kingsbridge Armory can give us a way to preserve and develop our sounds, our community. Don't let my voice-our-voice go unheard. **Let the speakers of this borough keep shaking the bass of this world.**

Sincerely

Shayan.



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[EXTERNAL] Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Public Hearing

From Stephan Martinez [REDACTED]
Date Fri 10/3/2025 1:31 PM
To Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

[REDACTED]

Dear NY City Council,

Hi, my name is Stephan. I grew up on Boynton and Watson. My whole life living in the same place my whole life I've had so many chances. Both good and bad. The most impactful – the rise of poverty and gang affiliation. A lot of the younger youth, kids as young as 8 years old, are falling for the false glamorous of being affiliated, taking the step in and picking up bad habits such as smoking with the most famous lines middle school and elementary groups say "you got nic?" or "you smoke?"

The armory has to have a place for these younger youth to go to do other activities other than normalizing smoking weed. With the rise in poverty, families in my area – single mom homes with more than 3 children on well-fair [welfare] shouldn't have the only option of having to settle for a run-down apartment in the "hood." No place that is uninhabitable should be considered a home to possible upcoming leaders of the state and country. Situations like this are becoming increasingly common, prices for homes for families like this should be negotiated instead of giving price tags they can't afford. The armory development could be the escape that younger youth need to get away from what's become the new norm.

With this being said the Kingsbridge armory can knock out both of these issues at one. By providing activities for these children as well as jobs for them bring money into their families.

Thank you for your time and consideration
Stephan Martinez



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[EXTERNAL] Armory Testimony Sept. 30

From Stephina Fisher [REDACTED]
Date Fri 10/3/2025 6:13 PM
To Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

[REDACTED]

Good day Council,

My name is Stephina Fisher and I have been a social studies teacher in the Bronx for 18 years. My students have participated in all of the Together for Kingsbridge Working Groups.

The Kingsbridge Armory should ensure that the Bronx is a place where young become decision-makers and owners of the Bronx.

Youth Decision-Making: We hear a lot about supporting youth voices, so we need systems that create space for youth voices to have real decision-making power.

- Community Council Seats: The promised Armory Community Council and the Community Fund should have designated seats for Bronx youth.
- Voting Power: Youth should have voting power on high level decisions so that the reinvestment goes into things that youth believe have value and represent their interests.
- Youth Leadership: The City & Developer should invest in armory youth leadership programs to train Bronx youth how to join these community councils, how to effectively analyze the needs and how to represent their peers on the councils.

Youth Economic Power: When it comes to youth economic power, we hear about work based learning, internships, and SYEP.

- Beyond "internships," the armory should create apprenticeship programs that funnel into living wage and full time employment at the armory beyond.
- And beyond internships, the Community Ownership and Wealth Sharing models require a reframe of just "getting jobs" and toward collective decision-making and community wealth sharing. We need youth development in cooperative business operations, conflict resolution, effective communication and collective decision-making.
- Youth cooperative business hub should be developed

Youth Access and Affordability

- Free Vending licenses and Small Business Licenses: should be reserved for youth-run small businesses and cooperatives.
- Affordable access to light manufacturing spaces should be offered to youth for their start up cooperative businesses

In short, a Community Benefits Agreement should commit to the youth of the Bronx getting access to real decision making and real economic power in the Kingsbridge Armory.

Thank you,
Stephina Fisher



[EXTERNAL] Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment public Hearing

From Steven Martinez [REDACTED]
Date Wed 10/1/2025 1:48 PM
To Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

[REDACTED]

Dear Council,

My name is Steven and as a resident of the Bronx and a student, I want the armory to be a place where we can go after school and have a good time.

For example, learning a trade everyone wants to learn something that's going to help them out later on. But if you're anything like me, then you learn whatever spikes your interests. It makes learning something feel like less of a chore.

One thing that's kept me interested and still learning is my guitar. I've been playing officially for 5 years but I'm mostly self taught. So what if the Kingsbridge Armory offered some music or band classes or an after school program where young people like me can go and learn how to play the right and proper way?

Learning and having knowledge is always good but some people need to learn how to do what makes them happy/ grounded. My guitar is one of those things that keep me grounded and able to relax.

I also think that the Live Nation concerts could also benefit from local talent from the Bronx coming up and getting famous because there's always a musician that wants to be the next big famous person. So what if Live Nation had a band made up of people who practice and play in the armory and it could be like a community thing?

This is my vision for what the armory should look like - for the community.

Thank you for your time,
Steven



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[EXTERNAL] King Bridge Armory Redevelopment

From Tamaya Howe [REDACTED]
Date Fri 10/3/2025 9:10 AM
To Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

[REDACTED]

Dear NY City Council,

My name is Big Mama tt *aka* Tamaya, and I am from the Bronx.

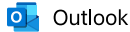
My demands for the Kingsbridge Armory are that the new apartments (450) must be more affordable to Bronx residents.

My second demands are stopping eviction of Bronx residents. Stop evicting people out of their houses! Housing and rent is too much money in the Bronx and there are a lot of homeless in the Bronx. That is too dangerous because there is a lot going on in the streets. People are shooting, stealing and I think this is why we need affordable housing.

There was a time when my dad paid the bill late and I didn't have lights for six hours. It sucks because I need light. I feel like if we had affordable housing, other bills will get paid.

That said, I hope you listen to my demands.

