



Testimony

of

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before the

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Good afternoon Chairperson Adams, Councilmember King, and members of the Land Use Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Siting, and Maritime Uses. I am Julie Friesen, Deputy Commissioner for Administration at the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on the Department's application for site selection for a full-service animal shelter at 2050 Bartow Avenue in the Bronx.

The Health Department is charged with managing and caring for the City's population of owner-surrendered, abandoned, homeless and lost animals. In 1995, the City created a nonprofit entity – now known as Animal Care Centers or ACC – to operate the animal shelter system. The services the Health Department carries out through a contract with ACC include receiving and sheltering animals, providing medical services, and animal placement. ACC also performs a vital public safety function by handling potentially dangerous animals; accepting suspected rabid animals for observation or preparation for testing; and working with City and State agencies in wildlife management. ACC performs these services by operating full-service animal shelters in Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Staten Island, admissions centers in the Bronx and Queens (which transfer animals to the Manhattan and Brooklyn shelters daily), and field operations throughout the city. ACC is required to accept all animals, without regard to their condition, age, temperament, or adoptability.

On June 26, 2018, the Mayor signed Local Law 123, which requires the Health Department to maintain and operate a full-service animal shelter in all five boroughs by 2024. The proposal before you today would help us meet this mandate by establishing a full-service animal shelter in the Bronx.

Currently, the Bronx only has an Admissions Center, which is too small to adequately support the current intake of animals. This new shelter will add critical capacity to the citywide system, allowing for an additional 6,000 animals to be cared for in the Bronx every year. The full-service shelter will provide counseling services to help people keep their pets and provide adoption services for people to adopt new pets. This proposed project will also include an animal medical clinic, the first in the City's animal care system.

This application is years in the making. Starting in 2014, the Health Department worked closely with the Department of Citywide and Administrative Services (DCAS) and ACC to carry out an exhaustive search to find a site in the Bronx that would accommodate all of the programmatic needs of the proposed animal shelter. We also worked with the Department of City Planning to evaluate these locations for zoning requirements.

In the first round of our search, we identified and considered 21 sites that met our minimum criteria. Upon this initial review, ten of those sites were eliminated because their lot size was too small, or they were only available for lease, therefore they would not be appropriate candidates for the significant capital renovation needed to build a full-service animal shelter.

In the second round of our search, the eleven remaining sites were further reviewed, using the following criteria:

- City Owned vs. Private Lot. The ideal site is a City-owned lot, preferably vacant, to avoid demolition, speed up construction, and reduce the time and cost of land acquisition.
- Lot Size. It is critical that we identify at least an 80,000 square foot lot, to accommodate all the needed functions of the project. This includes:
 - Approximately 30,000 square feet of ground floor built area to avoid moving animals on elevators and minimize the spread of disease.
 - External space for dog runs to facilitate animal exercise and good health, sufficient parking for clients and staff, and loading bays for animal transfers.
- Location. To reach the greatest number of potential adoption customers, the animal shelter needs to be in an easily accessible, highly visible, and well-trafficked commercial corridor, much like a retail store.
- Accessibility. The site should be accessible via car and public transportation, convenient to Bronx residents, and located within zoning districts where animal shelters can be “as-of-right”, such as in districts C8, M1, M2 or M3.

Based on the criteria above, the 2050 Bartow Avenue site was the ideal fit for the needs of a full-service animal shelter. It is City owned, and is currently a vacant lot being used to store NYPD police trailers. At 88,200 square feet, it is large enough to accommodate all animal shelter functions and critical HVAC infrastructure on a single story, with plenty of space for dog runs, parking, and aesthetic improvements added to the surrounding built environment. It is also accessible to Bronx residents via car, eleven bus lines, and a fifteen-to-twenty minute walk to the subway. Finally, it is located virtually in the middle of the Co-op City shopping center, a busy commercial thoroughfare which will bring foot traffic as well as provide shopping and retail opportunities for the staff and visitors of the animal shelter. This last feature is key, as a highly visible location can increase animal adoption rates by one hundred percent.

As you can see, the proposed design for the Bartow Avenue site is both aesthetically pleasing and functional. It will fit well in to the mix of commercial, residential, and industrial land uses in the surrounding neighborhood. Additionally, the final design would be subject to community input and approval by the Public Design Commission, and we would be pleased to work closely with the community during that process.

We are looking forward to bringing this intricately designed, state of the art animal shelter online to serve the 1.4 million residents of the Bronx in the near future. If this site were to not move forward, we would begin our search again, delaying our timeline for completion by several years and well past the 2024 deadline set by this Council under Local Law 123. At 2050 Bartow Avenue we are able to serve the health and welfare of the city’s abandoned and surrendered animals while providing a much needed service to residents of the Bronx.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify. I am happy to answer questions.

**Testimony of
Jeff Dupee, Deputy Commissioner, Mayor's Community Affairs Unit**

Before the
**New York City Council Committee on Land Use and the Subcommittee on Landmarks,
Public Siting, and Maritime Uses**

on the Bronx Animal Shelter

October 9, 2018
City Hall, Council Chambers, New York, NY

Good afternoon, Chair Adams and members of the Committee. My name is Jeff Dupee and I am a Deputy Commissioner in the Mayor's Community Affairs Unit. I am joined by colleagues from the Departments of Health and Mental Hygiene, Dept for Citywide Administrative Services, and Animal Care Centers of NYC, the organization contracted by the City to run our open-admissions shelters. On behalf of the Administration, thank you for the opportunity to testify.

We are pleased to be here today to discuss the siting of a first ever full-service animal shelter in the Bronx, which will bring much-needed services to a borough that has been underserved for decades. This history behind our journey here is a long one but we believe before the Council is an application that can successfully achieve the objective of delivering a multi-unit animal care operation in an efficient design on the same level of nationally regarded facilities

The issue of animal welfare is a priority of this Administration—one that, like Council, we are committed to addressing.

I also want to take a moment to thank the City Council for its own leadership on behalf of animal welfare and for its consistent and strong commitment to making sure our City

The Mayor has a long record of supporting progressive animal welfare reforms and during the Mayor's first term, the Administration has worked together with the City Council to enact a variety of policies to make life better for the animals of this city—and for the people who care about them.

- We have worked closely with Council to regulate pet shops so that they only sell spayed or neutered dogs and cats, and no longer sell rabbits, or dogs and cats from puppy or kitten mills.
- Required that new pet shops and 24 hour veterinarian clinics have life-saving fire sprinklers.
- We have also ensured that animal crimes are appropriately addressed by implementing the animal abuse registry and creating the NYPD's Animal Cruelty Investigation Squad.
- With the support of the Council, we have increased the operating budget for the City's open-admission animal shelters to a record level, so they can save more animals and be a model to open admission shelters across the country.

- Finally, in 2015, the Mayor announced our intention to bring full-service animal shelters to all five boroughs. With the support of then-Health Committee Chair—and now Speaker—Johnson, \$1.2 Million was included in the Fiscal Year 2016 budget to develop plans to meet the animal sheltering needs of The Bronx and Queens. \$59M was added in the capital budget to design and build the Bronx shelter. This capital funding was determined by the OMB Capital Project Scope Development study performed by Mott MacDonald working with Shelter Planners of America, to address the specific animal care needs of the Bronx. Just 4 months ago, on June 7—after this ULURP had begun—the City Council voted unanimously to pass a bill requiring full-service shelters in all five boroughs. The Mayor eagerly signed that bill, with the understanding that we already well on our way to making that law a reality.

This is what brings us here today.

The selection of this Bronx site represents a multi-year process involving the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Department of Citywide Administration Services, The Department of Design and Constructions, the Office of Management and Budget, and City Hall. It included a search of both private and public sites through out the Bronx and was guided by a comprehensive set of criteria to ensure we were considering all avenues and developing a sound and thoughtful proposal. We enlisted the help of Bronx residents, land use experts and others to solicit ideas and after all the work we successfully found a site to that would allow us to move forward.

The site in question is a City-owned property currently used for NYPD storage. It is situated along a commercial corridor, among the stores of the Bay Plaza Mall, and across the street from the Bartow Mall Shopping Center. Having an animal care center in a commercial zone will raise its profile, provide additional foot traffic for the local businesses from employees and visitors, and make it easier for the residents of the Bronx to take advantage of the services being provided.

Behind the Bartow Mall Shopping Center is the southern border to Coop City. During our community engagement during the ULURP, we have heard objections to this siting from some Coop City residents. They have made it clear that they would rather the site be used for a community center. We have taken these concerns to heart and have been engaging with residents to discuss how we can expand youth, adult, and senior programming as part of this land use application—and are eager to meet the needs, as part of the site selection process, while addressing the animal care needs of the entire Bronx and complying with the law passed by City Council in June.

Our work to ensure animal welfare is ongoing and our goal is to make sure that all animals in the City of New York are treated with dignity.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify. I look forward to discussing with the Council ways to continue to work for the betterment of the animals in New York City, while ensuring that local residents' needs are also met.

You will now hear from the Julie Friesen, Deputy Commissioner for Administration at the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene—the applicant on this ULURP—as well as Aurora Velazquez, the Chief Operating Officer of Animal Care Centers of NYC.

Following Aurora’s testimony, my colleagues and I will be happy to take questions.



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New York City Council
Chairperson Adrienne Adams
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Dear Chairperson Adams and Council Members,

My name is Brian Shapiro, NY State Director for the Humane Society of the United States. I am speaking here today on behalf of our members and supporters in New York City and Bronx County.

The HSUS enthusiastically supports the proposed full-service animal shelter at the designated Bartow Avenue location. Our organization receives dozens of calls and emails every year from residents of the Bronx seeking information and assistance with animal care related issues. There is a dire need for animal care services in this historically underserved borough. All New Yorkers deserve, and are legally entitled to, equal access to animal care services, as the current Bronx Resource Center on East Fordham Road does not meet the needs of the community. Following a thorough review, the City Planning Commission, through the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure, has found that the proposed shelter and adoption center would not have a significant environmental impact. Failure to support the CPC's recommendation will leave this project in limbo for years. This is something that the residents of the Bronx cannot afford. There is a dire need for a pet food pantry, low cost vet clinic, dog training, surrender prevention counseling, and other essential community services the proposed modern, state-of-the-art facility would provide.

The Humane Society of the United States, and our members and supporters in the Bronx, respectfully urge the City Council and Speaker to vote in favor of the proposal located at the Bartow Avenue location.

Sincerely,

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Testimony of

Aurora Velazquez, Chief Operating Officer

Animal Care Centers of NYC

Before the

New York City Council Committee on Land Use,

Subcommittee on Zoning, Public Siting, and Maritime Uses

Subcommittee hearing for Bronx Animal Shelter

October 9, 2018

City Hall, Council Chambers

New York, NY

Introduction

Good afternoon Chairperson Adams, Councilmember King, and members of the Land Use Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Siting, and Maritime Uses. My name is Aurora Velazquez and I am the Chief Operating Officer of Animal Care Centers of NYC (ACC). Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. ACC is grateful for the commitment of Mayor de Blasio towards ensuring the success of ACC in our shared mission to end animal homelessness in NYC through the construction of a full service animal shelter in the Bronx. We believe the addition of an animal shelter in the Bronx will provide more services to a greater number of NYC residents looking to engage with our organization; and further protect and promote the health and safety of the community and its animals.

Background

ACC was incorporated in 1995 as a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization dedicated to the health and welfare of pets and people in NYC. For over 20 years, ACC has been the city's sole contractor charged with operating the existing municipal animal shelters and providing animal rescue and welfare services to all five boroughs, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. Our mission is to end animal homelessness in NYC. Twenty years ago, only 25% of animals entering the shelter system were placed and programs were minimal. Today, ACC is a dramatically different organization and in 2017 achieved an unprecedented placement rate of 93% for cats and dogs. We offer a full complement of services and programs that benefit not just animals but people and communities as well.

Overview of ACC

By contract with the city, ACC operates under an "open admissions" model. This makes ACC unique among all other animal welfare organizations in NYC because we accept *any* animal brought to our five locations, whether the animal has been abandoned, surrendered, found as a stray, brought in by the public, NYPD, or our animal rescue team, and regardless of age, health status, breed, species, temperament or physical condition. We operate three city-owned, full-service Animal Care Centers located in Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Staten Island, and two Admissions Centers, located in the Bronx and in Queens respectively that provide limited services to help find lost pets, take in surrendered pets and offer surrender prevention alternatives.

ACC currently employs over 250 staff across thirteen departments each with a specific role as it relates to our overall mission. We have staff at all levels of qualification including individuals with excellent skills in animal handling, customer service and social work, as well as advanced degrees and experience in animal welfare, veterinary and shelter medicine and not for profit business. We are a national leader for open admissions shelters and have been recognized for our progressive, compassionate, lifesaving approach to animal welfare. We engage over 500 active volunteers, who not only support the work we do, but who also experience very real benefits as individuals, on a personal level, something we hope to extend to Bronx residents through this new facility.

Community Based Programs

In addition to providing basic animal services to the City of New York, we also provide many community enhancing programs, which we strive to position and deliver in a way that is responsive to the needs and wishes of the communities in which we're located. These programs aim to be inclusive and relevant to New Yorkers with varying interests and priorities.

Community Kids

Through the Community Kids Program, ACC acts as an educational resource and an inspiration for kids and teens in NYC by providing valuable experience through the lens of working with animals. While providing meaningful enrichment to the animals, programs such as reading to cats, also helps promote literacy and comfort in public speaking for school age children, among other benefits. With a local state-of-the-art shelter, ACC will be able to educate and inspire many more young residents of the Bronx, with the added benefit of investing their efforts into their own communities.

Senior-focused Programming

In addition to participating in the variety of volunteer positions offered by ACC (e.g., Cat and Dog Companions, Pet Photography, Pet Biographers, miscellaneous office/admin support), ACC is developing specifically-tailored programs for seniors. This programming will include visits to senior centers by ACC representatives with some of our easiest-going animals and opportunities to assist with elements of the Community Kids Program, which will realize the benefits of pet therapy as well as help keep our seniors active and engaged in their communities.

Community Pet Program

Through our Community Pet Program, ACC hosts pop-up clinics throughout the Bronx, providing free vaccinations for dogs and cats as well as microchips and referrals for free spay/neuter surgeries. At these Community Pet Clinics, ACC strives to learn more about other citizens may have, and to connect them with resources that are offered as part of our overall program. Through this program and in partnership with local pet trainers, ACC also offers free workshops for dog owners and their canines to help create safe neighborhoods. These kinds of offerings support maintaining stable family units, inclusive of pets, which yield benefits not only to those individual families, but to their greater communities as well.

Pets and People Support Night

As an additional component of our current surrender prevention efforts, ACC plans to utilize the larger space in the new Bronx shelter to host a "Pet and People Support Night" once a month where members of the community can ask ACC's admissions counselors questions regarding pet ownership, and any challenges they are facing. These sessions would also be welcome to individuals who are not pet owners, but who may be looking for advice on pet issues they are experiencing or tips on how to live more harmoniously with their pet loving neighbors.

Commitment to Being a Good Neighbor

All of these programs have been developed, in part, as response to things we heard within the community. ACC has been operating animal shelters in NYC neighborhoods for over 20 years. We are next to churches and schools and develop relationships with small businesses and neighbors. While our mission is animal-centric, we recognize that not everyone's is and work hard to ensure that our activities, promotions, and efforts are positioned appropriately, which is what we hope to do in the Bronx.

Closing Remarks

On behalf of everyone at Animal Care Centers of NYC, thank you for the opportunity to testify today in support of building a full-service animal shelter in the Bronx. ACC welcomes the opportunity to expand our full complement of animal and community services to the Bronx and better meet the needs of those residents. The physical layout of a state of the art care center combined with our programmatic expansion would make NYC and in particular the Bronx, a model for animal sheltering nationwide.



VOTERS FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS

October 9, 2018

New York City Council
Chairperson Adrienne Adams
Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Siting, and Maritime Uses
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Dear Chairperson Adams and Committee Members,

My name is Joyce Friedman and in addition to being on the Board of Directors of Voters for Animal Rights, I am a long-term professional in the animal and social work fields. I'm a former manager of the Safety Net helpline, a NYC pet surrender prevention program which assisted over 10,000 people with resources they needed to care for their pets.

You will hear those who oppose this shelter location on Bartow Avenue say today that we must put people ahead of animals. Please don't accept this misleading and inaccurate framing of the issue. The full-service center will provide a multitude of services to Bronx residents, thereby helping people and the animals they love. It is not either-or. I will explain.

I am testifying in full support of the Bartow Avenue location for this shelter because if this location is denied, the construction of a Bronx animal shelter will be delayed for years, and this will hurt many thousands of people in the Bronx. I know this because for the 7 years I managed the Safety Net helpline, we received thousands of requests from pet owners in need of our free and low-cost resources. A very significant portion of these calls were from Bronx families who were desperate not to give up their beloved pets while struggling through a crisis because the Bronx lacks such resources.

One of these callers was an elderly woman named Sherice who lived alone with her 10-year-old beloved dog Petunia who was her primary companion. When Petunia got an infected paw, Sherice was unable to afford vet care or travel to a vet. Because Petunia was in pain, she also started nipping, and while Sherice knew she didn't mean it, she was getting worried how to handle all this. Our program provided her with a low-cost vet, transport to the vet, and a free dog trainer to help resolve the nipping. When Petunia was back to normal, Sherice told us in tears that she had thought she had to give up her companion and was terrified of how lonely and depressed she would have become.

I can tell you hundreds of Sherice-type stories which demonstrate that lack of pet services leads to the otherwise unnecessary surrender of beloved pets. This new shelter will provide these very services to the thousands of Sherice's in the Bronx who are not sitting here today who will benefit from the shelter's pet food bank, free dog training, low cost veterinary and spay neuter clinic, and surrender prevention counseling- all services which Animal Care Centers has already proven are successful at keeping pets and people together and reducing the intake numbers.

Studies by the Humane Society of the United States have found that there are approximately 23 million pets living in underserved communities like the Bronx, and that approximately 77% have not seen a vet. This is not because their families care any bit less about their animals as anyone else, but because they do not have easy access to veterinary care and other services many people take for granted. In fact a 2017 study by the NYC Economic Development Corporation found that the Bronx has the least number of veterinarians (1 for every 89 dogs, as compared to 1 for no more than 34 dogs in the other 4 boroughs) (<https://www.nycedc.com/blog-entry/new-york-citys-dog-population>).

Extrapolating from national statistics that 68% of households have pets and 95% of those consider their pets family, we can approximate that almost 1 million of the 1.47 million Bronx residents have one pet they consider family. This shelter will provide support to them, and it will also make adoption finally accessible to Bronx families who want to adopt a homeless dog, cat or rabbit, instead of having to travel outside the borough for this. Residents of Co-op City or elsewhere who do not have or want pets can benefit from the shelter's 100 new jobs and youth and senior volunteer programs; we all know how beneficial these bonds are as evidenced by the pet therapy programs many nursing homes and schools have. For those who do not care to adopt or volunteer, the shelter will hurt none of them, but it will help their neighbors and friends. So, it's not people versus animals. **Please don't deprive Bronx residents of such a fabulous community resource center for both people and animals, and please vote yes on the Bartow Avenue location.** Thank you.

Joyce Friedman, Voters for Animal Rights, 917-468-0487

**DEBORAH THOMAS TESTIMONY TO CITY COUNCIL
IN SUPPORT OF NYC ANIMAL CARE CENTER BRONX SHELTER – OCT. 9, 2018**

Good Morning. My name is Deborah Thomas and I am a long-time volunteer at the Animal Care Centers Manhattan Shelter, having volunteered there as a cat adoption facilitator for more than 12 years. I am here today to speak in support of the plan to build a full service animal shelter in the Bronx.

I was very excited earlier this year, when the Mayor announced a location for a full-service animal shelter in the Bronx, and I feel that the proposed location at 2050 Bartow Avenue in the Bronx is an excellent location for the shelter because it would be visible to all, and can be easily reached by many modes of transportation.

Animal advocates including myself have fought for this to take place for more than a decade. A full service shelter in the Bronx is badly needed because unlike the current Bronx Admissions Center on East Fordham Road, which is mainly used for animal intakes, this brand new, state-of-the-art facility would be much larger and accommodate cat, dog and rabbit ADOPTIONS. This would greatly lessen the overflow of animals in the Manhattan shelter, and would in turn prevent animals in the overcrowded Manhattan shelter from getting sick. Increased adoptions would save scores of animal lives, and could help the ACC to fulfill its mission to end animal homelessness in NYC once and for all. Also, many Bronx residents who want to adopt a pet would have a shorter commute to the new Bronx shelter than to Manhattan. The new shelter would also provide jobs to the community and multiple volunteering opportunities, as well as school tours, animal training classes, and other public services to educate the community about animal care and animal issues.

I would like to ask Council Member Andy King and members of the Bronx community where the proposed shelter would be built to keep an open mind regarding this issue, because a new animal shelter in their midst would only be an asset, connecting the community, which I am sure is a compassionate one, with many loveable four-legged New Yorkers. I also want to set the record straight that having an animal shelter in the neighborhood would not mean having animals running around the neighborhood loose causing dirty sidewalks, making noise and harassing neighbors. As is evident around the Manhattan shelter on E. 110th St., no one would even know there was an animal shelter there until they open the doors and enter. The animals there are securely kept inside and cleaned up after when they are walked.

I understand that community residents would prefer a Community Center or other such structure instead, and although such a Center may be needed, I would like to ask, "Are there any definite plans for a community center at this time?", and "Have funds been approved to build such a community center?" If the answer to these questions is "no", then I would answer that there ARE definite plans for a new shelter, and long-and hard-fought-for funding HAS been approved for a new shelter, so the common sense next step for the City Council would be to approve the land use for the new shelter and proceed with the long process of building it.

The animal-loving community of NYC has fought for full service shelters in all five boroughs for many years, and the City Council has finally supported this cause with funding. Please do not allow all we have fought for to go down the drain. I respectfully urge the City Council to continue its support of this very important project, because many, many (four-legged) lives are depending on it.

Thank you very much.

Deborah Thomas

**Testimony from Sharon Discorfanò, Esq.
at Hearing to be held on October 9, 2018
Regarding Bronx Animal Shelter, Bartow Ave. Site**

Good afternoon. My name is Sharon Discorfanò. I'm a NYC resident, member of the NYS Bar and of the NYC Bar Association's Committee on Animal Law. I'm here today testifying in a personal capacity **in support of the Bartow site for an animal shelter.**

As you will hear from supporters today, the proposed site will ensure the humane treatment of animals and also serve the public good. With nearly a million and half residents, The Bronx is long overdue for a shelter of its own. And the benefit extends to New Yorkers beyond the borough, as this shelter will relieve overcrowding in other NYC shelters. In addition to noting the impact on our human population, I want to add that the *animals* of The Bronx are deserving of their own shelter: these nonhuman New Yorkers deserve a local safe haven where they can receive essential care and the opportunity to be adopted into loving homes. The pet food pantry and programs ACC offers will be a resource for humans and animals of The Bronx, and even work towards reducing the intake of animals in the first place – a “win-win” as it serves animal welfare while also reducing the city's burden of care and re-homing.

But opposition today has more to do with the proposed location than the legitimate function of animal shelters in a society. So to specifically, clearly, support the proposed site: with respect to animal shelter services, The Bronx, to date, is an underserved

community; there is nowhere nearby offering the services needed, on the scale it's needed. The proposed site will be suitably accessible in terms of proximity to residents and availability via public transportation.

With its recent vote mandating each borough have its own full-service shelter by 2024, City Council recognized a specific need of our communities. Approving the proposed site puts the city on track for fulfilling this need in The Bronx. *Not* approving this location will most assuredly result in a delay of several years. Especially in light of the Council's own 2024 mandate, such a delay is simply out of bounds.

**For these reasons, I wholly support the proposed site for a new animal shelter
The Bronx can call its own.**

Thank you to the Council members and all those whose efforts have gotten us to this point today.

NYCLASS

WE LOVE ANIMALS AND WE VOTE!

Testimony of Edita Birnkrant, Executive Director, NYCLASS; Edita@nyclass.org
Landmarks, 2050 Bartow Avenue - Bronx Animal Shelter, Bronx, Oct 9, 2018

My name is Edita Birnkrant, and I am the Executive Director of NYCLASS, an animal advocacy and political action non-profit organization with supporters and activist chapters in all five boroughs of New York City and I'm a resident of Queens.

We believe that the greatest city in the world deserves a world-class animal shelter system, and our supporters and volunteers in all five boroughs vehemently agree. That's why we were in strong support of Intro 401, which passed in June of this year, under the leadership of Council Member Paul Vallone and which mandates that every borough have a full-service animal shelter operational by 2024.

The Bronx desperately needs a full-service animal shelter, but it won't get one unless this committee votes YES on the Bartow Avenue site. It took the city three years to select Bartow Avenue site as the location for the Bronx shelter, after visiting 50 other locations. Denying this proposal would mean a shelter cannot possibly be built by 2024 and perhaps not ever.

The new Bronx shelter would enable thousands more homeless animals to be saved and adopted each year and would relieve severe overcrowding at the other three Animal Care Center locations in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Staten Island. It would also provide much-needed services to the community such as low-cost veterinary care for vaccinations, wellness checks, and a spay/neuter clinic, pet food bank, free dog-training and pet surrender prevention counseling to prevent pets from being surrendered due to lack of resources.

There is a crucial need for these services in the Bronx. Many residents of the Bronx consider their pets their family members and they deserve adequate access to pet care resources which this shelter would provide. Every time there are low-cost/free mobile spay/neuter and mobile vet clinics in the Bronx, there are extremely long lines of community members waiting to treat their beloved pets, many waiting cannot be accommodated—this shows the dire need for a full-service animal shelter and the resources that go along with it. It's simply unfair to deny all these people a shelter.

In addition to these badly needed resources in the community, the Bronx shelter would provide over 100 jobs ranging from managerial, to union jobs to minimum wage jobs, many with excellent career path options. The Bronx shelter would also provide youth and senior volunteer programs, and it is well established that such programs offer positive impacts on those involved.

Please vote yes on the Bartow Avenue location of the new Bronx animal shelter. This is not a "people versus animals" situation—the reality is that the new shelter will greatly benefit both people and animals.

SHELTER REFORM ACTION COMMITTEE
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Good Afternoon. I am Bill Sacrey, Director of Community Outreach for Shelter Reform Action Committee.

Now, today, the stars are in alignment for Bronx residents. Finally there's the real possibility they may actually get their own animal shelter.

How -- after 18 years of unfulfilled promises -- has this come to pass?

First, we have a City Council that passed a law requiring shelters for all 5 boroughs.

Second, key Council leaders are heading the charge to enforce that law.

Third, for the first time in NYC history, we have a mayor who has made shelters for every borough a key plank of his administration.

Fourth, the City has identified a site that checks off a host of "must- haves" for an animal shelter

Let's be clear, it is now or never for the Bronx. If the Bartow Avenue site is not approved, odds are none of us here today will live long enough to see a Bronx Shelter.

Please do not let real estate developers derail a \$60 million state-of-the art facility that will serve not only Bronx residents, but all NYC residents and their pets.

We appreciate your consideration of the Bartow Avenue facility site, and seek your support to ensure its approval.

Thank You.

FOR THE RECORD

YOU GOT THIS!
Convince them, inspire them

I have been a volunteer at the shelter for over 17 years now.

First of all Andy King bussed people in for this meeting and I'm sure it is not out of his own pocket. So whose pocket are the funds coming out of? My tax money or developers? The shelter does not have nor would use their funds to do that.

Have any of you ever stepped foot in any of our shelters or even better adopted a pet from one? If you had you would see how much a new shelter is needed even more so in the Bronx. If you were to walk into the shelters the vast majority of the kennel cards say the stray was found in the Bronx. A shelter in that neighborhood instead of faraway in Manhattan would help the residents either bring the animal to the shelter instead of just dumping them or give them counseling on how they could keep their pet which has been a very successful program by the way. *is well as veteran care*

wish is sadly lacking

I am a dog trainer and I have gone to seminars around the country and in Canada and visited other city shelters and even the smallest of them put ours' to shame and not for the lack of our staff working hard. I recently had a friend come visit who is an ACO in the city of Calgary and she saw the shelter, as diplomatically as she could, said she was shocked that we could even function with the facilities we have.

People would want to visit the shelter if it was new and beautiful. I don't know how many times I have heard from people that "they would never be able to visit a shelter as it would be too sad" which I must say the current state of our shelters is depressing and sad even though all of the staff try to make it as inviting as possible.

The funds are already in place.

It is on city owned property so all funds will be available to build the shelter.

It will offer employment to 116 local residents.

It would greatly reduce the overcrowding and disease in our current shelters.

There would be a food pantry for pets at the shelter.

It will provide 68 parking spaces.

Melvin Ponder

The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated

From: Christine Hahn

Craig Seeman
Voices for Shelter Animal
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Advocating for the Bartow Ave site for the Bronx Animal Care Center

Hello I'm Craig Seeman of Voices For Shelter Animals.

No single neighborhood and certainly no real estate interest should be permitted to impede the city's badly needed animal shelter.

While the siting of some city services are steeped in controversy due to health and public safety risks there are no such tangible concerns here.

No matter how an entity tries to skew this hearing by transporting opposition, they do not democratically or proportionally represent a city of 8.6 million people and an estimated 1.1 million companion animals.

This not only impacts the nearly 1.5 million people of the Bronx, who, with the convenience of a Bronx shelter can provide loving homes to these animals and have access to badly needed affordable veterinary care or, in the most dire of circumstances, have a place that can assist them in re-homing companions who would otherwise face an uncertain future.

Currently with only a drop off center in the Bronx, the Manhattan Animal Care Center is overburdened with intake which increases the spread of disease at an inadequately equipped facility. This creates a ripple effect throughout the entire shelter system resulting in the death of healthy treatable animals. We are not only depriving these animals of their lives, we are depriving New Yorkers of those potential family members.

A new Bronx shelter with state of the art health facilities that includes proper Isolation care where sick animals can heal and, with a proper HVAC system, can prevent the spread of CIRDC and URI that plagues the shelter system. It will, in turn, alleviate the burden of the less well equipped Manhattan shelter and therefore increase live outcomes throughout the city shelter system.

The people of the Bronx have been denied a promise for a centralized location to adopt those family members for 18 years since the original shelter bill was passed. It will be 24 years by the time the Bronx shelter is finally completed. Do not prolong that wait indefinitely. This Bronx shelter can be here, and the city is ready and waiting. This affects all your constituents. Your obligation to them both human and non, is to support this site.

Animal shelter protest

Thank you for allowing me to speak

Good evening, my name is Margaret Chinnery, I am a recent cooperator having lived in Co-op city for only 23 years. In that time I have seen numerous changes. But to date I feel that the placement of an animal shelter in co-op city would be detrimental to its residents for the following reasons.

First - it would overburden the already congested traffic flow in our area anyone who does not believe this does not live in co-op city.

Second - there is the possibility of zoonotic { zoe o notic} infections that could wreak havoc upon our elders. (disease transmitted from animal to humans)

Thirdly - I believe our property values would plummet.

Fourth - The shelter would have the option for persons to drop off sick and stray animals after hours. If not secured properly, these animals could become feral and attack residents. Feral animals would increase the incidents of fleas, ticks and mites in the general population.

The budget for the shelter is 60 million dollars, a small part of that could be could be used to purchase land that would be more conducive to a shelter, for example, the golf driving range on Gunn hill road, or a parcel of land within the Zerega

Industrial park. The community requests that a place that is not so densely populated be chosen for the animal shelter. Co-op City is not that place. Please note that there is a Bronx Veterinary center exactly 1.8 miles from co-op city located at 66 Westchester Square 1 718 933 1022. Also note that there is no plan B in regards to this motion, the powers that exist just assumed that Co-op city would be a dumping ground and that there would be no opposition, Co-op City will not go gently into that good night. As a large voting block in this community We ask that reconsiderations be made to find a more suitable location. Thank again for your time.

In the matter of the animal shelter -

THINGS HAVE NOW GONE FROM BAD TO WORSE. IN STATING THAT WE, THE RESIDENTS OF CO-OP CITY, DO NOT WANT AN ANIMAL SHLETER IN OUR MISTS. WE HAVE OPENED OURSELVES UP TO PERSONS WITH THE INTENT TO INTIMIDATE.

The issue of 51A Ave. has even been brought up.

WE HAVE BEEN PHOTOGRAPHED AND QUESTIONED BY THE OPPOSITION. WE HAVE BEEN CALLED A COMMUNITY OF "OLD" PEOPLE WHO DO NOT NEED A YOUTH CENTER. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT WE HAVE IN OUR COMMUNITY A HIGH SCHOOL,

We have had the same 4 schools brought up.

~~A MIDDLE SCHOOL, A ELEMENTRY SCHOOL AND A CHARTER SCHOOL~~ SERVING THE CHILDREN OF CO-OP CITY. A YOUTH

MULTI FUNCTIONAL CENTER IS URGENTLY NEEDED TO ENLIGHTEN, TRAIN AND OCCUPY OUR CHILDREN. THE CENTER COULD ALSO BE USED FOR OUR "OLD" PERSONS TO USE WHEN THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES ARE CLOSED ON HOLIAYS AND WEEKENDS.

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WOULD BE A PERFECT LOCATION. FOR EXAMPLE, THE HUNTSPOINT AREA, THE PORT MORRIS AREA, THE OLD GOLF DRIVING RANGE AT GUN HILL AND THE ZEREGA INDUSTRIAL PARK. ~~THESE SITES~~ ARE NOT WITHIN A RESIDENTIAL

Hill and No pet

COMMUNITY AND HAVE ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION. SO LET THE POWERS THAT BE KNOW THAT WE WILL FIGHT THIS PROPOSAL, DESPITE INTIMIDATION AND BACKROOM DEALS.

WE SAY OUR CHILDREN, ~~FIRST.~~ AND seniors



The Bronx has been fighting for an animal shelter for decades. Now for the first time we have the funding, the site and the mandate.

None of the business including Red Lobster adjacent to the proposed site has expressed any concerns to this animal shelter next to their shopping center.

This facility would be a community resource center that provides a pet food bank, dog training, youth and senior programs and low cost pet care. This is a needed service for the entire Bronx including coop city. Coop city has the highest concentration of service pets not including emotional pets as well

The community board that voted against the site listed the full scale animal shelter on its statement of needs. It did not list any youth center for Coop city on its needs. Neither the Borough President nor the city council member King allocated one penny for any youth center in coop city.

A campaign has been raised to promote a youth center that there is no money budgeted for it nor ever listed in the community board statement of needs. For almost 20 years no action was taken for any youth center in that site or much less anywhere in coop city. Now that the city proposed this animal facility at this site, a youth center is promoted to create competing needs as a shield for the developer who wants this site.

amNewYork reported the developer paid over \$200,000 in lobbying fees to acquire this site for a wellness center for homeless men. Just recently the developer made a presentation to Riverbay on its proposed development which is a building over 30 stories high.

The Bronx surrenders the most animals in the city and it overburdens the other existing shelters. This results in less space, less time and less care for the animals throughout the city. In fact, many animals get sick because the shelters are crowded and many are euthanized because of lack of space.

The opposition including city council member King and the Borough President stated they would proposed an alternative site. However, in every meeting they still couldn't provide any alternative site and even suggested that the animal advocates should search for one. It took the city over 2 years to find this site and as per their testimony there isn't any other parcels with the requirements in the Bronx for an animal facility.

Riverbay has over 300 acres of land and millions in the bank to build a youth center on their property. As a former President of the Riverbay funds wrote " when Riverbay Board of Directors approved using the Bingo Hall for a youth, elected officials did nothing to make it happen.

Now the elected officials can make this animal shelter happened on Bay Plaza and also help coop city build the youth center on their property. The false narrative of competing needs is political and disingenuous

Roxanne Delgado on behalf of Bronx Animal Rights Electors

Judith Lustgarten

Year after year .. decade after decade .. administration after administration broken promises, blind eyes and deaf ears to this business arena. This is a business like every other business ... and it's time it's run with responsibility and integrity vs the 2018 wild wild west .. with no regulations. It is, in fact, an ENORMOUS BUSINESS ... yet has never gotten that acknowledgment. Oh, they're just animals ... it's enough already. Every business needs to be handled ... and handled responsibly, It's time ... it's in fact ... well overdue. Animals are a big part of this life. They see, hear, feel pain, sadness, joy/ happiness, fear ... just as we do. There are so many studies on this... more all the time. These animals and this arena needs the acknowledgement ... now. No, they are not "JUST ANIMALS". They're far more than that! Even Oregon passed that legislation. They're living SENTIENT beings ... literally. But sadly, They depend on human beings to protect them, treat them properly, responsibly ... as they are otherwise defenseless against human hands/ minds. WHY do you feel they're so disposable ... ? Because they don't have a voice ... because the don't vote?! They do have a voice .. and it's getting very loud. And we're it.

Bronx has the highest population of animals ... therefore it makes the most sense logistically that there is an animal shelter in the bronx. The people in the Bronx shouldn't have to travel lengths to adopt animal. Here's A bottom line for you ... June 2018 Council member paul vallone passed legislation mandating that every boro in NYC has an animal shelter. The Bronx residents want this shelter. The Bronx has had YEARS to do something with this property ... and they let it sit. They said/did little to nothing. Now ... now that it's on the table to build a proper animal shelter there ..(which, again, has now been been mandated), everyone has something to say. Again, You had YEARS to do something .. and you did nothing. Barely any talk .. youth center was voted against by Riverbay's board of directors... Riverbay BoD wanted to rent it to stores... .. (and there's already a youth center nearby) and still absolutely no action. This space has remained vacant.

It will provide jobs, it will provide a place for youth and seniors to volunteer at. It will provide, adoption, veterinary, and education services. It will provide additional

space for homeless animals, low cost spay/ neutering which will prevent unwanted litters ... all for your constituents. Do you know the studies on animals and seniors and children? Have you read any? You're discounting the value of animals. You're discounting ^{as well as} the business of animals. Morally, ethically, emotionally, financially ... you're discounting the studies proving the positive impacts that having a pet has to people .. to their health mentally and physically.

A Bronx shelter, when putting the proper people, plans, and proper motivations in place (which is another issue in and of itself will have a proper adoption facility giving great care and resources to the pets and pet owners. It will HELP PEOPLE ... as well as these poor defenseless sentient animals who have been overlooked in this city. It's time for NYC to be pulled up by it's bootstraps regarding animals ... We should be the leaders ... after all ... aren't we SUPPOSEDELY the greatest city in the world? We're in the gutter when it comes to our homeless animals. ^{BRONX Perfect Example} We have a vile reputation. The entire arena needs to be dealt with ... starting with a new state of the art (mandated) animal shelter! It's a part of our infrastructure the basic physical and organizational structure and facility needed for the operation of our society. Right now ... the people living in the Bronx don't have that ... and it's irresponsible ... because it's a very real (and ignored) issue. The long lines at the low cost vet-mobile... even in the worst weather people bear up trying to take proper care of their beloved animals. And many are turned away, as it's first come first serve,. Is that the responsible way? NO ... They need access to care for their pets ... as most people feel that animals are family ... and THEY ARE! READ THE STUDIES! Face it ... this is well overdue.

And as to "pitbulls escaping and attacking people"?! Has never happened in Brklyn, Staten island, nor manhattan ... so please don't make up things along the way ... that, no less, have not occurred.

The site has all the necessities/ ingredients that should go along with having a proper shelter. Proper zoning, highly visiable, parking ... convenient to transportation. . And btw ... an animal shelter is not a high traffic business ... as much as I wish it was ... because that would mean that many people would also be adopting.

Just because some people are not "friends to animals" does not mean this arena should be overlooked. It's BEEN overlooked. It's enough already. Animal rights

and welfare will be one of the biggest social movements of our time. Everywhere I look ... I'm seeing new laws/ legislation being passed ... all over our country... as well as the WORLD. And where is NYC in this?! Way behind .. that's where. It's Time for THE NEW REGIME of Wisdom, moral and ethical integrity and responsibility, a major dose of humanity and compassion ... and justice for these sentient beings ... no less who are unfortunate enough to have to walk thru, at the moment, these disease riddled shelter door, ironically disease riddled yet overseen by the dept of health, another issue in and of itself... a huge issue as a matter of fact.

I'm so sick of greedy selfish agenda's. This arena has been completely overlooked. And it's time for a big change in it. Co-op city ... no-pet policy, not very warm and fuzzy. That in and of itself as well ... is sterile in my humble opinion. Most other Bronx residents want this shelter. Are they here? Maybe not ... but they've made it clear that they not only want ... but they NEED this shelter.

And the funny thing ... is once it's there ... you'll find the joy and positivity of it ... in spite of yourselves and what you think at this moment.

Took years for the city to find this location for an animal shelter ... and has now been mandated ... that a full scale shelter in EVERY BORO ... Bronx, one of the LARGEST BORO'S and w/ the most animals, included! Are we a civilized society ... or just goons ... with greedy selfish agendas. EVERY BUSINESS needs acknowledgement. IT'S ABOUT TIME THE ANIMAL BUSINESS GETS WHAT'S DUE ... what's WELL OVERDUE.

It's a city wide issue ... and other cities and states are running circles around NYC. This Bottom line... it's MANDATED THAT SHELTERS ARE built/ opened in every boro. Bronx needs to do their part for this , what can be, a wonderful business, when run properly. Quite honestly, 2024 is a long ways off... and I can't quite understand it ... as the hi rise building on my corner went up in very little time. Buraucracy truly needs to learn to do thigs in a timely, expeditious, RESPONSIBLE manner. We're living in a time where things are more than lightening fast ... unlike when protocol was set up in the horse and buggy era. This is truly simple business when the right people are involved ... it's far from rocket science.

We need fair & reasonable negotiations to take place in order to come to an equitable conclusion for everyone. It can be done if/ when the honest desire is to make it work for everyone. Not selfish.

Get with the times ... or get left behind. As I said ... animal rights and welfare WILL BE one of the biggest social movements of our times. It's time to get on the right side of this equation.

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**ANIMAL SHELTER PUBLIC HEARING
CITY HALL- OCTOBER 9, 2018**

ZONING# C180346

MY NAME IS HATTIE OVERMAN AND I RESIDE IN COOP CITY, BRONX NY. I AM WRITING TO OBJECT TO THE BUILDING OF AN ANIMAL SHELTER AT THE SITE OF 2050 BARTOW AVE IN MY COMMUNITY OF THE BRONX.

THE PROPOSED ANIMAL SHELTER TO BE BUILT IN THE MIST OF THREE RESTAURANTS, THEREBY, CONCERNS OF SAFETY AND HEALTH ISSUES. AS A RESULT THE ANIMALS COULD BE PUT AT RISK OF ELIMINATING THEMSELVES DUE TO NERVOUSNESS, UNABLE TO CONTROL THEMSELVES, PARTICULARLY IF STUCK IN TRAFFIC GRIDLOCK WHICH HAPPENS AT ANYTIME ON BARTOW AVE, BAY PLAZA MALL AND SURROUNDING VICINITY... THIS LOCATION IN MY OPINION IS DEFINITELY NOT THE PROPER SITE FOR TRANSPORTATION OF ANIMALS ON A DAILY BASIS OF CONGESTED TRAFFIC.

THE 2050 BARTOW AVE SITE IS IN THE NORTHEAST BRONX AND IS NOT CENTRALLY LOCATED AS SPECIFIED BY THE CITY'S PROPOSED REQUIREMENT. THIS LOCATION IS ADJOURNED TO COOP CITY COMMUNITY AND AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, TWO YEARS OF THE CITY PLANNING AN ANIMAL SHELTER IN THE COMMUNITY OF COOP CITY, WITHOUT ANY CONTACT OR INVOLVING THIS COMMUNITY IN THE PROCESS.

AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE AND RESPECT. OUR COMMUNITY HAS THE RIGHT TO INPUT, A RIGHT TO VOICE THEIR OPINIONS AND VIEWPOINTS AS TO WHAT IS HAPPENING AND WHAT WE WANT IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE WOULD ASK COUNCILMAN ANDY KING AND CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER THAT COOP CITY IS A NON-PET POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND THE PROPOSED ANIMAL SHELTER WOULD NOT BE IN THE BEST INTEREST NOR SERVE THE NEEDS OF THIS COMMUNITY.

IN MY CONCLUSION, COUNCILMAN ANDY KING AND CITY COUNCIL, COOP CITY WILL BE CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF EXISTENCE, YET WE HAVE NO STATE OF THE ART FACILITY FOR THE YOUTHS OF A COMMUNITY OF 55,000 PLUS.

CITY COUNCIL, 60 MILLION DOLLARS WOULD BE BETTER SPENT TO OFFER THE NEXT GENERATION, HOPE, RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FUTURE TO BECOME PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS OF SOCIETY. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.

October 9, 2018

New York City Council
Chairperson Adrienne Adams
Subcommittee on Landmarks,
Public Siting and Maritime Uses
250 Broadway, 16th Fl.
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chairperson Adams and Council Members,

My name is Christina Gdisis and I've been a NYC resident for 32 years of my life. I'm also a board member of Voters for Animal Rights and an animal welfare professional who works and has worked with some of the largest animal organizations in this city. I first want to start by thanking the committee for allowing the public to be a part of this process and hearing our voices. This is an issue as you know that not only affects animals but human residents as well.

As someone who has worked in the South Bronx directly with community members and their animals, I know there is a great need for an animal shelter in this area. My work was focused in this area because statistically there is a pet desert with an enormous need for services such as spay and neuter, pet surrender prevention, and pet resources.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics there is 1 vet to every 89 dogs in the borough of the Bronx. Manhattan and Brooklyn are two of ACC's locations and in those areas of NYC there is astronomical difference. Manhattan has 1 veterinarian per 20 dogs and very similarly Brooklyn has 1 vet to every 31 dogs. This paints a clear picture.

I know this shelter will become a safe haven for folks who don't know where to turn with their animals when they've hit a roadblock medically, behaviorally, and personally. I know that a shelter in this location can alleviate the community cat epidemic. I know this shelter will save thousands of NYC animals' lives. This city needs this proposed shelter and we need it now. Voting no today will delay this shelter from moving forward, leaving Bronx community residents stranded and the countless NYC animals in their homes and in the streets.

I respectfully urge you today to vote yes to proposal site 2050 Bartow Avenue for Animal Care Center's full service animal shelter and veterinary clinic.

Sincerely,

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Hon. Rafael Salamanca, Jr.
Chairman of the Committee on Land Use
New York City Council
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Dear Councilmember Salamanca,

I want to submit my written objection to the proposal by the City of New York to build a 47,000 square foot structure that would house an Animal Shelter across the street from Co-op City, the largest residential housing complex in America. Co-op City has a no-pets policy except for service animals. At the May 24, 2018 meeting of Community Board 10, cooperators who were first presented with the proposal that night, responded by emphatically saying, “NO!”

Our Co-op City community, housing some 50,000 residents, has changed a lot since the original occupancy began back in December of 1968. With 15,372 apartments, we have a waiting list that extends to more than 3 years. Our garages are full, and the waiting time for curbside parking is insane. With the addition of the still-growing Bay Plaza Shopping Mall, traffic, at certain times, is a total nightmare.

With buses being the only means of public transportation into Co-op City, this animal care center will only serve to heighten the already intense vehicular traffic situation, coupled with the probability of having multiple large pets sharing the same bus space with riders who (like my granddaughter is allergic to pet dander) may be at some risk because of an unanticipated adverse medical reaction. Please, do not take this possibility lightly.

Many Bronxites living outside of the Co-op City community see Co-op City simply as just a naturally occurring retirement community (NORC). There are some 8,000 young people living here in Co-op City who could take full advantage of having the community center that was promised to our community by individuals who, unfortunately, no longer represent Co-op City. The Co-op City community needs its own multi-purpose community center for our youngsters.

Back on July 19th, Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. held a meeting at his office as part of the ULURP (Uniform Land Use Review Process). Your colleague, and our Councilman, Andy King, wrote a letter in opposition to the proposed shelter, as did New York State Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, State Senator Jamaal Bailey and U.S. Congressman Eliot Engel.

Therefore, it is on behalf of the vast majority of shareholders and cooperators who reside here in Co-op City, that as a duly elected representative of those shareholders, and as a 41 year resident shareholder, I respectfully request that the Committee on Land Use, vote not to overturn the proposed Animal Shelter’s non-compliance with NYC Zoning Resolution. Under Article III: Commercial District Regulations, and under Chapter 2, Use Regulations - Section 32-25, Animal Hospitals (and Kennels), are determined to be categorized as U.G. (Use Group) 16, and further, that U.G. 16’s are only permitted as of right in C8 zoning districts.

Respectfully submitted are copies of **Zoning Map 4a,** and **Section 32-25** of the zoning resolution, indicating that the proposed property falls within C4-3 zoning district, and that the intended use (Animal Shelter) is permitted only within a C8 zoning district, and is therefore out of compliance.

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“Not in my neighborhood,” is not exactly our community’s response. No one from the City of New York ever reached out to or considered meeting with anyone from the Co-op City community for our thoughts or recommendations. Instead, our community, like many others in the southern part of our beloved borough, was served up a healthy dose of benign neglect and complete disrespect.

To all of those who would argue that “not in my neighborhood” is exactly what Co-op City residents are saying, I would point out that in all of the comments I’ve heard made by others not living in Co-op City to date, no one has ever uttered the phrase, “Why don’t you bring the animal shelter to my neighborhood!”

Together with our neighbors in Community Board 12, it’s very possible that we could have offered a better site, very close to the one that the City is now seeking.

Mr. Chairman, and members of the committee, I would also like to point out other ways in which Co-op City operates in favor of the City, and its taxpayers, in at least two ways that are like no other.

We are 330 acres of land. Co-op City could easily require several police vehicles from the 45th Precinct. Instead, Co-op City’s shareholders contribute \$14 million dollars a year of our own hard-earned dollars, and pay for our own 100+ uniformed police officers, their vehicles, their equipment, and their training, saving the city of New York millions of dollars annually.

With our 35 high rise buildings and 236 townhouses, we have some 42 garbage pick-up points. To best facilitate both residents and the NYC Dept. of Sanitation, at shareholders’ expense, we built a single location pick-up depot, again saving the City millions of dollars in manpower and energy annually.

In 2006 or thereabouts, the community, through the Gloria Wise Boys & Girls Club, agreed to negotiate a deal to preserve the land for a community center for youngsters. That occurred under the Bloomberg administration.

✓ Had the city of New York have reached out to Co-op City in their initial planning of the proposal that’s currently before your Committee, there might have been a much different outcome than the one you are currently deliberating.

✓ As I have previously stated, Mr. Chairman, I am respectfully requesting that you, and the Land Use Committee, uphold the NYC Zoning Resolution, as set forth under ZR 32-25, in that an Animal Shelter is only allowed in a Use Group 16 (U.G.16), within a C8 Zoning District, and find that the proposed site, which is currently out of compliance within the existing C4-3 zoning district’s regulations, not be further considered.

✓ I thank you and the Committee for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Rod Saunders
Second Vice President, Riverbay Board of Directors

(3/4/76)

32-24

Use Group 15

C7

Use Group 15 consists of large open commercial amusement establishments which:

- (1) generate considerable noise or traffic; and
- (2) are appropriate only in a few areas designated for open amusement parks.

A. Amusements

Amusement arcades [PRC-E]

Amusement parks, children's, with no limitation on #floor area# per establishment [PRC-E]

Animal exhibits [PRC-E]

Ferris wheels, roller coasters, whips, parachute jumps, merry-go-rounds or similar open midway attractions [PRC-E]

Freak shows, wax museums, dodgem scooters or similar open or enclosed midway attractions [PRC-E]

Open booths with games of skill or chance, including shooting galleries [PRC-E]

(12/19/17)

32-25

Use Group 16

C8

Use Group 16 consists of automotive and other necessary semi-industrial #uses# which:

- (1) are required widely throughout the city; and
- (2) involve offensive noise, vibration, smoke, dust, or other particulate matter, odorous matter, heat, humidity, glare or

other objectionable influences, making such #uses# incompatible with #residential uses# and other #commercial uses#.