Thank you very much, I appreciate it,
Tamaya



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[EXTERNAL] NORTHWEST BRONX COMMUNITY & CLERGY COALITION Kingsbridge Armory Testimony

From Thorne Nugent [REDACTED]
Date Wed 10/1/2025 4:09 PM
To Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

Hello,

My name is Thorne Nugent, and I've been a proud resident of the Bronx for twenty years. My family's legacy is rooted in service—Navy and Army veterans who believed deeply in the promise of this country and in the Bronx as a place of possibility. That vision persists today, and I stand here to urge that we honor it in how we reimagine the Kingsbridge Armory.

This isn't just a development; it's an opportunity to ensure that the Bronx becomes a borough where our young people aspire not only to live—but to lead, to shape, and one day to own the future of their neighborhoods. That vision must echo within the walls of the Armory.

To make that a reality, our commitment can't stop at supporting youth voices—it must extend to empowering youth with authentic influence:

- We need decision-making systems where young people hold real power, not just a seat at the table but a meaningful vote.
- The Armory Community Council and the Community Fund should dedicate seats for Bronx youth from neighborhoods surrounding the Armory.
- Youth must have voting power on high-level decisions, so that investments flow into what matters to them—what truly reflects the values, priorities, and needs of the community.
- The City and developer should invest in youth leadership initiatives, training Bronx youth to step confidently into council roles, community advocacy, and other leadership opportunities.

The Armory's legacy should be defined by opportunity—for the young leaders whose voices, ideas, and energy will lift the Bronx for decades to come. Empowering our youth is not just the right thing to do; it is essential for the Bronx's continued growth and innovation.

Let's ensure Kingsbridge Armory stands as a beacon for youth ownership and leadership. Because when we invest in our young people, we invest in the future of the Bronx.

Thank you.

Thorne Nugent



[EXTERNAL] Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Public Hearing

From Travis Guzman-Neri [REDACTED]
Date Wed 10/1/2025 1:49 PM
To Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

Dear council,

My name is Travis Guzman and I have lived in the Bronx for all my life. I am currently 17 and I am a Bronx high school student who is willing to give support for my community. The armory can be a great use to benefit the Bronx and as a person who loves to play sports there should be different athletic facilities available for the people. More specifically soccer because in the Bronx there are some parks that have soccer fields that aren't in good condition such as St. James Park, Van Cortlandt, or Ferry Point Park. To add on, there are people who just take away the nets from the goal post making people not want to use the field. There are little good fields in the Bronx but that just means more people will try to occupy it making other people be left out causing them to possibly go to a park in another borough and they have the good parks. Another demand I have is internship programs for youth. Having more internships gives more opportunities for young people like me.

For my third demand, on my way to this armory I saw a lot of street vendors. Assuming that some street vendors don't get licenses, it makes it hard for them. Street vendors are sometimes getting harassed by the police even with a license. I want to see the armory find a way to protect these street vendors and especially the young street vendors that are just trying to make some money.

Thank you for your time and consideration

From Travis



[EXTERNAL]

From Xavien Sotomayor [REDACTED]
Date Fri 10/3/2025 1:17 PM
To Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

Hello City Council,

My name is Xavien and as a resident/student I think we must have the armory benefit the Bronx by giving people more free or at least cheap activities. These free activities would help people spend less money so it would help them economically, if they can't make it free, make it cheap! People shouldn't be spending most of their money on a membership and not get their money's worth. As a matter of a fact if you put a price on recreational items it wouldn't be for the community... what's the point?

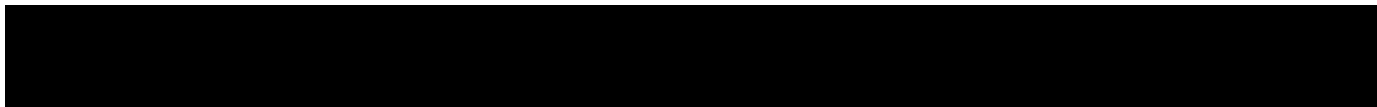
I would see this impacting the community by uniting people bringing them closer together and it would keep your community steady and active.

Thank you for your time and this opportunity,
-Xavien Sotomayor



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[EXTERNAL] Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Public Hearing

From Yeiden Diaz **Date** Fri 10/3/2025 11:05 AM**To** Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

Dear NY City Council, my name is Yeiden. I'm a highschool student in the bronx. Affordable housing is a big issue in the Bronx. Rent is rising & everything is getting expensive. Lower income families aren't able to ensure their futures. My second demand is more real life job opportunities for high school students. Most jobs don't hire high school students because we have no real work experience. If students are able to get jobs it gives them more opportunities . My 3rd demand is transportation & streets, train stations are very dirty & the mta buses tend to run late . The Bronx deserves more. We need the city council to ensure measures to protect the Bronx now & into the future . thank you for your time and consideration of my testimony
Yeiden



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[EXTERNAL] Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Public Hearing

From Zane Hernandez <[REDACTED]>
Date Fri 10/3/2025 10:44 AM
To Land Use Testimony <landusetestimony@council.nyc.gov>

[REDACTED]

Dear New York City Council,

My name is Zane Hernandez, I'm 17, I was born here in The Bronx and have lived here my whole life.

I believe that the Kingsbridge Armory should focus on jobs primarily for young people, as with the job market as it is right now it's getting harder to get a job even if it's part-time. This would benefit The Bronx as more Bronx residents would be able to pay for their necessities, such as housing, food and other basic living supplies.

At the end of the day the Kingsbridge Armory needs to benefit Bronx residents, and I believe that focusing on the future of The Bronx— The youth of today, It could help ensure a brighter future for The Bronx.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
-Zane Hernandez