A. Retail or Service Establishments

Animal hospitals or kennels [PRC-B1]

Animal pounds or crematoriums [PRC-C]

Automobile, motorcycle, trailer or boat sales, open or enclosed [PRC-C]

Blacksmith shops [PRC-C]

Building materials sales, open or enclosed, limited to 10,000 square feet of #lot area# per establishment, provided that not more than 5,000 square feet of such #lot area# is used for open storage [PRC-B1]

Carpentry, custom woodworking or custom furniture making shops [PRC-B1]

Crematoriums, human [PRC-C]

Electrical, glazing, heating, painting, paper hanging, plumbing, roofing or ventilating contractors' establishments, open or enclosed, with open storage limited to 5,000 square feet of #lot area# per establishment [PRC-B1]

Fuel, ice, oil, coal or wood sales, open or enclosed, limited to 5,000 square feet of #lot area# per establishment [PRC-B1]

Household or office equipment or machinery repair shops, such as refrigerators, washing machines, stoves, deep freezers or air conditioning units [PRC-B1]

Machinery rental or sales establishments [PRC-B1]

Mirror silvering or glass cutting shops [PRC-B1]

Motorcycle or motor scooter rental establishments [PRC-C]

Poultry or rabbit killing establishments, for retail sale on the same #zoning lot# only [PRC-B1]

Riding academies, open or enclosed [PRC-C]

October 9, 2018

New York City Council Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Siting and Maritime Uses Hearing for the proposed Bartow Avenue Bronx animal shelter.

Testimony in support of this proposal. PLEASE VOTE YES.

My name is Heather Greenhouse and I'm on the board of directors of Voters For Animal Rights. I'm here today to urge you to approve the Bartow Ave location of the Bronx animal shelter. This shelter would provide so many benefits to the community in addition to saving thousands of animals' lives.

The Bronx is a pet-care resource desert. Pet owners in the Bronx deserve to have access to pet care services that this shelter will provide - community services such as low-cost vet for vaccinations, wellness checks, spay/neuter clinic, pet food bank, free dog training, and pet surrender prevention counseling to prevent pets from being surrendered due to lack of resources. People in the Bronx who want to adopt pets will now be able to do that locally, not having to travel far to the other boroughs. This shelter will relieve overcrowding at the other 3 ACC locations, saving so many lives, and significantly reducing the number of animals who are euthanized due to lack of space. It would provide over 100 jobs and important volunteer programs, especially for the youth and seniors. It's well known that having a pet and being around animals positively impacts people's lives, health, and well-being. This shelter will be nothing but beneficial for the community in so many ways.

I realize that the location is being opposed here. You should know that the city took 3 years to carefully choose this ideal location, from over 50 sites visited. It will NOT cause more traffic. The fact that co-op city technically does not allow pets is irrelevant as this shelter is for ALL of the Bronx. The opposition would have you believe that they want to build some other community center here such as a youth center. But the truth is that a youth center was already voted AGAINST by Riverbay Corp. board of directors. There will never be a youth center here. In all these years,

the site remains vacant. Why? Corporate interests – real estate developers – want this site for condos. That's it.

Council Member Andy King is representing them and is misleading the community to oppose this animal shelter on false pretenses. He's purposely hiding the benefits it will provide to so many in the community for selfish corporate profits. Riverbay has coerced people to get on a bus and be here today to testify against this shelter by spreading absurd lies such as "pit bulls are going to escape and attack you"– this has never happened at any other ACC location and it will not happen here. (Pit bulls are some of the most loving and friendly dogs and I encourage all to adopt one and stop the damaging rumor that they are dangerous.)

We are here simply because we want what's best for the community and for animals. We have nothing to gain – no money. Whereas the opposition has profits at stake and power to manipulate and deceive residents to further their profit driven agenda. They've paid for expensive phone calls and even a bus to bring people here.

In June, the City Council mandated that every borough have a full service animal shelter by 2024, thanks to Council Member Paul Vallone. The bottom line is, the Bronx will NOT reach this goal if this Bartow Ave location is not approved. It is our only chance at having a shelter in the Bronx by the mandated 2024. We need this. The animals need it. The Bronx community needs it. Don't believe the corporate manipulation and corrupt Andy King. Do the right thing. Vote yes on this shelter.

Heather Greenhouse
Board of Directors
Voters For Animal Rights
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Good afternoon. My name is Brigette Supernova. I am here as a ~~community~~
~~South Bronx~~ resident of the Mott Haven neighborhood in the South
Bronx. ~~As an animal advocate,~~ I have fostered over 200 felines. I offer local
rescues a place for injured, ill, and special needs cats to rehabilitate before
placing them in the care of new homes. In my experience, the worst cases
of animal neglect and abuse come from under-served, over-populated
communities lacking resources and ~~education on~~ ^{advocacy for} pet care and animal
welfare. By bringing an open access, full service animal shelter to the
Bronx, the city would be providing opportunities to lower unwanted
populations, curb animal abuse, and nurture a healthier, ^{equitable} community for both
humans and animals.

The Bronx is home to the city's largest population of stray and abandoned
^{animals} ~~cats~~, as well as pets not sterilized to prevent unexpected ^{litters} ~~pregnancies~~.

~~According to Animal Care and Control of New York City, the largest number~~
~~of abandoned and surrendered animals come from the East Harlem and~~
~~South Bronx areas. Only 50 to 60% of pets are spayed/neutered in the~~
~~Bronx, compared to ~~only~~ 93% in Manhattan. These statistics alone are~~
proof why the Bronx desperately needs local, affordable animal services.

A comprehensive animal shelter in the Bronx could be about so much more than just intaking dumped and found animals. ~~The Mayor's Alliance of NYC's Animals notes~~ ^{no} domestic abuse shelter in the city will take in victims with pets. ~~And statistics show 40 to 59% of women will delay leaving abusive homes if they have to leave a pet behind.~~ The cities homeless shelters also do not allow pets—the only emotional support and unconditional love some people know. This new shelter is an opportunity for the city to step up and better serve its people with crisis ~~services~~ services. A trap-neuter-return initiative would help lower feral cat populations, ^{which are highest in Bronx} ~~and still keep the cats away!~~ ~~With inability to afford basic veterinary care commonly cited as a reason people surrender their pets,~~ low-cost vet services can even keep beloved bodega cats well, employed, and in their shop homes.

~~Borough President Ruben Diaz and City Councilperson Andy King say~~ they'd prefer a new community center at the site of the proposed animal shelter on Bartow Avenue. A community center already exists adjacent to the ~~Co-Op City developments.~~ Some nearby residents of the Co-Op City also say they also see no need for an animal shelter because they are not allowed to keep pets.

~~I hear and respect CoOp City residents concerns.~~

~~But~~ ~~the~~ The Bronx is home to about 1.4 million people, ~~some~~ ^{many} of whom are ~~low~~ ^{income} pet owners or encounter animals in need of human intervention and assistance. ~~This shelter will provide over 100 permanent jobs to the~~ ~~community.~~ ~~It also~~ ^{and A shelter} offers opportunities for Bronx residents to participate in animal care and advocacy, ~~learn~~ ^{engage in} community responsibility, and develop ~~and~~ compassion for others sentient beings.

City Councilperson Andy King, ~~who opposes this land use for a Bronx~~ ~~animal shelter,~~ does *not* represent the entire borough. ~~He does not~~ ~~represent me.~~ ^{he} Nor does ^{me or} speak for the 200 independent animals rescues and community caretakers scraping by to pick up the pieces ^{for} thousands of abused, abandoned, neglected, and stray animals the city fails to help every ~~single~~ ^{with no other viable option, to meet the 2024} day. I support the Bartow Avenue land use ^{for} ~~giving the city~~ ^{deadline,} ~~permission to build~~ a much needed full-service animal shelter in the Bronx!

Thank you.

Lack of diverse representation is a problem in animal advocacy. I hope a shelter in the Bronx can bridge that gap.

Good afternoon -

I am here to speak on behalf of the thousands of homeless animals and beloved pets and urge the City Council to support the Bartow Ave Bronx shelter proposal.

This full service shelter will not only help the animals, but will help the people of the Bronx who love them by providing much needed resources such as low cost vaccinations, wellness checks, free dog training and spay/neuter clinics.

The opposition says that they are putting "people before animals." I say that this carefully chosen shelter puts people alongside their animals and allows for the Bronx community to join in the historic legislation mandating that every borough have a full service animal shelter operational by 2024.

The Bartow Ave Bronx shelter will accomplish this and accomplish something else as well. Sometimes it is also about what increases our humanity as a city. This is most certainly one of those times. Thank you,

Linda Mann

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Subject: Written Testimony for 10.9.18 Hearing FULLY SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED BRONX ANIMAL SHELTER

Dear Madam/Sir,

Today we email to express our **COMPLETE AND TOTAL ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT of New York City's decision to finally build a NEW ANIMAL SHELTER in The Bronx at Bartow Avenue!**

HIP, HIP, HOORAY!

A full-service shelter at *Bartow Avenue* will undoubtedly relieve severe overcrowding in other shelters and provide much needed services to NYC, especially the *Bronx* community. We expect the new shelter will include an adoption center, low cost vet clinic, pet food pantry, free dog training, pet surrender prevention counseling and over one-hundred (100) new jobs. These programs will prevent animals from being abandoned in the first place! **BUILDING A FULL-SERVICE SHELTER IN THE BRONX AT THE BARTOW AVENUE LOCATION IS A TOTAL WIN ALL THE WAY AROUND FOR ALL NYC RESIDENTS--HUMAN AND ANIMAL!**

Sadly, we've been informed that *Bronx Councilmember* Andy King is viciously opposing the new animal shelter because he wants the land to be used to build condos. To be clear, if the shelter site isn't approved it will be years, if ever, before a new site is selected. **We cannot allow one misguided NYC Councilmember to stop decades of movement for a full-service animal shelter in The Bronx!**

As long-time animal advocates, rescuers, and caregivers, we know many people just like us who live in *The Bronx* and do what we do--rescue countless homeless cats, dogs, and other animals, adopting them ourselves and/or placing them with family, friends, neighbors. **A full-service animal shelter in The Bronx has been DESPERATELY NEEDED for so very, very long!**

PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING AND MAKE SURE THIS NEW FULL-SERVICE ANIMAL SHELTER IS BUILT IN THE BRONX ASAP! WE THANK + BLESS YOU!

Gratefully,

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Animal Shelter statement to City Council Sub-Committee on Landmarks, Public Siting and Maritime Uses

October 9, 2018

By: Leslie Peterson, Co-op City Resident

I am here in support of the Co-op City Community, my home. During this process the NYC Community Affairs Unit has been doing much of the presenting regarding this issue, however the Community Affairs Unit never bothered to reach out to the community. Additionally they did not reach out to our Community Board 10 or our Bronx Borough President.

We actually found out by way of an announcement in January 2018 in the newspapers. In my opinion that is the height of disrespect. It is also an example of why there is so much apathy when it comes to voting. Still, I am proud of the Co-op City Community who have stayed the course during the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure in order to have a say about their quality of life.

Recently the City Planning Commission voted their approval stating the Animal Shelter and Adoption Center would not have a significant environmental impact on our community. They know it will have an impact but not **“significant” enough** to cause **them** concern. The traffic congestion we experience trying to get home can make a 5 minute ride a half hour to hour ride by car. The proposed Hotel and Metro North railroad entryway will also use this main road, Bartow Avenue, further adding to the congestion.

We are located in the extreme north east Bronx. During their presentation the Community Affairs Dept. and Animal Care speakers said a criteria for this selection was its location. This location is neither centrally located nor easy to get to. In fact this location is away from adequate public transportation and will be especially difficult for those living in the West Bronx. Our Borough President has stated what is key is a more centralized location to maximize accessibility for Bronx residents.

Next-There should be boundaries between commercial and residential establishments. The facility has allocated eight thousand six hundred (8,600) feet for an exterior courtyard and outdoor dog run for open air space. You cannot dictate where the animals will relieve themselves so between that and the barking, lodged next to Red Lobster and a Senior Facility is inconsistent with the character of the community and the rights of those nearby and should be taken into account.

Lastly- I want to correct statements made at previous hearings. A youth center was requested, in fact Capital funding was allocated around 2005 of 7.5 million for development of a youth center by the former City Councilperson and the Bloomberg Administration and again in recent years. We have been told that architectural renderings for the youth center included a competitive swimming pool, track and Specialty performance areas. In my opinion you can never have too many facilities for our youth of which there are approximately over 8,000 in Co-op City under the age of 18 years old.

So what have we learned? This location is not zoned for this and an override would further exacerbate the anticipated high density commercial developments planned such as the new Starbucks, shake and go, Burlington, chipotle, Hotel and Metro North. We learned that approximately 20 other properties were looked at, about 11 city owned and others private although not given the locations. We have also learned that the cooperators, Community Board, Councilman and Borough President all know this location is not centrally located or easily accessible to the majority of the Bronx residents it proposes to want to serve. Are there other large square footage city locations, YES! They have stated this and so has our Borough President.

Our Borough President Reuben Diaz Jr. said that had he been aware that this process was underway, a suitable site that satisfies all stakeholders could have been identified. Give our Borough President and Councilman that opportunity.

There is also a former golf driving range that is vacant city owned land that was previously, (but no longer) leased to the MTA. This area includes several acres of land suitable for not only the Animal Care Shelter but also a Bronx Performing Arts Center that would help generate funds and should satisfy the NYC Economic Development Corporation by generating funds and jobs.

It would be an important component in revitalizing the Bronx and bring a host of cultural experiences to those in and surrounding the community. It can provide opera, ballet and symphony orchestras a new audience, allows for theater space and cabaret opportunities. Most of all parking would not be a problem and members of the community and Bronx would have solved two wishes instead of one.

Youth could participate in arts training classes, scholarships, in-school residencies, professional development, and family and children's programming, allowing students, teachers and families to interact with professional artists and explore the various genres of music, theater, dance, poetry and more. Most importantly it would not interfere with community homes and traffic congestion and the shelter would have more space available to them with no demolition necessary, keeping their timetable on track.

We are a no pet complex, located in the far north east Bronx, zoned as a commercial area, scheduled for a great many more commercial and development prospects, bombarded by traffic concerns and while we respect the efforts of the City and especially our Council members on advocating and passing a law for an animal shelter in every Borough, there are approximately six (6) years left before this bill must be fulfilled so this is not a fait accompli. Give our Borough leaders an opportunity to find a more suitable, accessible location.

For the record, a center was never voted down, the location is not accessible and the CB 10 meeting was shut down because of the derogatory and racist remarks being made by the advocates in favor of the shelter and not due to our Councilman who after a brief statement, listened during the CB 10 meeting.

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October 8, 2018

VIA: E-MAIL

Hon. Adrienne E. Adams, Council Member, District 28

Chair, Subcommittee on Landmark, Public Sitting and Maritime Use

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Hon. Ines Barron, Council Member, District 42

Hon. Peter Koo, Council Member, District 20

Hon. Daneek Miller, Council Member, District 27

Hon. Mark Treyger, Council Member, District 47

Re: LU 0231-2018

Application No. C 180346 PSX

**Full Service Animal Shelter, Veterinary Clinic and Accompanying Office Space
Site: 2050 Bartow Avenue Bronx, New York (Block 5141 P/O Lot 1085)**

Dear Chair Adams and Committee Members:

We are a coalition of Bronx based animal advocates who are speaking for the abused, neglected and abandoned dogs and cats that are all too often left on Bronx streets, Bronx parking lots, tied to park fences, left in abandoned properties, and used for dog fighting. According, to Animal Care and Control the Bronx has the highest rate of abandoned dogs, in the City, as well as countless feral and stray cats. The City of NY, has designated 2050 Bartow Avenue, as the proposed location for the Bronx Municipal Animal Shelter. Currently the site is vacant land being used by NYPD for storage of vehicles.

This ULURP process has not been without controversy and we understand the concerns and appreciate the advocacy of the Co-Op residents who have participated in the ULURP process, as well as their expressed desire to have a youth center built at the site. However, no funding mechanism has been put forth, no financial backing has been presented, no specific information provided and although a youth center is a worthy cause, it may not be feasible. Further, the area has youth facilities operated under the auspices of local non-profit entities.

We suggest, the real motivation behind not wanting the animal shelter at the Bartow location is as reported by journalist Lisa B. Colangelo, in the June 27, 2018, edition of *amNewYork* in her article entitled: *A Bronx property the city wants for an animal shelter is being eyed by a developer*, in that article it is disclosed that a lobbyist was paid a substantial fee to “to perform governmental relations and consulting services related to the potential development of 2050 Bartow Avenue. The developer, as reported by *amNewYork* is **The First Hartford Realty Corporation**. Once again, **we are witnessing the influence of lobbyists and money on government decision making.**

We unequivocally support the application of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Health and the Department of Citywide Administration Services, and which application was unanimously approved by the New York City Planning Commission, for the use of the City owned vacant land at 2050 Bartow to be the site for the Bronx County, Full Service Animal Shelter, Veterinary Clinic and Accompanying Office Space.

Rob Becerra, Animal Rescue Advocate
Fausto Cordero, Loving the Bronx ***
Nicholas Cordero, Loving the Bronx
Roseann Delgado, Bronx Animal Rights Electors
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*****Organizations listed for identification purposes only.**
List in formation

C: Speaker Johnson



VOTERS FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS

October 9, 2018

Dear New York City Council Members:

Voters For Animal Rights represents more than 60,000 supporters in New York City. Our Board of Directors and Advisory Board represents a cross-section of current and former staffers of numerous animal welfare organizations and experienced local rescuers of cats, dogs, rabbits, birds and reptiles.

Voters for Animal Rights enthusiastically supports the construction of the city-mandated full-service Bronx animal shelter at the chosen location of Bartow Avenue. We are extremely concerned if this location is not approved. The delay of many years before another suitable location is found and approved will needlessly cause a housing shortage for thousands of dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, reptiles and other animals, and will cause tremendous heartache to Bronx families who are so in need of pet support services which this modern, expertly designed animal shelter would provide.

It is well-known that the Bronx is the most under-served borough in terms of pet-related services. Pet families in the Bronx are often in dire need of affordable vet care and spay-neuter, dog training, and even pet food. A 2017 study of the ratio of veterinarians to the number of pet dogs in each borough revealed that while Manhattan has 1 vet for every 20 dogs, Staten Island: 1/25, Brooklyn: 1/31, and Queens: 1/34, the Bronx has only 1 vet per 89 dogs. (<https://www.nycedc.com/blog-entry/new-york-citys-dog-population>).

The new center on Bartow Avenue would provide much-needed community services such as a low-cost vet clinic, pet food bank, free dog training, and pet surrender prevention counseling to help keep pets in the homes they already have. NYC ACC has already proven successful with such services. The center would also enable thousands more homeless animals to be saved yearly and relieve overcrowding and stress on animals at the other ACC locations. Currently, Bronx families have to travel into Manhattan just to find an animal to adopt. They deserve equal access to adoption centers just as every other borough has. In addition, this center would create over 100 new jobs plus hundreds of volunteer opportunities for youth and seniors. The city

carefully took years to choose this ideal location which is easily accessible by public transportation and by car.

What is truly disturbing is that the real estate interests who are opposing this wonderful community-oriented animal shelter are completely misleading Co-Op City residents and being insincere when they tell them such falsehoods such as, 'all the pit bulls will escape the shelter and attack you' (never has this absurdity happened at other ACC locations), and that the alternative will be a youth center. The alternative will be condos, instead of programs youth and seniors can enjoy at the animal shelter. As well, the frequently uttered statement that Co-Op City has a no-pet policy (except for service animals) is irrelevant; residents can still volunteer at the shelter, and other local Bronx residents can adopt. Co-Op City and Bronx residents, and all involved, need to know the truth - that the opposition to this shelter are purely profit-driven, deceptive, and do not have the community's best interests at heart.

In order to meet the mandate of a Bronx and Queens full-service animals shelter by 2024, we need to get moving on this Bartow Avenue location. Homeless animals and Bronx pet-owners cannot wait another several years, with a sure risk that there will not even be a completed shelter by the mandated 2024. Please approve the Bartow Avenue location for the modern, state of the art, full service Bronx animal shelter. The Bronx deserves this wonderful, needed addition to the community for both people and animals.

Respectfully,

Michelle Aptman, Jabari Brisport, Julie Cappiello, Allie Feldman Taylor, Joyce Friedman, Christina Gdisis, Heather Greenhouse, Scott Taylor

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**Humane Society
of Westchester**

AT NEW ROCHELLE

from our home to yours

October 9, 2018

Voters for Animal Rights

Re: Animal Shelter in Bronx, NY

On behalf of the Humane Society of Westchester I am writing in support of the creation of a municipal animal shelter in the Bronx. With an estimated population in 2018 of 1,471,160 people it is absolutely unacceptable that the Bronx does not have an animal shelter to service the community.

Humane Society of Westchester in New Rochelle often gets animals brought to our shelter by someone saying it was found in the Bronx or in Pelham. We believe that some of the dogs, said to have been found in Pelham, may very well have been found in the Bronx. The person who found the animal is reluctant to bring it to the Bronx believing that the animal's fate there is not good, and that it has a much better chance of being adopted at our shelter. Some of these dogs may, in fact, be owner surrendered, people who cannot keep their dog, but again do not want to bring it to the drop-off facility in the Bronx.

Humane Society of Westchester does take some of these dogs, but are not always able to do so as we are committed to taking dogs from the nineteen communities in our contract area. People who lost their dog in the Bronx may have no idea to contact a shelter in Westchester, which means they may never be reunited with their pet. Those we cannot take may very well become stray, abandoned animals, which is cruel and inhumane.

Again, we urge a full service animal shelter be built in the Bronx; one which will relieve over-crowding at other NYC shelters and provide desperately needed services including an adoption center, low cost vaccinations, a spay/neuter clinic and other vital assistance to NYC animals in need.

Sincerely,

Dianne Heim
Director, Humane Society of Westchester

Hello,

I'm Mia Lancaster, director of Place For Cats, a 501(c)(3) rescue and adoption organization, founded in NYC in 1990, and receiving our not-for-profit status in 1994. Since 1990, we've rescued and found homes for approximately 1400 felines. Place For Cats is a partner in Mayor's Alliance for New York City Animals and in New Hope, an adjunct organization to NYC Animal Care Centers.

Having been in rescue for decades, I can attest to the vast number of stray cats in the Bronx. Every week we get calls from people in the Bronx who find strays in their yard or on their street and want us to come to get them. Based in Manhattan, we are a tiny group and are not able to accommodate the huge numbers of cats in need that inhabit the Bronx about whom we receive calls from concerned citizens. Many of these citizens would like to do the right thing but due to time, distance or age, cannot easily travel with a stray animal down to Manhattan to surrender the found animal.

Bronx is in ***dire*** need of its own shelter - a real facility and not a way-station, where Bronx residents would have the option to pick up that stray found in their yard or on their street and transport it locally, to the nearby shelter instead of calling small rescue groups scattered in other boroughs, hoping that one of us small groups would have the resources to travel and collect animals seen on the streets in a location distant from our base.

Bronx desperately needs its own shelter. Will you ***please*** help to see that it gets one.

Thank you for your courteous attention to my request.

Respectfully,

Mia Lancaster

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[Mia Lancaster](#)

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Place For Cats is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit rescue and adoption organization founded in 1990 and incorporated in the State of New York.

Saying yes, to Animal shelter in the Bronx

I support the new animal shelter in the Bronx because they are in dire need of services so as to prevent pets from being surrendered to the already very crowded and disease ridden ACC shelters.

This new shelter could provide education to prevent surrendering a pet
A food pantry for seniors with pets
Programming for youth so as to assure all pets are neutered and spayed

Thank you very much.

Monica Hoyt

Clinton/Hells Kitchen

BRONX ANIMAL SHELTER

Dear Speaker Johnson and NYC Council Members,

I am writing as a volunteer at Animal Care Centers of NYC for over fifteen years and supporter of their mission of ending animal homelessness in NYC, as Animal Care Centers of NYC functions as the only open admissions shelter in New York City.

We must have a well funded and operated ACC animal shelter in the Bronx.

The number of animals coming into the system from the Bronx is overwhelming and taxes the other shelter facilities beyond their capacity, particularly the Manhattan Shelter on 110th Street.

Since city council mandated that a full-service animal shelter be located in each borough by 2024, an excellent location for a shelter in the Bronx has been identified. And if this location is not approved, the establishment of this much-needed community resource will be delayed for years.

This new, state-of-the-art, full-service Animal Care Centers of NYC location in the Bronx has the potential to save the lives of thousands of animals, and become a valuable community resource center. Services provided by this center -- a pet food bank, surrender prevention counseling, dog training, and youth and senior programs -- would prevent pets from entering the shelter system in the first place and thereby reduce the number of homeless pets.

Much research was done to secure the location for this mandated animal shelter. Please approve the location so construction can begin on a facility that will save the lives of thousands of homeless dogs and cats and provide Bronx pet owners with resources to keep their beloved pets in their homes.

I urge you to thoughtfully consider this matter and to take action to have the animal shelter constructed at the 2050 Bartow Avenue location chosen in the Bronx as soon as possible for the well bring of New Yorkers, both two-legged and four-legged!

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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Bronx Animal Shelter

I wanted to voice my support and urge the city council to approve the proposed Bronx Animal Care Center location at Bartow Avenue. The proposed state-of-the-art animal shelter will provide key services to the Bronx -- a notoriously underserved borough including a pet food pantry, community training and education, surrender prevention counseling, and community programming for youth and seniors. These programs will have the added benefit of helping owners hold onto their pets rather than having to relinquish them to ACC. There's no better proof of the critical need for a Bronx shelter than [recent conditions inside ACC's 3 existing shelters](#) -- overcrowding and disease, followed by a wholesale evacuation of animals from the Staten Island shelter when mold was discovered in that building.

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From: JOHN MARRO <jemarro586@yahoo.com>

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Subject: Hearing on Bartow Animal Shelter & Clinic

Speaker Johnson I'd like to start by saying that I'm not a New York resident but I am from Chicago and we definitely have our share of stray and feral animals. I'm on my way to work and just wanted to send you this message. When people think of animals like dogs and cats that live outside they automatically think they're wild and that seems to be where their thinking stops but the bottom line is most of the dogs and cats that are outside are due to extremely irresponsible pet owners. What they don't seem to understand is that you can't just open your door and let a dog or cat out that has been indoors their whole life. They have relied on their owners to take care of them and now all of the sudden they have to fend for themselves. When it comes to dogs they're very different from cats. While they have territory to defend like cats the one thing people do to cats that doesn't happen to dogs is cats are declawed. I want you to think how you would feel if you relied on someone and all of the sudden they threw you outside took away any way for you to defend yourself and you had to fend for yourself. I don't know you so I can only say that you might not do that to your pet if you own one but there are many many people who do. You might be saying what does this clinic and shelter have to do with what I told you. IT WILL GIVE THOSE ANIMALS A LAST CHANCE AT THE LIFE THAT THEY HAD BUT WAS TAKEN AWAY BECAUSE INSTEAD OF TAKING THEIR UNWANTED PETS TO A NO-KILL SHELTER AND MAKING A MONETARY DONATION THEY JUST OPENED THE DOOR AND LET THEM OUT. I can say with much comfort that if it weren't for the low cost clinic and shelter services available in Chicago and the surrounding suburbs that I think things would be much much worse. Then once your new clinic and shelter is built it can work with many many many rescue groups to help with fostering and adoption. I hope this will help you with your decision and the residents of the Bronx. Have a good day.

Written Testimony for 10/9 Hearing Regarding Bronx Animal Shelter

Hello,

My name is Colleen and I'm a New York City resident, and a pet owner, urging Speaker Johnson to approve the Bartow Avenue location of the very much-needed Bronx animal shelter. There are already so many unoccupied condos throughout this city but there are not enough quality animal shelters. Please, innocent animal lives are more valuable than the profits of some condo most people in this city can't afford anyway. I urge Speak Johnson to be a beacon of light in these ugly times.

Thank you,

Colleen

To NYC City Council

I am a psychologist who writes and lectures about cruelty to animals. As such, I have long been aware of the dire and heartbreaking situation faced by animals in the New York City shelter system. Space is limited, conditions are overcrowded, illness is rampant. Obscene numbers of healthy dogs and cats are killed every day, 20, 30, 40, sometimes more. I know, because I post last minute appeals for the rescue of these doomed animals on death row, the night before they are slated to be killed. Their pleading faces haunt me and continue to always,

This killing of innocent animals is indeed the highest form of cruelty to animals. And it is needless. New York City has pledged many times over the years that it would become a "No Kill" City, as many cities across the nation are successfully doing. The latest pledge was that it would happen by 2015. It is now 2018 and the situation remains dire. Sadly, New York City is becoming known across the country as a slaughterhouse for dogs and cats. Much of the problem is that the three existing shelters--in Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Staten Island--are inadequate for the needs of the city's animals, putting a strain on them and resulting in many more deaths. The situation would be greatly alleviated if every borough had a shelter, as was mandated long ago. For this reason I most strongly urge you in the name of decency and for the reputation of our city to give your support to the Bartow Avenue proposed site for an animal shelter in the Bronx.

Thank you for your attention to this crucial matter.

Sincerely,

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BRONX ANIMAL SHELTER

I am submitting written testimony for the public hearing to be held tomorrow, Tuesday October 9, by the Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Siting and Maritime Uses.

The Bartow Avenue animal shelter needs to be preserved. It is the only shelter in a densely populated area and serves a very important purpose. I live in a very rural area and we have lots of clinics and shelters in the area, probably serving a significantly smaller population than what is in the Bronx. I find it upsetting and inconceivable that the Bronx would forego its only shelter and low cost clinic to a real estate developer. This is so unfair to the residents that support the local government with their taxes, and it's especially unfair to the animals. Since the Bronx surrenders the most animals in the city, its lack of a shelter puts an unacceptably larger burden on the other shelters, resulting in lack of space that translates into lower quality care.

Please do what's right for the residents and their animal friends and preserve the Bartow Animal Shelter and Clinic.

Thanks for considering my comments,

Jane Miller

Vienna, IL 62995

Hello,

I would like to quickly and politely ask that the proposed animal shelter at 2050 Bartow Avenue in the Bronx is APPROVED. This is a much needed addition to the Bronx. Please allow this happen.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marce L. Walsh

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."-Mahatma Gandhi

"We should respect animals because it makes better human beings of us all."-Dr. Jane Goodall

SAVE OUR BRONX ANIMAL SHELTER PROPOSED SITE AT 2050 BARTOW AVE IN CO-OP CITY

To Speaker Corey Johnson:

Attached is my testimony. Please vote YES to support this location at 2050 Bartow so the Bronx can move forward with its animal shelter.

Someday sit and discuss with us (active Bronx Animal Rescuers) to hear what is currently transpiring. The Bronx is in a feral cat population crisis. Make no mistake about this.

Other governments have stepped in to tackle similar situations with much success:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5483609/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_governments_supporting_trap%E2%80%93neuter%E2%80%93return

<https://www.animalsheltering.org/magazine/articles/trap-neuter-return-state-scale>

Again, thank you.

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Bernadette Ferrara

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Community Board 11

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SAVE OUR BRONX ANIMAL SHELTER

City Council Public Hearing

SUBJECT: BUILDING THE BRONX ANIMAL SHELTER ON CITY OWNED PROPERTY AT
2050 BARTOW AVENUE IN COOP CITY, BRONX, NY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018, NY, NY – 2:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, LOWER MANHATTAN

Prepared testimony by
Bernadette Ferrara

Tuesday, October 9, 2018

To Speaker Corey Johnson:

My community leadership started 15 years ago in Van Nest, Bronx by getting TNR Certified. This helped my community and the animals by lowering the feral cat population and educating others. As a Bronx animal rescuer, my experience with being “in the trenches” is overwhelming, exhausting and neverending. The Bronx does not have many TNR Certified rescuers therefore it is always in crisis mode. With my rescue on Petfinder, *Animals Saved by Grace*, since 2005, I can prove by the emails I receive daily, that people are STILL not informed. It is heartbreaking to know that the families and animals suffer when resources can not be found. Now as a Board Member on Community Board 11 for nine years, I work at educating as many that will listen!

This Bronx Animal Shelter is so needed as a resource hub for the people and animals of the Bronx. The Low-cost Veterinary care is essential to ALL Bronx animal owners! The Bronx has the highest poverty rate and many animal owners are not aware of the financial assistance that is available to them. Many of the animals I have trapped have been “pets”. Bronx residents are surrendering and “dumping” their animals.

The Bronx needs this shelter to be built as soon as possible.

There is no alternative site. To not support and not move forward with this specific location will prove a major setback that will probably end in our Bronx Animal Shelter never being built. This will truly be a tragedy to every Bronx resident who owns or might adopt an animal. The 100+ jobs that this shelter will provide will help so many Bronxites. The animal rescuers have been standing in the gap for the last 25+ years. We are all getting older and many are not able to continue rescuing.

The City Council, has again, passed a law mandating shelters in all 5 boroughs.

NYC history has shown us that having a shelter-mandating law doesn't guarantee shelters. It takes political will up and down City government, including The City Council voting “YES” on this proposed site at 2050 Bartow.

Not-In-My-Backyard (NIMBY) objections: “Seniors that are allergic to dogs; Dog Poop; Barking; Dogs escaping; “no-dog” lease community.” These complaints do not hold water. Shelters are built to insulate and are doing so successfully in Manhattan for MANY years. Three examples: 1) ASPCA at 424 E 92nd St, New York, NY 10128. Located in the middle of the block right next to the Courtyard Marriott Hotel and to the left high-rise condominiums since 1994. 2) ACC at 326 East 110th Street located in the middle of the block, to its right is St. Ann's School and Church; to the left high-rise apartments since 1995. 3) Human Society of New York at 306 E. 59th St, New York, NY 10022 right next to high-rise apartments, to its left a business. All of these Animal Shelters and Animal Facilities would be out of business if ANY of the above complaints about what a shelter will bring held ANY truth to them.

A “no-dog” lease community: Coop City was built from 1963 to 1977 with many original owners having animals. In 1963, Riverbay Management told new owners that you can have up to five cats. In 2015, Riverbay Management tried to evict owners who had Companion and Service animals and had to pay \$85,000 in losses because this action was illegal. So presently in Coop City, you have MANY owners with dogs, cats and other service animals.

Youth Center Promised 25 years ago: Coop City **ALREADY HAS** Community Centers and now they want another one for teens! Why not work on the ones in progress and fund more teen programs? Let this site be for all the Bronx and not just for Coop City's needs. There is ample transportation to this location.

“The Devil that you know or the Devil that you don't know?”: What if this Lobbyist Patrick Jenkins & Associates is telling the truth? This manipulation of the Public and Community Board 10 to think that you are fighting for a promised Youth Center when in reality its about a future Homeless Veterans Housing building with a possible “youth center of some sort” which could even be a supervised drug injection site!

Please do not permit this site to go to this or any developer – this developer is proposing a 30-story building!

Thank you.

Bernadette Ferrara

Co-founder of B.A.S.E.

Certified TNR Rescuer since 2003

Life-long resident of the Bronx

Founder of Bronx animal rescue named ***Animals Saved by God's Grace***

(on Petfinder since 2005 – animalssavedbygrace.petfinder.com)

Board member on Community Board 11 (Bronx)

President of the Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance (local Civic Group in Van Nest, Bronx)

Community Activist and Leader in Van Nest Neighborhood (Bronx)

Profession: Freelance Computer Graphic Designer

Testimony of Susan C. Wolfe, Bronx Resident, in Support of An Animal Care Center at 2050 Bartow Avenue,
Bronx, NY

To the Residents of City Council District 12

After living in the East Village for over twenty years, I decided it was time to move. The neighborhood I wanted to move to, and live in, was East Harlem. I had been a volunteer at the Animal Care Center for a number of years, and I wanted to spend more time there, as much time as I possibly could walking dogs and socializing with cats and helping people find their perfect pets. If I lived nearby, I could zip over before work or after work every day – it was my dream.

But I was too late; the neighborhood had already gotten too expensive and I was out of luck.

I tell you this to give you a sense of what the Animal Care Center can bring to your neighborhood. It will bring loads of volunteers like myself; it will bring adopters, and of course it will bring the devoted staff who work there. All of these people need to eat and snack and pick up things after work to bring home. It will create opportunities for small businesses to grow or pop up.

In the past decade or so there has been a tremendous change in the attitude toward and culture of animal care and animal shelters. People have begun adopting rather than buying pets at exponential rates; they prefer to adopt rather than support a cruel pet trade, and they adopt in order to save wonderful cats and dogs and give them loving homes. As a result, beautiful, state-of-the-art “shelters” have sprung up in cities across the country, Los Angeles, Chicago, Washington D.C. In fact, two very fancy, smaller animal shelters have opened up in downtown Manhattan. You should see the Battersea Shelter in London; it’s a tourist attraction.

I know that the community is hoping for a youth community center. But this could be a community center; a place where people can take their children as a treat, a place where pet lovers can volunteer. Maybe you just don’t like pets, so I know I can never convince you. But if you do like or love them, and if your housing doesn’t allow pets, this is a place where you can satisfy what’s missing in your life. I suspect, with some community support, there could be all sorts of programs to promote the human-animal bond. The Care Center has a huge foster program, where people foster cats and dogs who need some time out of the shelter, either because they are recovering from a cold or because they are kittens who need to be in a more sterile environment until they’ve had all of their shots and can be adopted. The closer you live to the Care Center, the easier it is to foster.

I want to share with you my idea for a program: it would be called the “Kitten Orgy” room. You get to go in a room with a bunch of fuzzy, soft, crazy little kittens and have a play session with them. There are places in Manhattan and Brooklyn called cat cafes where people PAY \$15 just to spend a half hour in a room with adolescent and adult cats. You could get that for free-- if we can convince someone to start the program.

I forgot to tell you where I ultimately moved to: the Bronx, but the next District over, #11, and I am so jealous that this great community asset was not offered to my neighborhood.

Susan Wolfe
2400 Johnson Ave 1G
Bronx, NY 10463.

To the Members of the New York City Council:

My name is Paula McRae.

I am a retired NYC Public School Educator as well as a NYS Licensed Health Professional who is now transitioning to the Career and Workforce Development Industry.

Since retirement, I have held many volunteer and paid positions that involve caring for and helping others; animals included.

I have been certified in Trap Neuter Return by Neighborhood Cats and Mayor's Alliance for more than 4 years and have adopted and fostered cats from a colony that I have been caring for more than 7 years.

I became a volunteer at the 92nd street ASPCA in 2017 as a way of giving back to the community that helped me with finding homes for kittens from my colony. I also give credit to the Center for Animal Care (ACC) who came and picked up a few kittens and Wheels of Hope for Transporting my precious cargo.

There is a need for the shelter in the Bronx (Bartow Avenue) to be built. In addition to the services already provided by the ACC and ASPCA, this facility would provide better functional space, housing and medical care for animals of NYC at an affordable price to pet owners.

This new facility could also serve multiple populations and purposes:

1. Youth – Education: Vocational training that would lead to a career pathway in the Veterinary and Health Sciences
2. Educational Institutions: High School Health/ Veterinary Career Centered Curriculum to introduce youth: especially, "At Risk" including those currently in the Juvenile Detention Centers. This can be an alternative to Detention or Prison for the older population.
3. Businesses: Veterinary Hospitals, Centers (ASPCA, ACC), Private Clinics, Schools (Cornell) that will provide Hands On Training and Internships leading to the employment of a Skilled Workforce.
4. Co - op City – Their youth population would benefit from these collaborations as well.
5. Rescuers/Pet Owners – A Food Pantry would be of great help to Animal Care Givers.

It is my dream to see this new facility built and my passion as a Workforce Developer to be a part of the collaborations that would make efficient use of the money spear headed for this project.

Another shopping mall or building is not needed in this already developed area.

I thank you for your time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula McRae

Dorothea Poggi

716 Brush Avenue

Bronx, New York 10465

10/2/2018

Testimony:

"Bronx is poorest Borough in 'income' but not in 'love' for animals"

Short: Our taxpayer's dollars are not adequately servicing our pet owners of the Bronx and Queens and the Bronx has the largest intake of animals into the crowded ACC system each year.

Many of these wanted animals would be retrieved within a day if we had a local shelter.

NYC Council ULURP meeting on the Bartow Site for Bronx An. Shelter

1-Our taxpayer's dollars are not adequately servicing our pet owners of the Bronx and Queens including 600 service animals of Co-op City and at least a thousand more cats and small animals there as well. We get networking calls for help to handle lost or abandoned animals in Co-op.

2-The Bronx has been a historically underserved area and continues to be a service desert for the city's animals.

3-The animal shelter will serve as a community resource, not just for animals but for human residents of the Bronx.

4-The Bronx has the largest intake of animals into the crowded ACC system each year.

5-Many of these wanted animals would be retrieved within a day if we had a local shelter. Instead they are whisked out of the borough making it very difficult if not impossible for loving families to reunite with them.

6-ACC programs include a pet food pantry, community training and education, surrender prevention counseling, and community programming for youth and seniors. Many of these and future community programs will actually prevent animals from entering the shelter in the first place. A new full service shelter in the Bronx will relieve overcrowding in other shelters and has the potential to save thousands of animal lives a year.

7-The ongoing development of empty properties and vacant buildings is pushing the abandoned animals into the streets. Foreclosures and people moving increases abandonment.

8-The Residents of the Bronx (as the poorest borough) do not have the internet capability needed to find a lost pet before it is shipped to another borough which is also expensive and time consuming to get to. Many people simply can't afford days off from work and a cab to possibly search all shelters for their pet.

Lost Pet in the Bronx

- Run around block calling dog
- Call neighbors to look out and hold or tie to fence and call
- Photo and Flyers posted in neighborhood
- Call 45th Precinct to see if sighted
- Online multiple networked Facebook Pages for lost and found Bronx dogs
- Need to work fast before ACC on Fordham shipped out to Brooklyn or Manhattan sometimes held in queens? No direct number for ACC on Fordham.
- Call and are told to visit the various shelters to recognize your pet.
- Check ACC/ASPCA within 3 days or pet can be euthanized, pulled by rescue or adopted
- Some online Facebook pages share the description that is posted on ACC ASPCA
- At this point if it is a pit bull or other large breed and owner does not have car the dog is probably abandoned. From the Bronx to ACC is an expensive trip by cab.

When we get a local shelter walk or drive in with carrier and retrieve lost pet or take (local)cab home if large dog.

Found Pet in the Bronx:

- Most found dogs are by rescuers who notice them and take the time to get involved.
- Get dog in car or tie up to fence to retrieve later.
- Photo and send to network of Facebook Lost found pages Bronx and Bronx Manhattan
- Share photo and info on local Facebook community pages.
- Flyers are helpful to let neighborhood know where the dog is.
- Bring to rescue or vet to get scanned for chip
- If delivered to Police or they pick up they bring to ACC on Fordham Rd. Intake Center.
- Due to zoning of that site all animals must be removed before closing to Man. Brooklyn, or held in Queens? Sometimes in Staten Island.
- This makes it near impossible for owners to relocate their pet.

When we get a local shelter we can allow Police to deliver to it without fear of pet getting lost in the system or euthanized, pulled or adopted out in 3 days.

Review: Our taxpayer's dollars are not adequately servicing our pet owners of the Bronx and Queens and the Bronx has the largest intake of animals into the crowded ACC system each year.
Many of these wanted animals would be retrieved within a day if we had a local shelter.

Dorothea Poggi

Dorothea Poggi

Co-founder B.A.S.E. Bronx Animal Shelter Endeavor
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A FULL SERVICE ANIMAL SHELTER/VETERINARY CLINIC PUBLIC HEARING

My name is Hattie Overman a residence of Coop City. I spoke briefly, the two minutes allotment time at the City Council Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 9th, 2018. However, I felt the need to express the unfairness of the way the community of Coop City was treated.

This community attended the CB10 meeting held on May 24th, 2018 regarding the proposed animal shelter to be built at 2050 Bartow Ave, Bronx NY. The representative from the Dept. of Citywide Administrative Services indicated 51 available City Owned and privately owned sites were looked at and out of all of the sites only 11 potential sites. Coop City location 2050 Bartow Ave was considered as having met some of the Animal Shelter criteria.

After this initial meeting, the next Public Hearing with CB10 was July 19, 2018 at coop City. The concern is the notification of a Public Hearing by the City Planning Commissioner was received by a robo phone call from Riverbay, the management company to the Community on Tuesday at 4:59pm and we were informed the hearing is the next Morning, Wednesday, August 9, at 10am.

Mind you, Tuesday was the Crime Night out across this nation. A storm arose and rained the people out. Therefore because of the late notice a few of our residence made it to the public hearing and we were unrepresented.

To add insult to injury, another strange happening, We received notice, City Council Public Hearing would be Tuesday, October, 9, 2018, fine, but we also were scheduled for the MTA Fast Forward Bus workshop 6 to 9pm on the

same day, again we were unrepresented at the City Council Public hearing because some Cooperators were not physically able to attend both on the same day. City Council need to know what took place in this whole process as you consider a decision regarding the wishes of our community. Actually, who was responsible for keeping this community informed of these Public Hearings in a timely manner?

Also noted how the City Representative in the two to three years of planning refuse to admit that the people were never contacted by anyone regarding building in our community until May 24th. The community agrees that it was a total disregard and respect for our people and these actions should not go unnoticed.

It was noted specification of the animal shelter was to be centrally located. The site 2050 Bartow is located in the Northeast Bronx, which does not meet this requirement.

We would ask that the City consider 1250 E.229 Street, which has 327,784 SF and is 3 times the size of the Bartow Site and is also surrounded by trees.

599 Westchester Ave, 90,000- SF which accommodates building and parking.

Also please note: the proposed animal shelter would be unfavorably located in the midst of three restaurants, the Red Lobster, the Paneria Bread and Sangeria. A possible safety and Health issue.

We love animals as well, but our community development lease agreement does not allow dogs except for service animals. The City would spend \$60 million more or less for an animal Shelter over the needs of a State of the Art

Community Center for our youths ,this request was made known to Mayor DeBlasio no longer than last year of 2017.

We will be celebrating 50 years of Coop City existence, yet no state of the art facility for the youths of the future, to offer them hope, resources and skills to become productive citizens for now and generations to come. Let's give our youths the opportunities to reach their goals in life. This would truly be a legacy we would leave our children and youths.

As a community, we would ask the City that these many sites be revisited and 2050 Bartow Site remains vacant until the request for a State of the Art Facility is honored and built for our youths, that has been denied them still fifty years later.

Sincerely,

***Hattie Overman
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Bronx, NY 10475
718-320-8254***

Dear City Council Members:

I am writing to express my strong support for NYC/DOH's plan to build a new Animal Care Center (ACC) shelter in the Bronx. Some Co-Op City residents are opposed, but the need for, and benefits of, this shelter far outweigh their reasons for opposing it.

Opponents want the property used for a youth center – even though the Bronx already has numerous youth centers. What this borough of over 1.4 million residents does not have is a full-service animal shelter. Currently, Bronx animals must be transported to shelters in other boroughs, which creates burdens for reuniting lost pets with their guardians and for adopters, who must travel to another borough to adopt a pet from one of the city's full-service shelters. It also creates a great deal of unnecessary stress for the animals.

The new shelter will also alleviate staffing and medical burdens placed on shelters that take in Bronx animals. One particular problem is contagious illnesses, such as URI's (Upper Respiratory Infection), commonly found in crowded, indoor shelters. URI's are usually treatable, but because they are passed through the air and can lead to secondary illnesses such as pneumonia, these animals are at high risk for euthanasia. The Bronx shelter will have space for 70 dogs, 140 cats, 30 rabbits, and 20 animals of other species, which would greatly ease overcrowding and ultimately, reduce the euthanasia rate. Less overcrowding will also ease the medical, financial, and staffing pressures placed on rescue groups that partner with ACC – the vast majority of which operate with very limited financial, human, and space resources.

Co-Op City residents argue that it is inappropriate to open a shelter next to their complex when they themselves are not allowed to have pets. But by this logic, those without children should oppose the construction of a new public school on their block – even though it is needed for hundreds of other families living in the borough. And an apartment building full of 20 and 30-somethings should oppose the construction of a senior center next door to them because they do not qualify for that housing – even though it is vitally needed by the many elderly residents in the larger community. And residents should oppose the building of a new religious facility on their block because none of them are adherents of that religion – even though many others in the community belong to that faith and do not currently have a house of worship. The fact is, we live in a city with 8.5 million people squeezed into 302 square miles. Everyone has to make compromises for the benefit of the broader community and the city as a whole. A small, yet vocal, group of Co-Op City residents should not be allowed to block the construction of this desperately-needed animal shelter – something that will benefit a far greater number of Bronx residents and other New Yorkers, as well as improve the lives of our city's homeless pets.

Thank you for hearing my views on this very important issue.

Sincerely,
Dolores Ferraro
110-50 71st Road
Forest Hills, NY 11375

Bronx full service animal shelter

I have been volunteering at the NYCACC Manhattan shelter for almost 3 years. During this time, I have seen how important the animals are to adopters, staff and volunteers. In addition to a lot of the animals, many of these people come from the Bronx. The city desperately needs a full-service animal shelter in the Bronx. I hope you will support it.
Susan Kuhlman

In Support of a Bronx ACC

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing to express my support for the establishment of a full-service animal shelter in the Bronx. I adopted my dog from the Manhattan shelter and the work they are doing there is truly incredible. I've also volunteered with the ACC at their vaccination clinics in the Bronx. These events have been well attended and my conversations with people there indicate that there is a real need for greater services for animal lovers in the Bronx. The ACC does a lot of great work in the Bronx, but I can only imagine how much more they could do with a full-service shelter.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, and I really hope you move forward with the Bronx ACC project.

Kind regards,
Maria Savel

Hi My name is Marilyn Galfin-Voices for Shelter Animals

The Bronx Shelter on Bartow Ave must be built and I ask the Council to support that. Bronx the most populated and underserved nyc community has been fighting for a state of the art shelter for close to 2 decades.

In spite of the underhanded tactic to bus in people representing the greedy interests of real estate and local opponents in an attempt to deny bronx constituents this most needed service --there is the legal obligation to build it .

Greed should not trump the value of lives of these sentient beings.It will already to take till 2024- animals can;t wait, people can't wait any longer looking for another location.

With no Bronx shelter the animals dropped off in admission centers here & then transferred into disease ravaged shelters in Manhattan & Brooklyn animal shelters mainly. Exposed to the unsanitary conditions in these old dilapidated buildings with bad air systems these animals catch simple dog or cat cold from the shelter and many are killed for that.

More animals add to overcrowding which is one of the issue affecting disease control. "So this is really a citywide issue."

A new state of the art shelter Bronx shelter will not breed disease so animals wouldn't lose their lives for colds. 3 months alone 185 dogs had circd 23 killed for this. this is unconscionable. In a new shelter healthy animals will not be exposed to those that are sick and the cycle of sickness will end. THis will make it easier to implement our vision of NO KILL.

More rescues will pull animals if there's less of a financial burden of caring for very sick animals. More of their fosters will take in animals. Fostering a main component of NO KILL.Since the shelter will be local. More animals will be seen and adopted & open up a new avenues for local people to foster.

THE Bronx shelter will lessen the burden of more animals to handle in the the other shelters. Having to handle less animals will give all the animals in all shelters a better chance to have the time, proper care and attention they deserve.

People of this Bronx community should not have to suffer this emotional despair of putting their pets which are family members for many of us into these diseased shelter with low chances of positive outcomes -They should not be denied the benefits that a bronx shelter and all its associated programs like food pantry, affordable vet services offer- this lets them keep their beloved pets.

Any opposing reasons to not build this shelter pale against the far reaching positive benefits this will have for the community and the endless thousands of animal lives, including the homeless and abandoned that will be saved. Dogs and cats offer companionship, alleviate loneliness, give comfort and joy. The human/pet bond is deep. It must not be dismissed.

It our moral obligation to help those that cannot help themselves. Please Do not betray the animals or people of the Bronx who have fought long enough.Be a hero and support the building of this new state of the art shelter. It will an historic moment for the Bronx. Especially when we have our vision of it being a No kill shelter.

Dear City Council Member,

I am writing in support of a new ACC Animal Shelter in the Bronx. I am currently a resident of Brooklyn. My positive view of the ACC shelter system has been very much formed through the experiences of a dedicated, multi-year volunteer at the ACC shelter in Brooklyn. It has opened my eyes to the service these facilities provide in light of a growing rescue animal population in the New York City area.

Unlike the current ACC Bronx Admissions Center on East Fordham Road, the new proposed facility is a large, full-service shelter, which would accommodate cat, dog and rabbit adoptions, multiple volunteer opportunities, school tours and much more.

I have no doubt that a new ACC hub in the Bronx would make it significantly easier for local residents to visit a shelter facility and likely lead to higher adoption rates for rescue pets. A new shelter would provide more available cage space for NYC shelter pets and therefore reduce the rates of animal euthanasia. A larger facility would reduce the amount of possible contagious diseases, such as upper respiratory infections for example, which can lead to animal euthanasia. Last but not least, a new animal shelter in the Bronx would reduce the amount transportation of rescue animals between shelters, easing their stress levels.

Thank you very much for your consideration. I very much hope that the City Council will approve the new ACC shelter in the Bronx.

Sincerely,
Silke Kueck

To whom It Maybe Concern,

Bronx shelter is a long over due needs. This is one of the biggest boro with over 1.470million people live there.

To prevent people from releasing unwanted animal out on the street or to prevent any unnecessary death to the animal. We need a shelter where people can do the most humane thing for the animal.

It would be a win win. Unwanted animal will get a new chance to find a home, owner have a place to turn the animal in with out question,etc. Everyone wins.

Thank you
Anita Chang

As a volunteer at the ACC for 3 years, and having attended many community efforts the ACC has been involved with in the Bronx area BECAUSE of a lack of vets and facilities for animals, I felt it was a huge victory for the BRONX and NYC proper to have this significant facility built when I first heard of this several months ago.

I support this 100% per cent!

Patty Sunshine
Film & Television Editor
RubyVision, LLC
Cell 917-224-1451

Good afternoon,

My name is Jason Mena and for nearly two years, I've been a volunteer with the Animal Care Centers (ACC) of NYC. Public testimony has been requested on the proposal for a new full-service ACC facility in the Bronx. Having become an official New Yorker 11 days ago, I feel obligated to make this written statement.

The most rewarding volunteer assignments have been Community Dogs vaccination events held bi-monthly in the Bronx. The 1.5 hour public transit commute from Jersey City is well worth the amount of good our team does for people and their pets, whom they love unconditionally but for the limited means to take care of them. I'm certain that the new facility will make those and other services services even more effective. I've observed how the impoverished the Bronx is compared to other boroughs. One way to inspire hope in New Yorkers living there would be to aid in keeping their pets healthy and happy. I hope the City of New York will allocate the resources necessary to realize this vision.

Thank you for your time,

Jason L. Mena
Staten Island, NY

to whom it may concern,

i'm writing to voice my support for a bronx animal care center on bartow avenue.

i've been a resident of the bronx for 13 years, and in that time i've sought to adopt a rescue four times. i was only successful once.

this was partly because there was an unwritten policy about denying dog adoptions to bronx residents, but also because the great distance meant that by the time i arrived, a manhattan resident had already arrived to adopt the animal i'd fallen in love with.

so my motivations for supporting a bronx shelter are both personal and practical; i cannot be the only bronx resident frustrated by the limited access to adoptable companions when so many of these animals are rescued from the bronx to begin with.

but beyond my feelings for the logistical hurdles that would be mitigated by a bronx shelter, i am certain that the addition of another full-service node of the ACC of NYC is a clear and immediately effective expansion of the ACC's ability to pursue its central mission, which benefits all residents, not just the ones who wish to rescue a pet.

i urge you to work with all enthusiasm and diligence to make this happen, for myself, my borough, and the welfare of my city.

regards,

julio genao



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*Hearing before the New York City Council's Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public
Siting, and Maritime Uses*

October 9, 2018

Good afternoon. I am Michelle Villagomez, New York City Legislative Senior Director with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA). I would like to thank the Landmarks, Public Siting, and Maritime Uses Subcommittee for the opportunity to speak in support of the Bartow Avenue animal shelter location in the Bronx.

The ASPCA has long advocated for full-service animal shelters in all 5 boroughs, which is necessary to meet the needs of animals in every community and to give every homeless animal their best chance at finding a loving home. Combined with the funding for the development and renovation of full-service animal shelters, the plan to build a state-of-the-art animal shelter in the Bronx at 2050 Bartow Avenue, it is clear that NYC is increasing its commitment to protecting the lives of its at-risk animals. Nearly the entire City Council agreed and supported legislation and dedicated funds to build and operate shelters in all five boroughs.

Building a full-service shelter in the Bronx will alleviate overcrowding in existing shelters, increase opportunities for people to adopt animals, increase opportunities to reunite lost pets and their owners, decrease the number of dogs and cats euthanized, as well as enable Animal Care Centers of NYC (ACC) to save more lives and prevent animal suffering. The ASPCA has recognized that the people of the Bronx need access to the types of services a full-service animal shelter would provide to the borough's pets and people. In 2017 the ASPCA performed 8,900 spay/neuter surgeries and treated 986 patients at our primary pet care clinic in the Bronx. To date this year, we have performed 7,040 spay/neuter surgeries and have seen 2,600 patients at our primary pet clinic. These figures show that there is a clear need for animal welfare services in the borough. This lack of a key resource has shortchanged taxpayers for far too long, depriving them of a basic municipal service in their own communities.

The proof of ACC's effectiveness is in the numbers; in 2017 it realized a 93% placement rate, in which adoptions, transfers of animals, and pet retention programs played a key role. ACC is evolving beyond an animal shelter and becoming a crucial community resource. In fact, pet retention is a growing area of focus for both ACC and the ASPCA. In 2017, the sheltering system was able to keep 2,531 pets with their families by providing critical services to pet owners in need.

The ASPCA has partnered directly with virtually every program at ACC and we find that its leadership is steadfastly committed to helping pet owners access care and ensuring that New York City animals live better lives. The ASPCA will continue to work with ACC, the NYC Department of Health, the Council, and the rescue community in hopes of creating a more humane city.

Thank you.

Good Afternoon. My name is Isadora Martinez, I'm a Coordinator for the ASPCA Community Engagement program and a Bronx resident. Through case management and outreach, our program connects NYC residents with access to free pet wellness services and resources to help retain and improve the welfare of their pets. Due to the lack of resources for pets in the Bronx, our program focuses strongly on providing free veterinary services, supplies, transportation, etc. for owned animals in the Bronx, and in 2018 YTD we have assisted approximately 900 pets in the Bronx.

For the past four years, I've worked with pet owners in the Bronx and have helped intervene in cases where individuals are at risk of losing their homes due their high volume of animals or are faced with the legal repercussions involved with having to abandon their pet(s) after being evicted from their homes. Recently, we received a case referral from the Administration for Children's Services in the Bronx concerning a mother who was at risk of losing custody of her young children due to having 50 intact cats in her home. Many of these cases could be easily avoided if there were a full-service Animal Care Center in the Bronx.

An ACC shelter at Bartow Avenue would be a valuable resource for the Bronx community, where individuals could access spay/neuter and veterinary care, obtain pet behavior and retention support services for their pets, in addition to free pet food through ACC's pet food pantry. It would offer youth and individuals of all ages, an opportunity to learn and become involved in their community and pursue careers in the field of animal welfare.

Both living and working in the Bronx has given me insight to the hardships that so many low-income families and seniors living on fixed incomes are faced with when trying to provide adequate care for their beloved pets. Apart from working with owned animals professionally, I dedicate my spare time to trap-neuter-release and caring for feral cats in my neighborhood – large colonies of community cats, which is an epidemic in the Bronx. For many, a pet companion is all they have, and many people are forced to part with their beloved pets due to a dire need of resources. With this said, I urge you to please consider the hundreds of thousands of Bronxites that are in critical need of the resources a full-service ACC facility would offer and vote YES to have it built on 2050 Bartow Avenue by 2024.

Thanks so much for your time and consideration.

Begin forwarded message:**From:** antoinette panico <apanico175@gmail.com>
Subject: Written Testimony for 10/9 Hearing Regarding Bronx Animal Shelter
Date: October 8, 2018 at 11:52:17 AM EDT

Companion animals are an intricate part of our society —this animal shelter will provide a much needed service to the Bronx community. **I** want very much for Speaker Johnson to APPROVE this! Let us be the leaders in animal kindness and welfare not only for NYC or NY state but for the whole country.

Antoinette Panico
City Is, NY 10464

From: Joanne Vitulli <jqvitulli@gmail.com>
Subject: Written Testimony for 10/9 Hearing Regarding Bronx Animal Shelter

I am a NYC resident and I urge Speaker Johnson to APPROVE the Bartow Avenue location of the very much-needed Bronx animal shelter.

Thank you,

Joanne Vitulli

From: Suzanne Berkeley <sberkeley813@gmail.com>
Subject: Written Testimony for 10/9 Hearing Regarding Bronx Animal Shelter

To Whom It May Concern,

> I am a New York City resident and I am writing to urge Speaker Johnson to APPROVE the Bartow Avenue location of the very much-needed Bronx animal shelter.

> Sincerely,

> Suzanne Berkeley, LCSW

From: Dean Engel <de.online@yahoo.com>
Subject Fw: Written Testimony for 10/9 Hearing Regarding Bronx Animal Shelter"

I support building an animal shelter in the Bronx, moving carriage horses inside Central Park, and disallowing the sale of puppies from puppy mills as opposed to shelter dogs & cats.

Please see what you can do to move these things along..

Thank you.

Diane Engel

From: cory b <coryb888@gmail.com>
Subject: Written testimony for 10/9 hearing Bronx animal shelter

I 'm a NYC resident. Please urge Speaker Johnson to APPROVE the Bartow Avenue location of the very much-needed Bronx animal shelter.

Thank you

Cory Bee

Sent from my iPhone

From: Emily Zyborowicz <emily.zyborowicz@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Written Testimony for 10/9 Hearing Regarding Bronx Animal Shelter

Hello,

I am a resident of New York City and would like to urge the city council to APPROVE the Bartow Avenue location of the very much-needed Bronx animal shelter. Having volunteered at the city's animal shelter in east harlem, I can attest to the much needed shelter. It can provide new employment opportunities and prevent unnecessary euthanasia of cats and dogs, while providing urgent care for those that have been neglected or abused. Thank you for your consideration.

Emilia Zyborowicz

M Gmail

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Fwd: Animal Shelter/Bartow Avenue Co-op City

2 messages

Evelyn Turner <evelyntinez@aol.com>
To: bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com

Tue, Oct 9, 2018 at 1:14 AM

FYI

From: evelyntinez@aol.com
To: bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com
Sent: 10/9/2018 1:08:26 AM Eastern Standard Time
Subject: Fwd: Animal Shelter/Bartow Avenue Co-op City

From: eturner@cfhnyc.org
To: evelyntinez@aol.com
Sent: 10/5/2018 8:02:30 AM Eastern Standard Time
Subject: FW: Animal Shelter/Bartow Avenue Co-op City

From: Evelyn Turner
Sent: Friday, October 05, 2018 7:59 AM
Subject: Animal Shelter/Bartow Avenue Co-op City

Good Day Speaker Johnson,

I have lived in Co-op City for 18 years and support the fact that "Comfort Dogs" are allowed for the over 500 Co-op City Residents with documented Mental Health issues.

I SUPPORT THE ANIMAL SHELTER location as proposed.

Don't believe the rhetoric from our City Councilman Andy King and Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

When the Riverbay Board of Directors APPROVED using the FORMER BINGO HALL FOR A YOUTH CENTER — Elected Officials did NOTHING TO MAKE IT HAPPEN!

How I know is that I was THE PRESIDENT OF THE RIVERBAY FUND at the time.

10/9/2018

Gmail - Fwd: Animal Shelter/Bartow Avenue Co-op City

Now this 10,000 Sq. ft facility will become a massive Nail Salon & Message Parlor.

So this NEW NARRATIVE from BOTH about a Youth Center, based on a few "animal haters" is in my opinion disingenuous and political to say the least.

Co-op City has over 300 Acres of Land and Millions in the bank to build a Youth Center on our property.

Transportation to and from the proposed SITE is NOT AN ISSUE.

Regards,

EveiyvuM. Thew, LCSW

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

To: Evelyn Turner <evelyntinez@aol.com>

Tue, Oct 9, 2018 at 4:45 AM

wonderful. thank you
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M Gmail

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Bronx/Bartow Animal Shelter & Clinic

1 message

chavitri@aol.com <chavitri@aol.com>
Cc: BronxAnimalRightsElectors@gmail.com

Tue, Oct 9, 2018 at 10:02 AM

Good morning, Speaker Johnson:

My name is Cloty J. Ortiz, and I have been a resident of Co-Op City since 2006. I wholeheartedly support the building of an animal shelter on Bartow Avenue because we are in sore need of a low cost, well maintained animal facility in the Bronx. Since 2016, I house two female cats, which were rescued from the streets. My kitten's litter mates froze to death in Westchester Sq. Both animals were in need of health care when they came to me. While there are many veterinary clinics in the Bronx, none are affordable. If in need of emergency care, one has to travel into Westchester County or Manhattan. Currently, Riverbay allows its residents to house small dogs. Many of our residents are elderly, retired individuals living on a fixed income. Where are these animals to go if their owners cannot longer support them? How can they afford to care for their pets? Hell, I am employed full time, paid biweekly, and saw myself forced to cancel my cat's yearly check-up and vaccinations appointment because I could not afford the \$200.00 the visit would cost me.

I believe that now more than ever having a pet companion has become a necessity for our mental well being since the country is going to hell in a hand basket. One can easily see the stress and disgruntlement of fellow commuters every single day. Coming home to unconditional love, AND being able to reciprocate this love with proper care is paramount. Having this state of the art facility will allows us affordable access to care, and will open the doors for other activities such as volunteering and education to our community.

I read somewhere that increased traffic in the area is a concern, which is total nonsense. Traveling to and from Co-Op City, in my experience, has always been a hassle. The entrances and exits unto 1-95 were badly planned from Country Club until Exit 11-Bartow Ave, in my humble opinion. The Bruckner Blvd and Bruckner Expressway as well as the Cross Bronx Expressway have been struggling with the ever increasing volume of motorist traveling through our area for a while. This did not stop anyone from expanding the Bay Plaza Mall and adding malls everywhere.

An animal shelter is a very real need in the Bronx. We do not need anymore retail stores, restaurants, banks, gyms, or whatever else developers think will bring more money to their coffers.

Please don't permit a REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER take the proposed Bartow site from our state of the art facility. The Bronx surrenders the most animals in the city yet has not shelter and overburdens the other shelters. This results in less space and less quality of care for the animals throughout the city. There is no alternative site for the proposed animal shelter and clinic and we can't afford anymore delays.

Sincerely,
Cloty J. Ortiz

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Bronx/Bartow Animal Shelter & Clinic

1 message

John K <jakrist@msn.com>

Tue, Oct 9, 2018 at 12:32 AM

My name is John Kristofik. I live in the Woodlawn area of the north Bronx and I support the construction of the state of the art animal shelter on Bartow Avenue.

For many years, my neighborhood has been a dumping ground for many unwanted dogs and cats. In July of 2017, a gentle middle aged cat was dumped on my street. He had one eye missing and the other was developing a cataract. We traced his owner via a microchip as being the 94th Street ASPCA. "Mel" had been adopted just one month earlier by a couple in the Bronx. When we asked if he belonged to people living in my neighborhood, we were told he came from a neighborhood 4 miles east of mine. These owners were either too lazy or just couldn't find the time to do the right thing and drive the distance to East 94th Street in Manhattan and return the animal. Double the shame on them.

The location for the proposed shelter couldn't be in a better place for accessibility for residents of the north, east, south east and central Bronx.

The New England Thruway is just 3 blocks away and east/west bound thoroughfares like Gun Hill Road, Pelham Parkway, Baychester Avenue, Westchester Avenue, and Bruckner Blvd would allow residents easier access rather than going thru the nightmare of a trip into Manhattan.

Traffic flowing away from Manhattan is always more preferable than the traffic flowing to Manhattan.

Animal abandonment could be further kept to a minimum.

And it would have parking!

It's location next to a shopping mall in that commercial area would not infringe on resident's living spaces and being on a 3 lane roadway would bring no significant additional traffic issues. (I have yet to sit in this "traffic jam" the residents' claim is perpetual and ongoing.)

Too much money has already been invested and if this were to be further delayed it would present additional burdens on the taxpayer to "start from scratch" all over again.

Please approve the animal shelter's construction and give us of the Bronx a state of the art shelter that shows to all how great the Bronx can be.

The skylight ceiling. The enclosed dog run. Low cost vet care. Community outreach. Union jobs. Parking!!!

We cannot continue with the rampant abandonment of cats and dogs because the Bronx has no place for the residents to bring them.

Thank you very much.

I still am John Kristofik of 50 East 235th Street in the Woodlawn section of the Bronx.

M Gmail

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Bartow Animal Shelter and Clinic

message

Ann Dempewolf <adempewolf2@gmail.com>

Tue, Oct 9, 2018 at 12:07 AM

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I will get straight to the point. We desperately need an animal shelter and low cost clinic in the Bronx, and contrary to what the resistance is saying, the Bartow Avenue site is very accessible both by public transportation as well as by car. Six buses stop there—the Bx23, Bx26, Bx28, Bx30, BxM7 and the Q50—and the exit ramp from the highway is in very close proximity to where the proposed shelter will be.

More animals are surrendered in the Bronx than any other borough and maybe that wouldn't be true if people had access to reasonably priced veterinary care.

If we lose this site, we will never find another alternative site, and the clock is ticking since the Bronx is being mandated to becoming compliant in this regard within only a few years.

Yours truly

Ann Dempewolf

Sent from my iPhone

M Gmail

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Bartow Animal Shelter & Clinic

2 messages

Roberto Bonelli <robertobonelli@hotmail.com>Mon, Oct 8, 2018 at 9:05 **PM**

Dear Speaker Corey Johnson,

Please don't permit a real estate developer to take the proposed Bartow site from our state of the art facility. The Bronx surrenders the most animals in the city yet has no shelter and overburdens the other shelters. This results in less space and less quality care for the animals throughout the city. There is NO alternative site for the proposed animal shelter and clinic and we can't afford anymore delays.

Thank you.

Roberto Bonelli

Roberto Bonelli <robertobonelli@hotmail.com>Mon, Oct 8, 2018 at 9:09 **PM**

Dear Council Member Adrienne Adams,

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Roberto Bonelli

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PLEASE APPROVE THE BRONX ANIMAL SHELTER AND CLINIC AT BARTOW AVE!

1 message

TONI KELLER <tmk.rn@comcast.net>

Tue, Oct 9, 2018 at 10:23 AM

Reply-To: TONI KELLER <tmk.rn@comcast.net>

Dear Elected Officials,

Work commitments keep me from attending the very important public hearing today but I am reaching out to request that you please consider the testimony of the animal activists who will be in attendance and vote for the Bronx Animal Shelter to be built.

There are so many reasons why this shelter would benefit the community. Some that come to mind are...the creation of jobs, a low cost vet clinic which could perform spay/neuter procedures which would in turn prevent overpopulation, resources for pet owners to prevent surrenders, and a local adoption facility.

The Bronx is currently a pet service desert area! It is part of New York City, the greatest city in the world. New York should be setting the example, not lagging behind with sections that have no pet services. Let's bring NYC back to greatness!

Thank you for your service to the City of New York. Please remember that the voters are interested in this issue and watching what you do today and going forward for the voiceless animals.

Thank you!

Toni Keller

NI Gmail

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Bronx animal shelter

1 message

Joana Meding <jojo.meding@gmail.com>

Tue, Oct 9, 2018 at 10:00 AM

I'm writing this email to urge Speaker Johnson to approve the Bartow Ave location of the much-needed Bronx animal shelter.

Thank you,
Joana Meding

Joana Meding

Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky
3224 Grand Concourse C31
Bronx, NY 10458
July 19, 2018

Dear Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.,

My name is Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky, I am a Norwood resident of the Northwest Bronx. I have served as Chair of Sanitation & Environment for many years in CB7. One of our top priorities has been to have an Animal shelter in the Bronx.

Today I would like to speak briefly about why this is such an urgent need:

- My community has many stray animals and we have active Trap, Neuter and Return (TNR) volunteers who work tirelessly to save these animals. These volunteers maintain colonies, feeding the animals, usually cats, and taking care of their medical needs when necessary.
- Help is needed medically and financially for the TNR community. There are tremendous costs involved when colonies can have many cats in them. Please remember that these cats also help to keep down the rodent population, in addition to bringing joy and a sense of community to the neighborhood.
- Many animals are left in empty apartments when people move or they are put out in the street. This is something that could be avoided if we had a full-time animal shelter where animals could be surrendered.
- I would also like to see a program where if a person is on a fixed income that they can get assistance with money or food to feed their pet or pets. This would help in cutting down on the stray population. It would also help with seniors or persons suffering from depression who would benefit from having an animal.
- Having a Animal shelter with reasonable Vet fees would be a big help to the Bronx. The TNR people could Bring in their animals as well as the regular pet owners.
- Finally, a big selling point is also that the youth could be involved in the shelter by reading to the dogs (a proven win-win, adoptions are cut by 6 days when dogs are read to because it helps them get socialized) , learning animal tech duties or just volunteering to help out.
- In closing, I want to quote Mahatma Gandhi by saying "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." The Bronx is on the rise and having a shelter of its own, will be another thing that this wonderful borough can be proud of!

Thank you for this opportunity to speak on this vital subject.

NI Gmail

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Bartow Animal Shelter & Clinic

1 message

Christina L <christina.liew1@gmail.com>

Tue, Oct 9, 2018 at 10:53 AM

Dear Speaker Corey Johnson,

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Thank You

Christina Liew,

NYC Constituent

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BronxAnimalRightsElectors

Recipient: Corey Johnson, Speaker Corey Johnson

Letter: Greetings,

Dear Speaker Corey Johnson

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Thank you

NYC Constituents

Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Dorothea Poggi	Bronx, NY	2018-05-25	There are many reasons why the Bronx needs a local Animal Shelter: This is a service just like sanitation, police, firehouses etc. The need has been established, we have support letters for years now.-This Site is a NYC Property- It is to be used at the discretion and needs of NYC- It has been determined to be the best (only) site available for the long awaited, much needed Animal Shelter-This is a Bronx Project, it is not Co-op City property-We have support letters from many Community Boards and elected officials-The "need" is established by the Mayor and CB10 as well-The conflicting demands of Co-Op (Expansion of Senior Housing, or a Youth Center?) are without funding or recognition.-The site may stay a Parking lot or become anything (even a jail?)-CB10 is much more than Co-op City- The diesel engines and back up beeps and truck traffic is more intrusive than a state of the art Animal Shelter: Co-op City is aging in place and has programs to attend to the elderly.
Annette Rodriguez	Bronx, NY	2018-05-26	I rescue feral cats for over 15 years here in the Bronx. I have trapped, neutered & released them, to keep the population down. We need a full service shelter in the Bronx. They took away our BRONX ASPCA years ago.
Maria Van Geel	Zdroisko, Poland	2018-05-26	Getekend
Mia Pompei	Bronx, NY	2018-05-26	Such a shame! Animals cannot speak for themselves-help themselves. Why would a person not want a shelter near them?just to think those animals would be out on the street-there's abuse Animals need to be loved and cared for-just knowing they're in a shelter with a chance to get adopted....wake up people -how can you be so cold hearted ..
Helene as Hartman-Kutnowsky	Bronx, NY	2018-05-26	The Bronx desperately need to Animal Shelter. We need a shelter soon as possible.
Karen Dennis	hayes, England, UK	2018-05-26	This is a travesty of justice before the public even get to hear about the building of a new well needed animal shelter the housing & building zones committee have already said no but this will benefit animals & people in the area & it will keep alot more alive as there wont be so many at other shelters
atilla demir	muya, Turkey	2018-05-26	Kitten imza ve paylasim can dostlanmPlease sign and share my friends
Fernande Fournier	Luxembourg, Luxembourg	2018-05-26	Certains " humains " vont depense de [l'argent pour des projets unities. C'es notre devoir de respectez et protegez les animaux. Eux, aussi on une ame. Eux, aussi on le droit d'avoirs une vie seine sur ce planate! Vous, le savez? Vous, etes des humains, soyez humaines. Prenez, votre responsabiltee, s.v.p. C' es bien triste, de signez des petitions. Merci.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
martine cuisenaire	Heer, Belgium	2018-05-26	88 sign : Sauvez notre refuge pour animaux du Bronx BronxBronxAnimalRightsElectors a lance cette petition au president de l'arrondissement Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr et 6 autres
Linda C Artmeier	Eden, NY	2018-05-26	Signed because this is necessary
Kate Riviello	new hyde park, NY	2018-05-26	We really need the animal loving community of Co-Op City to make their voices heard. The ANTI animal people showed up to the first meeting. Please come on June 18th and advocate for a shelter in the Bronx. 2.3 million people and you have no animal shelter. (1 wish this facility housed more than 70 dogs but its a beginning.) Please sign and share!
Lavenia Sylvia	Thorne Bay, AK	2018-05-26	A no-kill shelter to provide a desperately needed service for companion animals and owners both.
Danni Bennett	New York, NY	2018-05-26	Please open a Bronx NY shelter. The other shelters are overflowing and overwhelmed. Thank you.
DALE FORD	Bronx, NY	2018-05-26	The need is obvious.
joe Pompi	bronx, NY	2018-05-26	I think we need this in the Bronx
Marlece Chiaramida	New Rochelle, NY	2018-05-26	Animals need a voice and we are it
Stephen Colbert	Motherwell, Scotland, UK	2018-05-26	I visited this shelter when I was on holiday in New York. Found the staff and volunteers incredibly compassionate. My wife commented how lucky the animals were to have such people caring for them. I remember thinking how blessed New York is to have such amazing citizens.
Diana Finch	New York, NY	2018-05-27	The Bronx has no animal shelter, the only borough not to have one. A space is chosen and shelter operators want to open up, but real estate interests have been lobbying the Community Board HARD to give this city-owned property to a developer. Pet owners of the Bronx have no lobbyist on their side - only us!
Joe Bellini	Bronx, NY	2018-05-27	It's very needed
Faryl Palles	Scottsdale, AZ	2018-05-27	I used to work in the Bronx and want people to have the community resources every other borough has.
Thaisa Frank	Oakland, CA	2018-05-27	The Bronx needs more animal shelters, not less. We are a borough of 1.4 million people.
Cecilia Lanza	New York, NY	2018-05-27	I love animals and want the best care for each one...
Catalina Roller	Fresno, CA	2018-05-27	Animals have NO SAY!! People do!
Roe Castagna	New York, NY	2018-05-27	Every community needs a safe haven for its neglected animals
Rebecca Kreinen	New York, NY	2018-05-27	No-brainer the need for a Bronx shelter.!?![
Dawn Lappe	Bronx, NY	2018-05-27	We need to help the animals

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Teresa Driskell	Houston, TX	2018-05-27	I'm from Texas but! believe the Bronx and everywhere else should have a good, quality animal shelter where the animals' best interests are at their hearts.
MARTHA PARISI	Bronx, NY	2018-05-27	This is ridiculous! Money was first appropriated over 10 yrs ago! Somebody must b taking "advice" to stop this from going thru! We r the only borough without an actual Animal Shelter!
Peggy Caraccio	Bronx, NY	2018-05-27	There is no reason to close this shelter except for Real Estate greed. The people of the Bronx need an animal shelter like this one. Please don't close it.
Sal Russo	Bronx, NY	2018-05-27	We need it <u>10</u>
Jean Johnston	Decatur, TN	2018-05-27	A compassionate community is a strong community.
Barbara Hirsch	Pompano Beach, FL	2018-05-28	I am from the Bronx and know There is a need for this animal shelter in the Bronx! Yet in the entire Bronx we don't have an animal shelter and many animals and people have suffer without this needed resource.
Richard Dames	Auckland, New Zealand	2018-05-28	There are Millions of SITES for people. STOP interfering with the VERY LITTLE sites we have for ANIMALS. STOP being GREEDY!!!
Abbe' Jacobs	Bronx, NY	2018-05-28	Animals that are abused and abandoned need shelter just as humans do.
Kate Kenner	Guilford, VT	2018-05-28	And where does the Community Board rspca homeless animals, of which there are many in NYC, to go? There are other shelters but again there are a lot of animals in need and NY is a big city to get around in. The Bronx is not a little town and even if it was everyplace needs a shelter. Animals are not homeless by choice and need people to care for them. It is cruel and unethical to not support this shelter. Animals and people/rescuers should not have to schlep all over NY to find a shelter and do the other shelters not already have enough to deal with?
Phyllis Giedra	Mount Kisco, NY	2018-05-28	Animals need a safe place
Wallace Rodgers	US	2018-05-29	God almighty, I find it very disturbing that there is resistance and arguement over BASIC ANIMAL RIGHTS in a BurrOUGH that size!
M Lee	New York, NY	2018-05-29	Of course Bronx needs an Animal Shelter!
Carol Anderberg	Langley, WA	2018-05-30	STOP PICKING YOUR NOSE AND GET THE SHELTER ON TRACK. ANIMALS NEED SHELTERS AND THERE SHOULD BE NO TIME WASTED ON SMALL STUFF THIS IS IMPORTANT. ANIMALS HAVE NO CHOICE AND NO VOICE, WE NEED TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT FOR THEM TO BE CARED FOR AND GET THE ADOPTIVE HOME, I ALSO THINK WE NEED TO VET THE ADOPTIVE PEOPLE AND OR DO A FOLLOW UP AT THEIR HOME, HOW ABOUT VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE VERY INTERESTED IN GOOD CARE AND THE PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW THEY ARE UNDER THE WATCH, TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE DOING THE RIGHT THING.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Marie Palladino	Brooklyn, NY	2018-05-30	WE DESPERATELY NEED THIS SHELTER.WITH AN OVER-abundance of animals in NYCTHIS SHELTER WILL SAVE LIVES!!!!
Rafael Vega	Brooklyn, NY	2018-05-30	Fm signing because i love all animals and they have the right to live not be slaughtered like they're being slaughtered in the Manhattan ACC.
Carol Franciotti	Islip Terrace, NY	2018-05-30	WE NEED MORE GOOD SHELTERS, WE DON'T NEED TO CLOSE ANY!PLEASE SAVE THIS SHELTER THE ANIMALS NEED IT.
Mark Deane-Smith	Koah, Australia	2018-05-30	Animal shelters are important. New York needs more shelters, not less shelters and NO-KILL as well.
roxanne Delgado	bronx, NY	2018-05-30	In 2008 CB7 voted again the proposed animal shelter and now over 10 years later, CB10 plans to vote against it before the public hearing. So many animal and people suffer without this needed resource. It is time for the Bronx to have an Animal shelter. if this shelter isn't built now at the proposed site, it will never be built. CB! 10 knows there is no alternative site and that their vote will kill any hopes of an animal shelter in the entire Bronx.
Velma Chardon	US	2018-05-31	We NEED this! Bronx animals NEED a shelter!
Zayra Pentenrieder	Bronx, NY	2018-06-01	Zayra Pentenrieder Bronx NY we need our animal shelter.
Carlos Ortiz	Bronx, NY	2018-06-01	Hopefully, something cam be done.
Barbara Hernandez	woodside, NY	2018-06-01	It is vety important to save this shelter. Too many people adopt animals they cannot care for and wind up being thrown out. Abused. People in the Bronx and not responsible with spaying neutering. Especially with pitbulls. Where do those pups wind up? The bronx needs this shelter.
Enrique Colon	Brooklyn, NY	2018-06-01	Once again the Bronx community is getting the shaft. The Bronx community needs this Animal Shelter.
Ellen Landers	Brooklyn, NY	2018-06-02	We need this shelter and many more like it
Nancy Cade	Pikeville, ICY	2018-06-03	Shelters matter
Diana Bianrosa	US	2018-06-03	Of all the boroughs in NYC the Bronx needs it the most.
sabrina hansen	lag rangeville, NY	2018-06-03	this is important!
louise thibault	Gatineau, Canada	2018-06-03	The reason his very simple it his needed so very much.
Diana Martins	Mineola, NY	2018-06-04	I'm signing because I care about all animals at this animal shelter!
Colette Rishmawy	Bronx, NY	2018-06-05	Save our animals
Karen Young	Brooklyn, NY	2018-06-05	Good people across the five boroughs are working to save animals. The Bronx (and Queens, SI) need shelters just as much as Manhattan and Brooklyn! Lots of people care and support us!

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MARIA CRIANZA	WF, NY	2018-06-05	Maria Crianza
Naomi Ramos	Bronx, NY	2018-06-06	Help Save Our Animals
Arlene Paldino	Bronx, NY	2018-06-06	Animals cannot speak for themselves so we must do it for them. This is very important!!!
Lisa Walsh	Bronx, NY	2018-06-07	The Bronx needs a shelter !Ill But most of all we need to stop over loading the Manhattan and Brooklyn shelter. These are adoptable dogs that need a chance
ruth castillo	Bronx, NY	2018-06-08	animals need a home just like us.
Sheila Mahon	NY, NY	2018-06-08	SOA - Save our animals
Susan Valane-Murrell	Morristown, NJ	2018-06-11	We need to help the voiceless, the needy, these animals and people from change.orgneed so much help....I will work for the day I can afford to do so much more. I hope you will help as much as you can. There are so many innocents and other causes, but animals cannot speak up. There is so much horror in this world, please, please help these sentient souls.
Marie Palladino	Brooklyn, NY	2018-06-15	WE NEED THIS SHELTEEONLY 3 SHELTERS NYC FOR THOUSANDS OF ANIMALS THEY ARE BEING KILLED BACK TO BACK !!!! THIS SHELTER WOULD STOP THE OVERCROWDING AND DEATHS
Francie Shadoff	Rockwall, TX	2018-06-15	The animals deserve a chance to live and need a place to stay safe until ADOOTED or fostered. It takes pressure off NYC ACC and it's another building that can help th animals hopefully
Rafael Vega	Brooklyn, NY	2018-06-15	Animals lives matter.
Renate Beerkens-van Heumen	Netherlands	2018-06-15	Animals shelters are just as necessary as people places.
Mary Den Dulk Van de Hoef	otterlo, Netherlands	2018-06-15	NY needs that shelter to many innocent furbabies are killed for nothing
Holly Friedson	Fairfield, NJ	2018-06-15	Ny needs more sheltersso dogs don't get killed
Holly Friedson	Fairfield, NJ	2018-06-15	The shelter will save lives in Brooklyn and Manhattan Stop killing adoptable, healthy animals
Connie Shannon	Astoria, NY	2018-06-15	Now more than ever, this center would serve as a haven for the community and animals who need them. Taking away this vital shelter is literally a death sentence.
Lori Singer	Queens, NY	2018-06-15	We should have had our 2 shelters Bronx & Queens over a decade ago! We cannot lose our Bronx shelter going up now, it MUST GO UP!
Pamela McPherson	Ottawa, Canada	2018-06-15	This shelter is much needed. No excuse for this not to happen.)
Barbara Drake	High Bridge, NJ	2018-06-15	A Boro the size of the Bronx MUST have a NO KILL shelter to house the 100's of thousands of abused & abandoned. Hopefully these

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			poor animals will not b,sent to the NY, BKLYN,SI shelters where death by botched spay/neuter ops, the easily cured kennel cough, etc will not b these Innocent animals cruel fate. Longer retention times, sanitary conditions, this is what it takes—These lives matter, never forget that.
VANESSA ANDERSON	MARSTONS MILLS, MA	2018-06-15	I hate to see shelters killing animals but without shelters we won't have a chance to save these precious lives
Hanna Coyle the	Ashland, RI	2018-06-15	I am a animal activist and fight for these precious fur babies to end!
Donna Allcock	Johnston, RI	2018-06-15	Because we need this shelter to save helpless animals
Jossie Moran	Ocklawaha, FL	2018-06-15	Please stop the slaughter
rose granaudo	port charlotte, FL	2018-06-16	please help our furbabies have a shelter
Jacqui lamont	Adelaide, South Australia, Australia	2018-06-16	Be fair
Joan Dufresne	Leominster, MA	2018-06-16	That's disgusting of them! Sounds like you need all new Bronx Community Board members! You need people with a heart, that care! Because this lot does not!
Jehanne Arslan	Oakton, VA	2018-06-16	BRONX NEEDS THIS SHELTER!
Denise Sprouse	Palmyra, US	2018-06-16	Native NYorker..NY city must get their act together with so many people, educate and stop being lazy asses and do the right thing... Take care of all animals please??
David Riccitelli	Warwick, RI	2018-06-17	It will save lives and take pressure of the other shelters
Kimberly Vella	Largo, FL	2018-06-17	This is beyond necessary to be resolved and handled.. ANIMALS LIVES, DO MATTER!!!
Marlene Peterson	Dover Plains, NY	2018-06-17	I can't believe that the Bronx doesn't have an animal shelter I remember many years ago there was an ASPCA and knew of many families looking for a cat or dog went there and usually found one also if a pet was injured you could bring the pet there.I think it would help with the roaming animals of the Bronx,even if there was a spayed and nurtured program help with the population of dogs and cats,also could be helpful in educational programs in the schools so animal abuse stops,also jobs for many! understand if the project has to be scaled down do to \$\$\$\$ think that is ok just get something built on that site
Carol Franciotti	Islip Terrace, NY	2018-06-18	OUR ANIMALS NEED THIS! WE WILL BE ABKE TO SAVE MORE AND STOP MUCH OF THE KILLINGS!!!THIS HAS TO BE, WE NEED IT BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY THE ANIMALS NEED IT!!m"WE ARE TALKING LIVING BREATHING, SENTIENT BEINGS AND SAVING THEIR LNESHIPLEASE WE ALL WANT THIS.
Mary Sinacore	Geneva, IL	2018-06-18	This shelter is needed nyc kills so many innocent animals

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Maco Kniens	sellersville, PA	2018-06-19	The Bronx needs an animal shelter! It should have already been completed! Stop the suffering of the animals...
Jackie Perrigoue	Lake Stevens, WA	2018-06-19	Why are animal shelters being closed, when they kill due to overcrowding now?! So screwed up, shelter reform is past due!
DONNA LEE CRAIG	gainesville, FL	2018-06-20	PLEASE SIGN & SHARE.
Susan Jones-Favuzzi	SI, NY	2018-06-25	Animals need all the help they can get from us. Look st this world. They are innocent and defenseless
Kathie Corrigan	Cornwall, Canada	2018-07-02	It's important for the animals as well as the people that this land stays as is. Not everything needs to be overdeveloped 0
Tarn St Clair	US	2018-07-02	There is a desperate need for a big animal shelter in this borough!
ellen alvarez	toa baja, PR	2018-07-03	It's important to my cousin, Bobbi! 0.0
Jackie Gaizley	Camden Town, UK	2018-07-04	Support all the way. 0
Dotti Poggi	Bronx, NY	2018-07-08	The rescuers of the Bronx deserve a main facility to work with. No more 6am lines in the freezing cold to get feral cats TNR'd no more rainy days trying to keep animals dry for their long trip to Queens for TNR.
Martin Daniel Badonsky	Alabama	2018-07-12	It's time take care of our pets, no reason to go two miles from home for an animal shelter. We can use one in our own community, being that CoOp City now has a big population of dogs and cats. Please sign petition. I'm sure this will help out other communities as well.
Abbe' Jacobs	Bronx, NY	2018-07-12	Abbe Jacobs
Katherine Slawinski	New York, NY	2018-07-14	I love animals!
christy brandon	roch., NY	2018-07-16	Shelters are needed they are already overcrowded
mary den dulk	otterlo, Netherlands	2018-07-16	Nu is killing to many healthy adoptable furbabies
Tommy Hendrix	Oklahoma City, OK	2018-07-16	Animals need shelter
Barbara Drake	High Bridge, NJ	2018-07-16	Obviously a safe, sanitary & medically equipped facility is needed. Procrastination will solve nothing, must b promptly acted upon. Most pressing objective, STOP SPAY/NEUTER/KILL policy.
melinda caldwell	New York, NY	2018-07-16	We need more animal shelters, but ones that will help the animals find decent homes and not kill them!
Linda Goode	Morganton, NC	2018-07-16	PLEASE THEY NEED A SHELTER SO BAD TO MANY DOGS AND CATS ARE BEING KILLED FOR NO REASON THEY ALL DESERVE TO LIVE AND FIND THERE LOVING HOMES SO PLEASE PLEASE BUILD ONE..

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ann detlefsen	putnam valley, NY	2018-07-16	Richest city in US and euthanizes healthy pets at an astronomical rate. Need more shelters with better medical care and adoption rooms, not less!
Marylyn Eichenholtz	Cortlandt, NY	2018-07-16	No more developers needed. Animal shelter in the Bronx....YES!
Isobel Doyle	Mount Vernon, NY	2018-07-16	I am signing because the city needs this shelter space to help with the work the rescues are doing with stray animals. The need a place to bring them where they can be safe and brought to health so they can be rehomed. A place where rescues can get the much needed help and relief for spaying and neutering as well. It is about time the city got on board with this process.
John Bailey	Tulsa, OK	2018-07-16	The Bronx needs a new animal shelter. The current facility is the equivalent of animal abuse, even as the angels there do the best with what they have. Why is the greatest city in the world devoid of proper animal rescue /aid facilities?? We need the right person. The one who will make animal husbandry, rescue and adoption a priority, not a hollow campaign promise. John C Bailey
Marge Bailey Zelda Penzel	New York, NY NY, NY	2018-07-17 2018-07-17	Happy to help animals. A Bronx animal shelter is long overdue! Efforts to undermine this, is a travesty and must stop! Shame on those who care so little about the lives of animals and the needs of their citizens to have a place they can go to in their borough, to adopt a new family member...a kitty or a dog or other pet!
Elaine Becker	Roanoke, VA	2018-07-17	The people of the city have to have somewhere for the animals to go!
Sharon Adomeit	Pepperell, MA	2018-07-17	A place is needed for the animals. This may be the only chance to make a shelter there.
Diane Webb	Myrtle Beach, SC	2018-07-17	You need a place for the animals. The developer needs to find another location
Deborah Gordon	Brooklyn, NY	2018-07-17	We don't need development we need to save our furbabies.
theresa nazzaro	bronx, NY	2018-07-17	Pets are part of our families and when they need medical help I think it would be great if we had access to low cost services.
Lisa Stanfill	US	2018-07-17	Help the animals ! They need an animal shelter!
Carla Park	New York, NY	2018-07-17	SAVE BRONX ANIMAL SHELTER
Toni Keller	Langhorne, PA	2018-07-17	They really need to build another shelter so more animals can be saved. This developer can go elsewhere!
anthony/maureen benedict	suffern, NY	2018-07-17	The Bronx needs this shelter. It has been too long that there is no decent animal shelter in the Bronx.
Catalina Roller	Fresno, CA	2018-07-17	Animals have NO SAY!!!
Richard Martin	Dorchester, MA	2018-07-17	Shame on this developer for being an accomplice to murder.

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Cindy Rodney developer	Scranton, PA	2018-07-17	Animals need this shelter built to save lives I implore the to find other land
Whitney Cloud	Hawley, TX	2018-07-17	Animals need our help!
Lisa Jesslyn	Randolph, NJ	2018-07-17	Hel the animals! Have a heart!
Esmerelda Winter	New York, NY	2018-07-17	Help!
Pat Maloney	New York, NY	2018-07-17	This is critically needed in the Bronx! Developers will always find land — but not every deserving animal will find a home.
Lisa Stanfill	US	2018-07-17	Keep the shelter, it is needed I
Susan Knieriemen	Summerfield, FL	2018-07-17	Have a ## and compassion !I Support the new shelter and find a different place to build your whatever. Or find an existing space and participate in urban renewal!!
Sandra Grasins	Santiago, Chile	2018-07-17	Every animal deserves a space with dignity and love.
Joan Stonich	New York, NY	2018-07-17	Can nothing for the public good be built any longer?
Yvette Perry	Toms River, NJ	2018-07-18	We are the voice for the voicemail..the shelter must stay!!
valerie palen	Shenorock, NY	2018-07-18	The Bronx needs a Animal shelter
ElizabethAnn Curran shelter	east harwich, MA	2018-07-18	I am signing this petition, because we need another no kill in nyc to save more animals that are being dumped due to landlord issues. Please sign and share this petition. It is very important.
Pauline Simpson	Weston-super-Mare, England, UK	2018-07-18	The desperately needed Bronx Animal Shelter MUST be built here!!! .. the 'developer' will easily be able to find an alternative location!!!!
Margaret Morris-Calderon	Huntsville, AR	2018-07-18	Holy God Words— Ecclesiastes 3:18-21: "As for humans, God tests them so that they may see that they are like the animals. Surely the fate of human beings is like that of the animals; the same fate awaits them both: As one dies, so dies the other. All have the same breath (literally "spirit"); humans have no advantage over animals. Everything is meaningless. All go to the same place; all come from dust, and to dust all returns. Job 12:10 "In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath (literally "spirit')
Jamie lehman	bronx, NY	2018-07-18	I don't know about the politics. I DO know that we need a Bronx animal shelter and that the District 10 property is a very good location for it.
Dolores Raffellini	New York, NY	2018-07-18	We desperately need an animal shelter in the Bronx.
D Langevin	Langley, Canada	2018-07-18	It was promised for a Shelter... don't stop this much needed shelter!
Elizabeth Quaranta	Bronx, NY	2018-07-18	We need a animal shelter!!

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Kenneth Blane	West New York, NJ	2018-07-18	This animal shelter provides a great and needed service to its surrounding community and should not be eliminated!!!
geo bougiouri	Athens, Greece	2018-07-18	for no kill shelterYES
Deirdre Kraft	Boston, MA	2018-07-18	If there's one thing that New York is in desperate need of, it's a Decent shelter. Not more condos!!!
Douglas Rabenold	Bear, DE	2018-07-18	Our animals deserve more from humanity
Eileen Glenn	Milan, Italy	2018-07-18	The animals need a safe place
Diane Signorile	Staten Island, NY	2018-07-18	All life's matter ALL
James Roselli	Petaluma, CA	2018-07-18	Because it's the Right Thing to Do.
Barbara Drake	High Bridge, NJ	2018-07-18	Conditions n the 5 boros r deplorable, the Bronx stands out the most. If u don't care for ur animals, what can then b said for people. Pls show that compassion will triumph over greed.
judy starr	nyc, NY	2018-07-18	Because all 5 Boroughs in NYC need & were promised to every borough .I was at the Manhattan on July 15th in adoption rooms . There were only maybe 10 cages for Big Dogs & 10 Little Dogs ?We took photos if you want to see them cause I was looking to adopt a dog & wanted my husband to photos of Dogs ! BTW why are less only 2 handful of Dogs for adoption to NYC Public Citizens 1.4 Million in Manhattan ? BTW where are all the Dogs & Cats we see on the Death List cause I saw none? And I'm willing to give a home to an Animal that's not PERFECT? So their hiding them in the basement or somewhere ?I'm going to check Brooklyn as well
LISA Palo	Seminole, FL	2018-07-18	We Need That SHELTER
Patricia McIntyre	Marana, AZ	2018-07-18	Kill.pounds are not euthanizing but Murdering.animals daily.in ALL BOROUGHS.OF.THE NYC ACC... YES, MORE ROOM TO KEEP ANIMALS ALIVE NEEDED.BUT WE ALSO NEED LAWS.TO.CHANGE TO COMPLETE NO KILL, OF WHICH I AM AN ADVOCATE.....THE ANIMALS ARE INNOCENTS, OWNERS WHO DUMP ARE NOT... STRICTER OBSTACLES TO PREVENT OWNER SURRENDER, LIKEHUGH FINES TO DO SO...BETTER STAFFED.PERSONNEL WITHIN NYC ACC WHOM ARE.MORE.HUMANE AND ARE AGAINST.KILLING.THE ANIMALS...THOROUGH.BACKGROUND AND HOME.CHECKS BEFORE SOMEONE CAN QUALIFY TO ADOPT SO LONGER PERIODS, ALSO, THAT DOGS STAY ALIVE AND CANNOT.BE.MURDERED..WALKER, EXERCISE YARDS FOR DAILY.HOUR.LONG OUTINGS FOR.EACH.AND EVERY.DOG.HOUSED AT A NYC ACC FACILITY...
Corinne Sportiello	Medford, NY	2018-07-18	Shelters are vital for residents in areas where there are none. Pass this through to help all the animals and people who are in need of their services.
Eve Montagna	Enfield, NH	2018-07-19	The Bronx needs an animal shelter, it is long overdue. The developer needs to move on and do the right thing.
Penni Deutsch	Texas	2018-07-19	Please let this shelter be built on this site. The animals need it;

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Yvette Perry	Toms River, NJ	2018-07-19	We are the voice for the voiceless ...theshelter must be built for the animals in need!!
Linda Burkhead	LOUISVILLE, KY	2018-07-19	I LOVE ALL ANIMALS
Nasrene MacDonald	Rolla, MO	2018-07-19	Please sign and share!
Charles Hall	Bronx, NY	2018-07-19	My name is Charlie Hall. I am a resident of the Bronx, living in Councilman Cohen's district. I have lived and worked in the Bronx for 17 years. I write to strongly support the animal shelter proposed for Co-Op City. I live in the Spuyten Duyvil neighborhood. My wife and I take care of numerous feral cats. We have worked with out next-door neighbor to do trap, neuter, release (TNR) on most of them and we now need to repeat that for some new cats that have wandered in from other areas. We also are aware of several other feral cat colonies in our neighborhood. Currently there are no real services for these animals anywhere in the Bronx. Private veterinarians are not generally equipped to assist feral animals much less truly wild animals. There is also no major facility in the Bronx to facilitate adoptions; a few pet shops and veterinarians are able to keep a few adoptable animals on display but it is not their mission nor do they have the space -- and they often get their animals from shelters in Westchester Co
Andrea Apramian	Westwood, NJ	2018-07-20	You need a place for animals!
Raymond Lopez	Bronx, NY	2018-07-20	I care about pets.
Thalia Santos	Brooklyn, NY	2018-07-20	We need to show more love for our animals just because they can't speak doesn't mean they don't need us!
Jennifer Gomez	Bronx, NY	2018-07-20	We need the animal shelter
Annette Rodriguez	Bronx, NY	2018-07-21	We the people, pet owners & rescuers need this Animal Shelter in the Bronx. We are underserved in our borough, and we need low cost vet options for our pets. They are FAMILY. Local vet costs continue to rise, making people not able to afford medical care for our animals. This shelter would give us more affordable options for the health care of our Pets.
marie palladino	bronx, n.y. 10458, NY	2018-07-21	I think an animal shelter is badly needed to meet the demand of animals coming in. It is a state of the art facility accommodating other useful services ie veterinary. Opposal to this shelter permits for animals being killed for lack of space
Karen Green	Bristol, UK	2018-07-21	Human beings are in danger of losing their humanity for profit. These animals have been poorly served by those who were supposed to protect and love them. Give them the chance to live long enough to find what they had already been promised. This shelter is needed now.
Christine Hurley	New York, NY	2018-07-22	Nothing wrong with having a dog shelter near where people would be more likely to go and adopt a dog who otherwise may be put down. Duh!!!!

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Penny Rand	new york, NY	2018-07-23	We need this shelter.
Eleanor Conte	New York, NY	2018-07-24	There are too many dogs out there that need to be rescued443(Ig+.4>
ralph jacobellis	bronx, NY	2018-07-25	We need this people can be so dumb just look at our politics and you'll see this
Charles Hall	Bronx, NY	2018-07-27	It is a complete embarrassment that the home of one of the greatest zoos in the world cant have an animal shelter for its own animals!
Pamela Ing	Farmingville, NY	2018-07-29	Please save the fur babies. This is a solution for all parties involved
Tim Eng bens Engberts	Netherlands	2018-07-29	Angel Care
Erica Oneill	Bronx, NY	2018-07-29	It's a huge help to the community!
Jennifer Canty	Morganville, NJ	2018-07-31	Enough with the killing
Beatrice Ahuatl	Bronx, NY	2018-07-31	This poor animals need us
Sheila Parra	Bronx, NY	2018-07-31	The animals need a home tool
Carol Anderberg	Langley, WA	2018-07-31	FEED THE NEED.....SHELTER..... NEEDED
Edwin Soto	Bronx, NY	2018-08-01	Save our Bronx Animal Shelter (with Low Cost Veterinary Services) from developer
Mary Lozada	Bronx, NY	2018-08-01	The people and the animals of the Bronx desperately need this facility to bring our pets to when in need of affordable care for our pets.
Tommy Ivors	Jamaica, NY	2018-08-02	For way too many years we have been falsely promised that animal shelters WOULD BE built in both the Bronx and Queens but it has all been lies which Ruben Diaz Jr has just proven to us how shameful politicians ARE. No doubt Ruben has devious plans for the US\$ money that has already been allocated to build them while the animals remain homeless and without veterinary care. How shameful your borough so called president is, he is working AGAINST those who voted him in and forgets he can definitely be voted OUT. Your days are numbered animal hating Ruben Diaz Jr .. you have proven how heartless you really are !!
Juan Morales	Mount Vernon, NY	2018-08-02	I firmly believe that there should be more support for animal care in the bronx.
Susan Brenner	New York, NY	2018-08-02	It is much needed in the Bronx!
Kiranjeet kaur Bhabra	Malaysia	2018-08-02	Save them
Anne Albaugh	Newport News, VA	2018-08-02	Animals everywhere need out help0.0.004040

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Kim Wright	Toronto, Canada	2018-08-02	Omgf signed
Irma sue Santiago	Bronx, NY	2018-08-03	I am a Rescuer plus an animallover!!
maria c. Jimenez	bronx, NY	2018-08-11	We need shelter for the homeless animal we need a sign say ...no kill shelter!
Jackie Perrigoue	Lake Stevens, WA	2018-08-14	NY has such a barbaric, high kill shelter now, it's got to.have more, better options ASAP!
Annette Rodriguez	Bronx, NY	2018-08-18	The Bronx needs the Animal Shelter. We are so underserved for our Pets needs. We need a low cost opinion for Vet serves. Our pets deserve the best possible care, and many Bronx vets have outrages prices that sometimes make it not so affordable to pet medical care.
Nough Weigh	US	2018-08-20	makes no sense to say no to an animal shelter-why are politicians in NYC and the Bronx still in the 19th Century when it comes to animals?
Mary Bonnell	Homestead, FL	2018-09-01	Animals deserve to be safe, well and saved!
Laurie Jones	Bronx, NY	2018-09-07	We never the animal shelter!
Margaret Dunn	Bronx, NY	2018-09-07	The Bronx desperately needs a animal shelter!
Judy lustgarten	ny, NY	2018-09-21	New York City can do much better for its Animal Welfare. We're behind ... far far behind in this Arena. And it needs to be spun out of the Department of Health because they don't belong in that position. You need the proper people in the proper position with the proper plan as well as proper motivation choice and intent. Professionalism responsibility and integrity to the animals is not and has not been apart of the d o h ACC... And that's a disgrace. These animals are not disposable commodities. They are literally sentient beings. Time for a new regime of wisdom, moral and ethical integrity and responsibility, Humanity, compassion and justice for every animal who is unfortunate enough to have to walk through a shelter door
Barbara Meli	Oyster Bay, NY	2018-09-21	This is needed.
David Grave	Bronx, NY	2018-09-26	The Bronx needs this shelter to stay open for the animals because the Bronx doesn't have many shelters.
Ivelisse Orta	Bronx, NY	2018-09-26	Ivelisse orta
Karen Granelli	New York, NY	2018-09-27	The Bronx really NEEDS it's own animal shelter to handle demand/overcrowding in other borough shelters, which are always full to cspacity! PLEASE
Joseph Lopes	Glen Head, NY	2018-09-29	protect our helpless best friends!
Karen Gonzalez	Nueva York, NY	2018-09-29	Help the shelters at the Bronx
Claire Houlihan	Allendale, NJ	2018-09-29	Former Bronx resident—I appreciate the need for this shelter!

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Barbara Meli	Oyster Bay, NY	2018-09-29	This is so necessary
Debbie DeLong	Myrtle Beach, SC	2018-09-29	I was born and raised in New York...you need to stop and be a voice for the poor animals in the shelters no more developments
Yolanda Rodriguez	New York, NY	2018-10-04	We truly need a Bronx shelter for the animals in need of clinical low cost care and adoption. Voting yes for a Bronx shelter is an act of compassion for animals who would otherwise be put to death. Please, vote yes for compassion. Thank you.
maryrose borda	FLUSHING, NY	2018-10-04	Civilizing the Bronx with an animal shelter of its own is well over due.
Adrienne Harris	Bronx, NY	2018-10-06	Adrienne Harris signed this petition.
Miree Lord	Flushing, NY	2018-10-06	We need more shelters!! I don't understand...
Wendy Scher	Brooklyn, NY	2018-10-06	The Bronx doesn't have a single animal shelter in all these years! Yes, we need better facilities for homeless humans, but not at the expense of dogs and cats' lives.
Kristina Detmer	New York, NY	2018-10-06	A lot of people bring in animals from the Bronx to the Manhattan shelter. Having an additional shelter would help relieve some overcrowding in the Manhattan shelter. Also, I have spoken to people in the Bronx who would like to spay/ neuter their cat/dog, but can not afford to. Having a shelter providing resources like subsidized spay/neuter or veterinary care can help with the horrific situation of animals in the Bronx.
Elaine Cury	Elverson, PA	2018-10-06	The NYACC is deplorable, dirty and OUTSIDE of the great volunteers who carry that place is the terrible PAID employees starting with the Director who do absolutely nothing. CHANGE THE NOW. It is a disgrace
Janis Mitchell	Bronx, NY	2018-10-07	We don't a proper facility for these poor pets and strays. They are helpless and we must act on it.
Marlene Peterson	Dover Plains, NY	2018-10-07	This animal shelter is a must. THE BRONX NEEDS IT NOWPlease don't turn your back on the 4 legged animals of the Bronx.
Sherrylee Buchholz	New York, NY	2018-10-08	Animals are a blessing and they are are worthy of a home.
Deserie Matos	Bronx, NY	2018-10-08	Homeless animals in the Bronx need a shelter! This shelter will be state of the art, will create jobs, and most importantly, it will help to get homes for thousands of animals that will pass through its doors!

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Bronx Animal Shelter

1 message

andrea biro <andrea68biro@yahoo.com>

Mon, Aug 6, 2018 at 11:21 PM

Mr. Johnson,

I am writing to you because I am disappointed about the lack of support for the Bronx Animal Shelter. The Bronx needs a full service animal shelter for the many low income pet owners as well as for us, rescuers. I am a certified TNR rescuer and I know from experience and from talking to other rescuers how much we need affordable veterinary services here in the Bronx. In the course of doing TNR throughout the borough we are often speaking with pet owners and advocate for spaying and neutering their pets. More often than not their response is that they can't afford it. Low cost spay/neuter mobile clinics are great but they are very limited in the number of pets they can accept. Having a full service shelter would also help with this.

In addition to helping pet owners in the Bronx it would also create jobs in the borough.

Andrea Biro

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Hannah Leshaw <hleshaw@gmail.com>

Tue, Jul 24, 2018 at 11:34 AM

Good Morning Speaker Johnson,

I am writing to express my ardent support for the construction of a state-of-the-art Bronx animal shelter at the proposed location of 2050 Bartow Avenue.

Bronx residents and Bronx animals are in desperate need of a full-service shelter, like those in Manhattan, Staten Island and Brooklyn. We Bronxites do not receive the same services and access as the rest of the boroughs and that is unacceptable.

Please do not allow real estate lobbyists to derail our animal shelter. As you know, it took the city an extremely long time over 3 years - to find a site that met the requirements for a Bronx animal shelter. Do not allow lobbyists, or the politicians beholden to them, to manipulate and mislead residents with a false humans vs. animals narrative.

We Bronxites will benefit greatly from this animal shelter including through access to low cost veterinary care, educational services and support services that may keep animals in homes when families are struggling.

Please support the Bronx animal shelter at 2050 Bartow Avenue.

Sincerely,
Hannah Leshaw
833 Courtlandt Aveue
Bronx, NY 10451

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Fwd: Animal care center for Bronx approved by City Planning Commission

3 messages

Sally Nussbaum <sallynus@me.com>
To: bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com

Fri, Oct 5, 2018 at 6:31 PM

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Sally Nussbaum <sallynus@me.com>
Date: October 5, 2018 at 6:25:29 PM EDT
To: bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com
Subject: Fwd: Animal care center for Bronx approved by City Planning Commission

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Sally Nussbaum <sallynus@me.com>
Date: September 27, 2018 at 12:42:32 PM EDT
Subject: Animal care center for Bronx approved by City Planning Commission

As a 47 year resident of Co-Op City, an original cooperater in my building, I want to ask you to support the animal care center for 2050 Bartow Ave. across from Co-Op City.

We are in dire need of this center. Even though Co-Op City is technically a "no dog" community, with 15,000 apartments we have 500 service animals that need veterinary care and their owners need nearby service that they do not have now.

I urge you to be suspicious of the following:

A campaign has been raised to promote a YMCA/ community center for 2050 Bartow Ave. instead of an animal shelter, but there is no money budgeted for it and the nearby Edenwald neighborhood is getting that type community center. So it is very unlikely that that would be also built for the Co-Op City community. The owners of the B'Nai B'rith nursing home on Bartow want to buy 2050 Bartow for a wellness center for homeless men and from that source have come efforts and false promises that it would be a community center for Co-Op City. The nursing home has a lobbyist who has been working on this for some time with politicians.

Yes, give the Bronx and our area the animal shelter we need.

Sally Nussbaum
10 Erdman Place apt. 2 F
Bronx NY 10475
718-320-1962

Sent from my iPad



Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Bartow Animal Shelter and Clinic

1 message

Joy Fieldstadt <axs2web@yahoo.com>

Wed, Oct 3, 2018 at 7:42 PM

Dear Speaker Corey Johnson,

Please do not allow a real estate developer to acquire property that can be used for the Bartow state of the art animal shelter and clinic. The Bronx needs it's own animal shelter because it is reported to have the most number of surrenders but the least amount of facilities to care for or house animals in need of care or adoption.

This lack of space in the Bronx burdens shelters and animal care facilities in other areas of the city. There is NO alternative site for the proposed animal shelter and clinic. We can't afford any more delays.

Thank you in advance for your serious consideration of this concern. Your constituency deserves it.

Respectfully,

Joy Fieldstadt

M Gmail**Bronx animal rights** <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Bartow Animal Shelter & Clinic

1 message

Tracy Fred <tfred@shadowtv.com>

Thu, Sep 27, 2018 at 2:50 PM

WE DESPERATELY NEED AN ANIMAL SHELTER IN THE BRONX

As a long time Bronx resident and animal owner, I have experienced first hand why we need a shelter in the Bronx. It's been long overdue. I know of many low-income residents who have no affordable place to go to bring their loving animal companions/family members to get checked/treated and have ended up either dropping their animals off at the MACC or giving them to someone who can afford to treat their beloved pet. You can imagine how hard this is for these people to have to choose give up their pets or let their pets stay ill or even die. I have personally experienced finding a dog tied up to a pole and just left there. I didn't know where to turn to besides the few rescues I know of, which no one could take the dog in to help him because they said they were full. I was told to call the police. I think the police have equally important jobs to take care of other than coming to pick up a dog and if there were a shelter in the Bronx, I feel I would not have felt so helpless to help this animal and would have someone to call to come and help. It's important that there is a place for lost pets to be reported and found pets to be dropped off and brought back to their owners. For anyone to say that low-cost housing should be put before an animal shelter is preposterous and I would think that they do not know the Bronx or the residents in the Bronx, and they are in it for the money.

Please do what is right and vote in favor of the Bronx Animal Shelter & Clinic and against making a developer, who is clearly only in this for monetary gains, more rich.

Regards,
Tracy Fred

Tracy **Fred**
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M Gmail

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimairightselectors@gmail.com>

Bronx animal shelter

1 message

Lisa Marie Gurrera <fisamarie1115@yahoo.com>

Sat, Sep 29, 2018 at 6:45 PM

Dear Speaker Corey Johnson,

Please don't permit a Real Estate Developer to take the proposed Bartow site from our state of art animal shelter and low-cost clinic. The Bronx surrenders the most animals in the city and overburdens the other shelters. This results in less space, less time and less care for the animals throughout the city.

The Bronx residents have no low cost veterinary services and often travel outside the Bronx for pet care. There is no alternative site for the proposed animal shelter and we can't afford anymore delays.

Thank you

Lisa Marie Gurrera
NYC
917.679.3215

NI Gmail

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Bartow Animal Shelter & Clinic"

1 message

Frankie Tubes <stevedore@live.com>

Wed, Sep 26, 2018 at 11:19 PM

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Dear Speaker Corey Johnson

Please Don't Permit a REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER take the proposed Bartow site from our state of the art facility. The Bronx surrenders the most animals in the city yet has no shelter and overburdens the other shelters. This results in less space and less quality care for the animals throughout the city. There is NO alternative site for the proposed animal shelter and clinic and we can't afford anymore delays.

Thank you

NYC Constituents

Sent from my iPhone

GmailBronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Animal Shelter

1 message

jeanjohnston2 <jeanjohnston2@aol.com>

Fri, Jul 27, 2018 at 7:42 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I understand that the Bronx has a great opportunity to provide a new shelter to help in the rescue and rehoming of its homeless pets. I encourage you to be a leader in the nation and show that your pets do have a voice—and your hearts.

There is nothing that unites a community like its passion for its children and its passion for its pets. In fact you cannot have one without the other. Showing your children that pets are important too, makes better human beings of everyone. Just as voiceless humans needed a voice in the past, so do these voiceless animals. Please take this opportunity to give the community's pets the second chance they deserve.

A compassionate community is a strong community. Let the Bronx be strong.

Thank you,

Jean Johnston
Child and animal advocate

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

M GmailBronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Animal Shelter and Low Cost Veterinary Services

1 message

fedexit@aol.com <fedexit@aol.com>

Wed, Sep 26, 2018 at 5:31 PM

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We hope you do the right thing! Thx, Marielle Marne & Steven Moore

Gmail

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

I voted to open the shelter

1 message

Donna Cozzi <donnamcozzi@gmail.com>
To: BronxAnimaiRightsElectors@gmail.com

Wed, Sep 26, 2018 at 11:03 PM

Donna Cozzi
347-299-4206
DonnaMCozzi@gmail.com

M Gmail

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimairightselectors@gmail.com>

Bartow Animal Shelter & Clinic

2 messages

Gordon Purchasing <gordonpurchasing@gmail.com>

Mon, Oct 8, 2018 at 6:17 PM

I urge you to approve the Bartow Ave. location of the very much needed Bronx animal shelter.

Thank you.
Gordon Landwirth

Gordon Purchasing <gordonpurchasing@gmail.com>

Mon, Oct 8, 2018 at 6:21 PM

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Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Bronx Animal Shelter

1 message

Laker Girl <mannclanjj@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 26, 2018 at 10:33 PM

Please don't allow a real estate developer to take the proposed Bartow Site from our state of the art facility. The Bronx surrenders the highest number of animals in the city but ironically has no shelter of its own, thereby burdening the other shelters. It compromises care for animals throughout the city because by causing less space, the quality of care is also impeded.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Jane Miller
Vienna, IL 62995



Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Save Our Animal Shelter at Bartow

1 message

Michael Friedmann <mmttthedman@gmail.com>

Thu, Sep 27, 2018 at 1:28 PM

Dear Speaker Corey Johnson

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Thank you

M GmailBronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Bartow Ave site -- must be allocated for animal/shelter situation

1 message

Kevin Fisher <kevinfisher@gmail.com>Thu, Sep 27, 2018 at 2:46 **PM**

Speaker Johnson, I am a Bronx/City Island resident who is requesting that the Bartow Ave site be protected and allocated to stay as an animal care/shelter site option. It is well-known that Pelham Bay Park is a bit of a dumping ground for unwanted pets, cats in particular. In my area, we find a number of feral cats that need proper attention, and seeking the appropriate care and neutering strategies is difficult and personally costly in this area with the limited option of local/proximal shelters and care providers.

Please find a way to keep and maintain options open for a proper shelter that can compliment the needs of the local community in managing these populations humanely.

Thanks for your time,
Kevin Fisher



Bronx animal rights <bronxanimairightselectors@gmail.com>

Bronx Animal Shelter

1 message

Diane j <dsj220@gmail.com>

Thu, Sep 27, 2018 at 6:02 PM

Please make this happen for all the Bronx pets.

As RESCUERS, we need our own facility to handle our own hats... We have human shelters in the Bronx for the humans who need help and now we need an animal shelter for the animals who need help.

You have the power to make this happen through your position.

Please help us help these animals by giving The Bronx their own shelter.
Lives will be saved and jobs will be offered. This is a win-win project for you!

Very truly yours,

Diane Jungk

Ni Gmail

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Bronx animal shelter

1 message

Michelle Dail <michelledail@me.com>

Fri, Sep 28, 2018 at 10:06 PM

Dear Speaker Corey Johnson,

Please don't permit a Real Estate Developer to take the proposed Bartow site from our state of art animal shelter and low-cost clinic. The Bronx surrenders the most animals in the city and overburdens the other shelters. This results in less space, less time and less care for the animals throughout the city.

The Bronx residents has no low cost veterinary services and often travel outside the Bronx for pet care. There is no alternative site for the proposed animal shelter and we can't afford anymore delays.

Thank you

'knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is knowing not to put it in a fruit salad.'40

M Gmail

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimairightselectors@gmail.com>

Bronx Animal Shelter

1 message

M. Fornes <mfornes35@gmail.com>

Fri, Sep 28, 2018 at 10:06 PM

Dear Mr. Johnson,

As a Bronx native and a certified TNR trapper, I am shocked that this shelter would not be welcomed in the Bronx. Every other borough in NYC has a fully operational shelter, but not the Bronx? Are we tired of constantly being treated as second class citizens? Do we not want to elevate the Bronx and make it great?

As someone who lives near the Co-op City area, I can tell you: we do not need more commercial stores set up at that space, not when Bay Plaza underwent a major renovation and has growth in that sector. Now we must turn our attention to servicing the population of the area and beautifying Co-op City. Reduce the waste, the overpopulation of neglected animals and offer services to the people of the Bronx.

We have seen enough greed and corruption at the highest levels of politics in this nation. Do not let it effect the Bronx. No one will raise this borough up besides the people who live here and make it their home.

Please vote wisely.

Sincerely,
Marie Fornes

10/8/2018

Gmail - Bartow Animal Shelter & Clinic

M Gmail

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Bartow Animal Shelter & Clinic

1 message

Susan Frances <powderpuffsuzie@excite.com>

Sat, Sep 29, 2018 at 12:44 AM

Dear Speaker Corey Johnson,

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Thank you.

Kindly,
Susan Frances
NYC Constituent

NI Gmail

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Save the Bartow Avenue Animal Shelter and Vet Clinic

1 message

Laker Girl <mannclanjj@gmail.com>

Mon, Oct 8, 2018 at 4:46 PM

The Barlow Avenue animal shelter needs to be preserved. It is the only shelter in a densely populated area and serves a very important purpose. I live in a very rural area and we have lots of clinics and shelters in the area, probably serving a significantly smaller population than what is in the Bronx. I find it upsetting and inconceivable that the Bronx would forego its only shelter and low cost clinic to a real estate developer. This is so unfair to the residents that support the local government with their taxes, and it's especially unfair to the animals. Since the Bronx surrenders the most animals in the city, its lack of a shelter puts an unacceptably larger burden on the other shelters, resulting in lack of space that translates into lower quality care.

Please do what's right for the residents and their animal friends and preserve the Bartow Animal Shelter and

Clinic. Thanks for considering my comments,

Jane Miller
Vienna, IL 62995

M GmailBronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Please Approve the Bartow Ave Bronx Animal Shelter

1 message

Elena Natale <elena.natale@gmail.com>

Mon, Oct 8, 2018 at 5:38 PM

Dear Speaker Johnson, Council Member Adams, and Mr. Goldman,

I am writing in support of the Bartow Avenue Bronx animal shelter and am urging City Council to approve it. Doing so would not only help thousands more homeless animals to be saved and adopted each year but would also create over 100 jobs — from minimum wage and union jobs to managerial positions — and provide excellent youth and senior volunteer programs.

In June 2018, the New York City Council, under the leadership of Council Member Paul Vallone, passed historic legislation (Intro 401) mandating that every NYC borough have a full-service animal shelter operational by 2024. Currently the Bronx and Queens have NONE. The proposed Bronx shelter to be built in Co-Op City on Barlow Ave. would be completed by 2024 — a modern, state-of-the-art facility. Denying this proposal would mean delaying any shelter built in the Bronx for many years, and they would not have one by 2024.

This shelter would provide community services such as badly needed low-cost vaccinations, wellness checks, and spay/neuter clinics, a pet food bank, free dog training, and pet surrender prevention counseling to prevent pets from being surrendered due to lack of resources.

Real estate developers want to turn this site into condos. I beg you, please do not let big business win out over this shelter that would help so many people and animals.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Elena Natale

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Bartow Animal Shelter & Clinic

1 message

Deja Brown <dejanbrown97@gmail.com>

Sat, Sep 29, 2018 at 11:34 PM

Dear Speaker Corey Johnson and City Council Member Adrienne Adams,

Please don't permit a Real Estate Developer to take the proposed Bartow site from the state of art animal shelter and low-cost clinic. The Bronx surrenders the most animals in the city and overburdens the other shelters. This results in less space, less time and less care for the animals throughout the city.

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Thank you,

Deja Brown

NI Gmail

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Fwd: Shelter concern

2 messages

kscoll58 <kSCO1158@gmail.com>
To: BronxAnimalRightsElectors@gmail.com

Sun, Sep 30, 2018 at 6:27 PM

Sent from my Galaxy Tab A (2016)
----- Original message -----
From: kscoll58 <kSCO1158@gmail.com>
Date: 9/30/2018 6:25 PM (GMT-05:00)

Subject: Shelter concern

Please help save the animal shelter and low cost clinic. Today there is such a crisis for animals to go and with the economy having a low cost clinic is a true asset. Animal shelters are so over crowded and closing this one would just cause more burden and hardships to other shelters many would have to turn to euthenasia, that's not the answer when people are willing to take animals in and rehome them. Please help this situation and keep the animal shelter where it is. Thank you for your time and attention

Karen Coll

Sent from my Galaxy Tab A (2016)

M Gmail

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimairightselectors@gmailcom>

Bartow Animal Shelter & Clinic

1 message

Lauren Amick <laurass7@yahoo.com>

Tue, Oct 2, 2018 at 2:22 AM

Reply-To: Lauren Amick <laurass7@yahoo.com>

Dear Speaker Corey Johnson and City Council Member Adrienne Adams,

Please support the land at 2050 Bartow Ave for the two story facility animal shelter for stray and homeless animals.

It has been reported that a developer is trying all means available to get that land for themselves and for elected officials to give in to that pressure is wrong on every level.

An animal shelter is desperately needed in the Bronx - so many dogs and cats need help and protection and you are in the unique and important position to give them the home that they have been promised - and that they desperately need and deserve.

As you are already aware a recently passed law requires all boroughs to have a full service shelter - the Bronx does not. Mayor de Blasio earlier this year stated the city would build a \$60 million full service shelter on the Bartow Avenue site.

These animals, and the people trying to help them, desperately need your help. The Bronx can do so much good for helpless dogs and cats - you can do so much good.

Please help them and support 2050 Bartow Ave as a full-service facility animal

shelter. Sincerely,

Lauren

An NYC Constituent and Animal Lover

www.freekibble.com

www.freekibblekat.com

www.theanimalrescuesite.com

www.freerice.com

Gmail

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Bartow Animal Shelter & Clinic

1 message

Aki Narushima <akilles.narushima@gmail.com>

Tue, Oct 2, 2018 at 8:20 PM

Please do not permit a REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER take the proposed Barlow site from our state of the art facility.

The Bronx surrenders the most animals in the city yet has no shelter and overburdens the other shelters. This results in less space and less quality care for the animals throughout the city.

There is no alternative site for the proposed animal shelter and clinic and we can't afford anymore delays.

Regards,

Aki Narushima



Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Animal Shelter

1 message

Phyllis P.S. <sevencats7@gmail.com>

Tue, Oct 2, 2018 at 8:29 PM

To: BromcAnimalRightsElectors@gmail.com

Please!!! SAVE THIS SHELTER!! We have more than enough apartments!!

Sent from my iPhone



Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

"Bartow Animal Shelter & Clinic"

1 message

Robyn <robyn.roxanne@gmail.com>

Mon, Oct 8, 2018 at 2:20 PM

Dear Speaker Corey Johnson

Please Don't Permit a REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER take the proposed Bartow site from our state of the art facility. The Bronx surrenders the most animals in the city yet has no shelter and overburdens the other shelters. This results in less space and less quality care for the animals throughout the city. There is NO alternative site for the proposed animal shelter and clinic and we can't afford anymore delays.

Thank you

NYC Constituents



Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

NYC Planning APPROVED Bartow site for Proposed Animal Shelter/Clinic

1 message

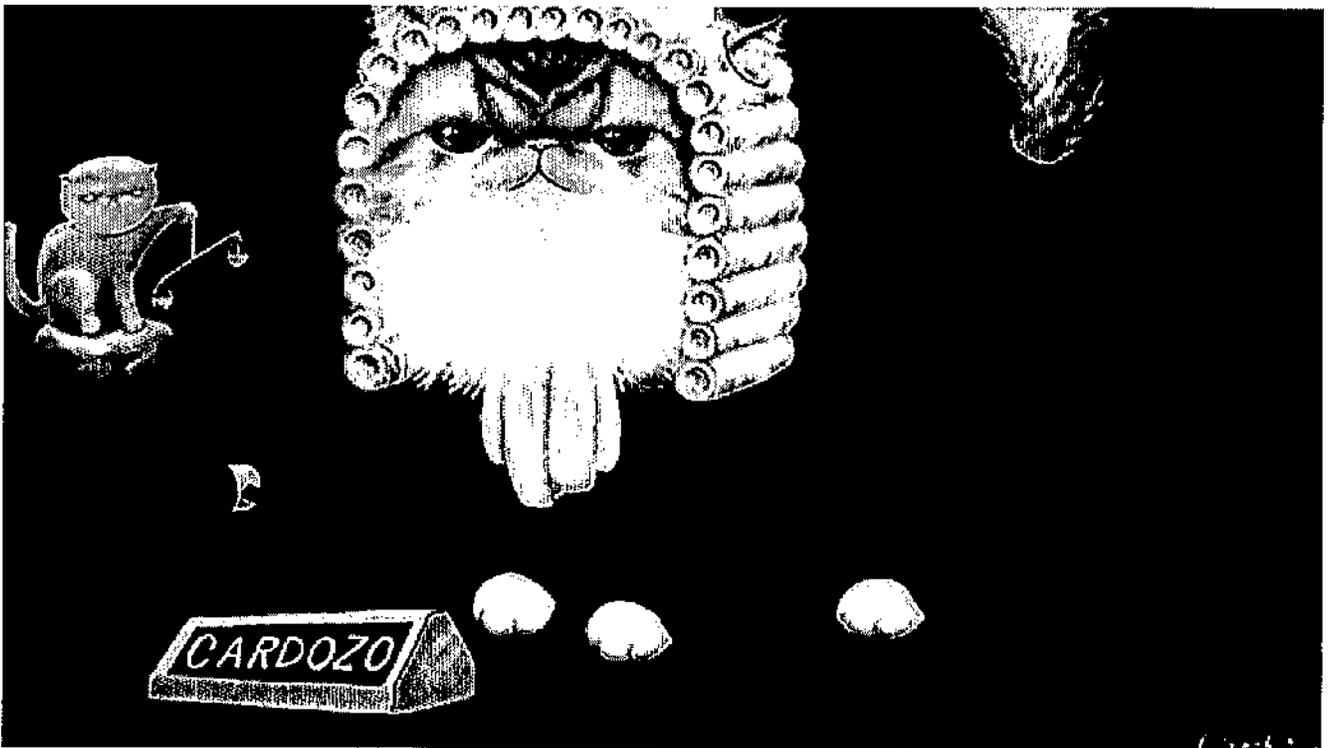
Kathi Hess <kathirose1234@icloud.com>

Wed, Sep 26, 2018 at 9:54 PM

NYC Planning APPROVED Bartow site for Proposed Animal Shelter/Clinic. Now we need City Council

Petition update

BronxAnimalRightsElectors



Sep 26, 2018 —

Today, NYC City Planning unanimously approved Bartow site for proposed state of the art Animal Shelter and Low Cost facility.

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M Gmail

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

New Animal shelter and clinic

Denise Pena <ddnice1370@gmail.com>

Mon, Oct 8, 2018 at 1:14 PM

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Bronx animal rights <bronxanimairightselectors@gmail.com>

Bartow Animal Shelter & Clinic

Jesse Rhinier lesserhinier@gmail.com>

Mon, Oct 8, 2018 at 9:10 AM,

PLEASE protect and save the Bartow Animal Shelter and all the innocent, neglected animals inside. Put HEART above money. The strongest among us use their power to protect the weakest among us. Will you be strong or weak? Please use your power the BEST way possible!

Jesse Rhinier

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Save the Bronx Shelter

Tina - 417373@gmail.com>

Sun, Oct 7, 2018 at 9:54 PM

Mr. Johnson and Ms. Adams:

I am unable to attend the 2pm hearing to save the Bronx Shelter, but as an animal lover and native New Yorker, I wanted to voice my full support to save the Bronx Shelter from demolition by real estate developers.

There are no existing animal shelters in the Bronx, and it is critical that each borough has an animal shelter to help combat animal abuse, neglect, and homelessness. There are other alternatives than to displace these helpless animals.

Please save this Bronx Shelter, and give protect to these voiceless animals.

Thank you,
Tina Liu

Gmail

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Bartow Animal Shelter & Clinic

Karin <karinpublic@gmail.com>

Sun, Oct 7, 2018 at 3:35 PM

Dear Speaker Corey Johnson,

Please don't permit a real estate developer to take the proposed Bartow site from our state of the art facility. The Bronx surrenders the most animals in the city yet has no shelter and overburdens other shelters. This results in less space and less quality care for the animals throughout the city. There is NO alternative site for the proposed animal shelter and we can't afford any more delays.

Thank you,
Karin Magnuson and my (all rescue) pets Eli, Penny and Lucy
NYC resident



Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Bronx/Bartow Animal Shelter & Clinic

Diana Martins <dianam1099@gmail.com>

Sun, Oct 7, 2018 at 3:16 PM

Dear Speaker Corey Johnson,

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Thank you,
Diana Martins
NYC Constituents

M GmailBronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

EMAIL JUST SENT RE BARTOW AVE SHELTER

1 message

Deborah Tenzer <dtanzer32@gmail.com>
To: BronxAnimalRightsElectors@gmail.com

Sun, Oct 7, 2018 at

____ Forwarded message

From: Deborah Tenzer <dtanzer32@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Oct 7, 2018 at 2:43 PM
Subject: ANIMALS

To NYC City Council Speaker Corey Johnson, Chief of Staff Erik Bottcher, and City Councilmember Adrtenne Adams:

Dear Speaker Johnson, Chief of Staff Bottcher and Councilmember Adams,;

I am a psychologist who writes and lectures about cruelty to animals. As such, I have long been aware of the dire and heartbreaking situation faced by animals in the New York City shelter system. Space is limited, conditions are overcrowded, illness is rampant. Obscene numbers of healthy dogs and cats are killed every day, 20, 30, 40 , sometimes more. I know, because I post minute appeals for the rescue of these doomed animals on death row, the night before they are slated to be killed. Their pleading faces haunt me and continue to always,

This killing of Innocent animals is indeed the highest form of cruelty to animals. And it is needless. New York City has pledged many times over the years that it would become a "No Kill" City many cities across the nation are successfully doing. The latest pledge was that it would happen by 2015. It is now 2018 and the situation remains dire. Sadly, New York City is becoming known across the country as a slaughterhouse for dogs and cats. Much of the problem is that the three existing shelters—in Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Staten Island—are inadequate for the needs of city's animals, putting a strain on them and resulting in many more deaths. The situation would be greatly alleviated if every borough had a shelter, as was mandated long ago. For this reason most strongly urge you in the name of decency and for the reputation of our city to give your support to the Bartow Avenue proposed site for an animal shelter in the Bronx.

Thank you for your attention to this crucial matter.

Sincerely,

Dr. Deborah Tenzer
302 West 86th Street
New York, N.Y. 10024
New York, N.Y. 10024
(212) 799-7699
dtanzer32@gmail.com

10/8/2018

Gmail - animal shelters

M Gmail

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimairightselectors@gmail.com>

animal shelters

pocahantaa@aol.com <pocahantaa@aol.com>

Sun, Oct 7, 2018 at 10:16 AM

To: BronxAnimalRightsElectors@gmail.com

Hello,

As law enforcement and having worked in the Bronx. Animal Shelters and Clinic is VERY much needed.

It cruel, sad, disgusting and inhumane what goes on in the Bronx. Most of the time you want to cry!

Someone has to be the voices for these innocent creatures and that have NO say in the sad world

they are brought into.

We need shelters, we need outlets for these animals. Please dont miss out on the opportunity to save

a life. Yes they breath and feel pain just like humans.

I beg that this proposed project continue!

Lizbeth Villafane



Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Bartow Animal Shelter & Clinic

1 message

Sarah E Bricker <sarahxprops@me.com>

Sat, Oct 6, 2018 at 9:44 PM

Hello,

I am writing to please encourage you to open an Animal Care Center in the Bronx. The rate of homeless animals in the Bronx is one of the highest in the city, and they have no where to go. Also, it would help the citizens of the Bronx have easier access to animals for their family if they didn't have to travel a long distance to adopt. NYC is behind the times on animal welfare, please help make a difference.

Thanks,
Sarah Bricker

Sent from my iPhone

10/8/2018

Gmail - Help save animals in the Bronx!!!

M Gmail

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Help save animals in the Bronx!!!

1 message

Sue Yocum <sueyocum2008@gmail.com>

Sat, Oct 6, 2018 at 8:03 PM

Dear Speaker Corey Johnson:

We are counting on you, so please don't let us down!

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Thank you,

Sue Yocum

Sent from my iPhone

10/8/2018

Gmail - Bronx/Bartow Animal Shelter & Clinic

M Gmail

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Bronx/Bartow Animal Shelter & Clinic

M. Stuckey <jazz@dslextreme.com>

Sat, Oct 6, 2018 at 12:49 AM

Save our Bronx Animal Shelter and Low Cost Veterinary Clinic from developer **!!!**

M Gmail

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Bartow site

1 message

Deb Giggles <dgiggles1975@gmail.com>

Fri, Oct 5, 2018 at 11:33 PM

Dear Speaker Johnson,

Please don't permit a Real Estate Developer take the proposed Bartow site from our state of art facility animal shelter and clinic. The Bronx surrenders the most animals in the city yet has no shelter which over burdens others that take in the surrenders. Therefore leading to less quality care for animals throughout city. There is NO alternative site for proposed animal shelter and clinic and we cannot afford anymore delay.

Thank you

D. Naftel

M Gmail

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Fwd: Bronx Animal Shelter

1 message

Salvatore Russo <mrrusso0510@gmail.com>
To: BronxAnimalRightsElectors@gmail.com

Fri, Oct 5, 2018 at 11:30 PM

----- Forwarded message -----

From: "Salvatore Russo" <mrrusso0510@gmail.com>

Date: Oct 5, 2018 11:27 PM

Subject: Bronx Animal Shelter

Dear Mr Speaker: Cory Johnson, we at th Bronx need this space in Coop City for Ower Animals.

They are in DYER need of care please take this matter seriously. I know **U** are a kind man an would like to satisfy th animals an Us community citizens...

Thank-you Mr Cory Johnson....

Ur Friend SAL from th Bronx

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Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Bartow Animal Hospital and Clinic

1 message

Allison Sole <allison.sole@yahoo.com>

Wed, Oct 3, 2018 at 4:01 PM

Dear Speaker Johnson and Council Member Adams:

As known animal supporters, for which this NYC resident is grateful, I am writing to appeal to you not to allow real estate interests to thwart plans for the Bronx animal shelter on the Bartow site. As is well-known, Bronx residents surrender their animals at a higher rate than the other boroughs and are in desperate need of a shelter of their own. Lacking their own shelter, the animal care centers in the other boroughs have to accommodate these surrendered and stray animals, which results in overcrowding, decreased quality of care and inevitable euthanasia for many animals that might have otherwise found their forever homes.

The animals can wait no longer--their lives literally depend on it. The Bartow site needs to move forward in a timely fashion to become a Bronx Animal Care Center.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Allison Sole

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

"Bartow Animal Shelter & Clinic"

1 message

Teresa Russo <cindabutton@yahoo.com>

Tue, Oct 2, 2018 at 11:26 PM

Dear Speaker Johnson:

The Bronx has been in dire need of a full service animal shelter for years. Mayor De Blasio finally promised that full service shelters will be built in both the Bronx and in Queens. They were supposed to be built in 2018.

I just found out to my horror that the site for the Bronx shelter in Bartow, may be taken over instead by a real estate developer. Please do not let this happen! Many animals are still being euthanized in New York City shelters because there is not enough room to hold them long enough to allow rescue groups to move them. An even sadder fact is that when someone has a pet go missing in the Bronx or Queens, that person has to travel to the shelters in other boroughs to see if their pet may have been picked up and brought there. Many of these people don't have cars, and traveling to other boroughs is more than difficult. Their pets may be euthanized long before the person is able to find which borough their pet was taken to.

There is no other proposed site for the Bronx shelter, and more delays in the building of the proposed shelter will more many more dead animals.

Thank you,

Teresa Russo

M GmailBronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

"Bartow Animal Shelter & Clinic"

1 message

Galia Mann-Hielscher <galiemann@gmail.com>

Wed, Oct 3, 2018 at 11:25 AM

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Thank you**NYC Constituents**

Gmail

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Co-op city animal shelter

2 messages

jeanette gonzalez <jgonzalez012000@yahoo.com>
To: bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.comThu, Jul 12, 2018 at 5:09 **PM**

I live in co-op city and I have a service animal it would be extremely convenient if the animal shelter was across the street because I am not able to travel far and get vet care. It's also affordable since I'm in a fixed income.

We have over 500 dogs currently in co-op city many people like myself to not even walked the dogs out because we are constantly being harassed by the people in the community which is why no one shows up to the meetings

Jeanette Gonzalez
120 Bellamy Loop
Bronx, NY 10475

Sent from my iPhone

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>Fri, Jul 20, 2018 at 4:09 **PM**

Dear Mr. Sam Goodman

Please include the email/letter from one of our supporters in support to the Bronx Animal Shelter at the proposed site .

Kind regards
[Quoted text hidden]

**Bronx animal rights** <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Request

2 messages

Marce Walsh <marcewalsh@yahoo.com>

Fri, Jun 29, 2018 at 2:34 PM

To: "BronxAnimalRightsElectors@gmail.com" <BronxAnimaRightsElectors@gmail.com>

Hello,

I would like to quickly and kindly ask that the land in question be granted to and provided for a much needed animal shelter. A fully functioning animal shelter would add kindness to the city and be a safe haven for those in need who cannot fend for themselves. Allowing a developer to obtain the land for monetary gain is simply greed and the Bronx and its animals are too special for this.

Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Marce L. Walsh

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."-Mahatma Ghandi

"We should respect animals because it makes better human beings of us all."-Dr. Jane Goodall.

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Fri, Jul 20, 2018 at 4:12 PM

To: sgoodman@bronxbp.nyc.gov

Dear Mr. Sam Goodman

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Kind regards

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GmailBronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Save our Bronx Animal Shelter -Borough President Public Hearing

3 messages

chris rodriguez <rha_ruckus1@hotmail.com>

Thu, Jul 19, 2018 at 4:28 PM

To: "BronxAnimalRightsElectors@gmail.com" <BronxAnimalRightsElectors@gmail.com>

Dear Ruben Diaz Jr. ,

I am writing in regards to the city's proposed state-of-the-art Bronx animal shelter at 2050 Bartow Ave in Bay Plaza.

I highly support proceeding with using this parcel of land the city to develop into a long-promised animal shelter.

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Real estate developers have many options for areas to develop, as we can clearly see all over the city as many development projects are in the works constantly. The animal shelter seemingly has less of a voice since it's altruistic intentions are not intended to capitalize. Therefore, it is very important that our city officials side with their voice, and work with the developers to find other opportunities that won't set back the facility for stray and homeless animals.

Sincerley,

Chris Rodrgiues

chris rodriguez <rha_ruckus1@hotmail.com>

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Sincerely,

Chris Rodrgiues

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Fri, Jul 20, 2018 at 4:05 PM

To: sgoodman@bronxbp.nyc.gov

Gmail

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimairightselectors@gmail.com>

New Animal Shelter

2 messages

Matos, Deserie <DMatos@northwell.edu>

Thu, Jul 19, 2018 at 3:24 PM

To: "Bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com" <Bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Dear Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.:

I am writing regarding the new animal shelter to be built on 2050 Bartow Ave in Bay Plaza. I am in favor of this shelter as it will care for many companion animals (cats, dogs, etc) that will come through its doors. People give up their animals for many reasons including financial inability to do so, sickness or death of the caregiver, etc. Other animals may have run away from their homes and become strays on the street and need a place to receive care until they are adopted into their new forever homes. They deserve a second chance at a new life and caring home.

I understand that there is a developer that is also interested in this location which will be harmful for many animals with no place to go if he gets this space. Owners of these companion animals who can no longer keep their pets will have no choice but to put them out on the street thereby increasing the homeless animal population. This will cause another problem of cats and dogs multiplying as they reproduce. This is both harmful to the animals having to fend for themselves, and residents who may encounter aggressive dogs who may be ill, dogs traveling in packs, problems with sanitation as they look for food, and any number of problems.

I hope that you have compassion for the animals, do what is right for the residents and continue with plans for the shelter, a shelter that many have fought hard to get approved. I'm sure the developer can take his money and find other locations to invest, build and continue to build his fortune. It shouldn't be done at the risk of housing and caring for companion animals who only want to give love and receive love in return. Thank you for your consideration. Deserie Matos

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Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>
To: sgoodman@bronxbp.nyc.gov

Fri, Jul 20, 2018 at 4:06 PM

Dear Mr. Sam Goodman

Please include the email/letter from one of our supporters in support to the Bronx Animal Shelter at the proposed site .

Kind regards
[Quoted text hidden]



Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Bronx animal shelter

2 messages

isobel doyle <isobel.doyle914@gmail.com>
To: bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com

Sat, Jul 21, 2018 at 10:01 AM

I just want you to know I have sent a message regarding the importance of making sure that this shelter is made possible.
Good luck to all .
Isobel Doyle

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>
To: isobel doyle <isobel.doyle914@gmail.com>

Sat, Jul 21, 2018 at 11:42 AM

Thank you!
[Quoted text hidden]

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimairightselectors@gmail.com>

Bronx Animal Shelter

2 messages

Lori Singer <osun585@gmail.com>
To: BronxAnimalRightsElectors@gmail.com

Mon, Jul 16, 2018 at 9:02 AM

The Bronx & Queens Animal Shelters were both promised by politicians over ten years ago. Neither project ever came through. Now the Bronx was the first one up for this shelter with a proposed site and all & still now everyone wants to put the lights out on this project! This should NOT Be Stopped! Manhattan has been carrying all 3 boroughs and can no longer continue doing this! Please this shelter going up will show us how committed our polticians are to the problems affecting our 3 large communities. This Animal Shelter was needed yesterday! The animals are suffering and therefore, so are we. Thanking you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely; Lori Singer aka Leila Singuero

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimairightselectors@gmail.com>
To: sgoodman@bronxbp.nyc.gov

Fri, Jul 20, 2018 at 4:07 PM

Dear Mr. Sam Goodman

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Kind regards

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M Gmail

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Bronx animal shelter

2 messages

lynpax@juno.com <lynpax@juno.com>
To: sgoodman@bronxbp.nyc.gov

Sat, Jul 21, 2018 at 2:25 AM

Dear Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.,

The Bronx needs it's own animal shelter as there is much that needs to be done here concerning animal welfare. Currently, there is a cavalier attitude about animals resulting in lots of strays and unwanted dogs and cats. The business of dog fighting is common as well.

Until these problems are addressed, our tax-payers fund the capture, incarceration and execution of thousands of innocent animals only because of uneducated and irresponsible people. Education: neutering, healthcare and training programs are sorely needed. Please help us remedy this by helping us get a shelter.

Thank you,
Lynn Pacifico

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Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>
To: Sam Goodman <sgoodman@bronxbp.nyc.gov>

Mon, Jul 23, 2018 at 1:08 PM

Dear Mr. Sam Goodman

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Kind regards
[Quoted text hidden]

**Bronx animal rights** <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

animal shelter

2 messages

Jean Johnston <jeanjohnston2@aim.com>
To: BronxAnimalRightsElectors@gmail.com

Thu, Jul 12, 2018 at 8:36 PM

Dear Mr. Diaz,

I am from out-of-state, but I wish to show I stand with thousands of your community members in support of an animal shelter for your Bronx community. Unfortunately, every community needs a shelter where unwanted and discarded pets need to feel safe and be cared for until they can find a new home. While human needs must be met, we must not forget the non-humans in our communities who have no voice. As the species in charge, our pets are our responsibility, and when some members of the community abdicate this responsibility, it is up to the others to take it on. Please support your members and grant them this so desperately needed shelter and show that your community is a caring one.

Compassionate communities are strong communities!

Thank you,

Jean Johnston
Animal Advocate

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>
To: sgoodman@bronxbp.nyc.gov

Fri, Jul 20, 2018 at 4:09 PM

Dear Mr. Sam Goodman

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Kind regards
[Quoted text hidden]

rsol Gmail

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Animal Shelter Approval

2 messages

Lauren Amick <laurass7@yahoo.com>

Sun, Jul 22, 2018 at 12:28 AM

Reply-To: Lauren Amick <laurass7@yahoo.com>To: "sgoodman@bronxbp.nyc.gov" <sgoodman@bronxbp.nyc.gov>Cc: "bronxanimairightselectors@gmail.com" <bronxanimairightselectors@gmail.com>

Please support the land at 2050 Bartow Ave for the two story facility animal shelter for stray and homeless animals.

It has been reported that a developer is trying all means available (some below board) to get that land for themselves and for elected officials to give in to that pressure is wrong on every level.

An animal shelter is desperately needed in the Bronx - so many dogs and cats need help and protection and you are in the unique and important position to give them the home that they have been promised - and that they desperately need and deserve.

I'm sure you are already aware that a recently passed law requires all boroughs to have a full service shelter - the Bronx does not. Mayor de Blasio earlier this year stated the city would build a \$60 million full service shelter on the Bartow Avenue site.

These animals, and the people trying to help them, desperately need your help. The Bronx can do so much good for helpless dogs and cats - you can do so much good.

Please help them and support 2050 Bartow Ave as a full-service facility animal shelter.

Sincerely,
Lauren

www.freekibble.com

www.freekibblekat.com

www.theanimalrescuesite.com

www.freerice.com

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Mon, Jul 23, 2018 at 1:09 PM

To: Sam Goodman <sgoodman@bronxbp.nyc.gov>

Dear Mr. Sam Goodman

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Kind regards

[Quoted text hidden]

July 19, 2018



Hon. Ruben Diaz, Jr, President
Office of the Bronx Borough President
851 Grand Concourse, 3rd Floor Room 301
Bronx, New York 10451

Dear Hon. Ruben Diaz, Jr.

I am the President/Founder of the NYC LGBTQS Chamber of Commerce and I am fully supporting the Bronx animal shelter. As we strive to help our small business to stay in business in the Bronx and in all NYC. Is more than reason why we need our very 1st Bronx Animal Shelter, the shelter can bring avenue to the Bronx in helping to save our animals and keeping them off running around the streets. That is another way of putting it when it comes to bringing business to the Bronx.

Please don't let developers that don't have a good intention to better our Bronx country. I am counting on your leadership to do the right thing not only for Bronx Citizens but to our Animals too.

As you know that I am a youth community pastor and there is not greater thing in the world I would love is to have community center in all NYC because we need it, but we also need to protect nature and what God gives us to take care of. Let's not be selfish and give room to have a Bronx Animal shelter.

I can only Imagine we don't even as human being care about each other, I can only imagine how we feel about animals. Let's care for each of them human beings and animals because that is how the Lord wanted to be. That is why he created humans and animals. But remember he created animals first, so they were here first as suppose certain group took the natives their country called "America" Are we also going to take Animals rights as well?

Animals lives matters too.

I hope the right thing is done for the betterment of our Bronx County for all mankind and for our animals too.

God Bless,

In his love,

Rev Carmen Hernandez, President

Rev Carmen Hernandez
President/Founder

David Hamond -
Vice President

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Bronx, NY 10472

M Gmail

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Bronx Animal Shelter

2 messages**Caitlin Audet** <cmarissa_8@yahoo.com>

Tue, Jul 24, 2018 at 9:52 AM

To: sgoodman@bronxbp.nyc.govCc: bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com

Please do not close down the Bronx Animal shelter. It's already bad enough all those poor animals have to live in the shelter to begin with but they won't stand a chance of finding a home or even living if this shelter is no more. Shelters also serve many other purposes for animal owners who can't always afford the high prices of taking care of their loved ones and need a helping hand. Shelters also provide jobs and many can volunteer their time to help the animals in need. To shut down a shelter where so many animals call home is too sad to think about. Please hear out everyone speaking up to save the Bronx Animal Shelter and reconsider what is more important.

A concerned citizen and animal lover,

Caitlin Audet

Sent with AquaMail for Android

<https://www.mobisystems.com/aqua-mail>

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Tue, Jul 24, 2018 at 2:48 PM

To: Sam Goodman <sgoodman@bronxbp.nyc.gov>

Hi

Please include this as part of the record in support of the Animal Shelter

Thanks

[Quoted text hidden]

**Bronx animal rights** <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Bronx animal shelter

2 messages

swaggermaster2 <louisdark94@gmail.com>
To: BronxAnimalRightsElectors@gmail.com

Fri, Jun 29, 2018 at 4:41 PM

I am very much in favor for the Bronx animal shelter to be built. There are positive aspects of this shelter in the community. It will bring one hundred new jobs, public transportation for those who needs this service, or parking lots for those who are driving.

There are so many homeless animals that are in need of shelter until homes are found when adopted. The convenient location is the perfect opportunity.

The building really does sound impressive from what I have read and provides hope for the animals, because it will staff vet care, sanitary housing, food, water, and safety, all the comforts animals ask for.

There is plenty of land elsewhere for the other developers to utilize as far as building housing.

Animals are counting on this development for an animal shelter, please don't let them down.

Thank you.

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>
To: sgoodman@bronxbp.nyc.gov

Fri, Jul 20, 2018 at 4:11 PM

Dear Mr. Sam Goodman

Please include the email/letter from one of our supporters in support to the Bronx Animal Shelter at the proposed site .

Kind regards

[Quoted text hidden]

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Fwd: Necessary Animal Shelter

3 messages

Christine Arenella <zoaphilous@aol.com>
To: bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com

Sun, Jul 29, 2018 at 10:51 AM

I just read this email this morning.
I hope it's not too late.

Chris Arenella

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Christine Arenella <zoaphilous@aol.com>
Date: July 29, 2018 at 10:43:48 AM EDT
To: sgoodman@bronxbp.nyc.gov
Subject: Necessary Animal Shelter

It is an absurdity that there is no animal shelter in the Bronx, which makes the Bronx seem like a forgotten third world country.

Do the right thing and allow this shelter to be built. The shelter will alleviate the suffering of animals and people, who can't afford to spay and neuter their pets.
With no shelter, animals will continue to reproduce and die on the street.
Have pride in the fact that you don't turn your back on those who are suffering.
You have an opportunity here. Don't turn your back.

Chris Arenella
Sent from my iPad

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>
To: Christine Arenella <zoaphilous@aol.com>

Mon, Jul 30, 2018 at 8:42 AM

The deadline is 5pm today.

thank you!

[Quoted text hidden]

Christine Arenella <zoaphilous@aol.com>
To: Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Mon, Jul 30, 2018 at 1:31 PM

Thank you for letting me know.
Chris

Sent from my iPhone

[Quoted text hidden]



Bronx animal rights <bronxanimairightselectors@gmail.com>

(no subject)

2 messages

joyce garvin <joycegarvin57@gmail.com>
To: BronxAnimalRightsElectors@gmail.com

Fri, Jun 29, 2018 at 8:00 AM

No to developer. Leave the shelter alone. Look somewhere else for your concrete. These animals deserve a place to be cared for. J.G.

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>
To: sgoodman@bronxbp.nyc.gov

Fri, Jul 20, 2018 at 4:14 PM

Dear Mr. Sam Goodman

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Kind regards

[Quoted text hidden]



Bronx animal rights <bronxanimairightselectors@gmail.com>

Bartow Animal Shelter

2 messages

Odettee Rivera <pmsodie@aol.com>
To: BronxAnimalRightsElectors@gmail.com

Thu, Jul 19, 2018 at 12:16 PM

Please bring the animal shelter to the Bronx. It will benefit the animals, as well as the humans, especially school age children because they can volunteer their and learn responsibilities.

Thank You!
Odettee Rivera

Sent from my iPhone

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>
To: sgoodman@bronxbp.nyc.gov

Fri, Jul 20, 2018 at 4:06 PM

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Kind regards
(Quoted text hidden)

M Gmail

Bronx animal rights

[<bronxanimairightselectors@gmail.com>](mailto:bronxanimairightselectors@gmail.com)

~~Compassion for Animals~~

1 message

Sarah <sarahem11@attnet>

Fri, Jun 29, 2018 at 1:17 **PM**

To: BronxAnimalRightsElectors@gmail.com

It is time to stand up for the underdogs. It is appalling that our world is so greedy that people do not care about the needs of animals and those who are less fortunate. Please do not take away this much needed shelter. This life is only a temporary thing. Thank you, Sarah, AL.

[Virus-free. www.avg.com](http://www.avg.com)

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

We need a Bronx animal shelter

2 messages

Norma Borrero <nborrero@optonline.net>
To: sgoodman@bronxbp.nyc.gov
Cc: bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com

Fri, Jul 20, 2018 at 5:53 PM

Dear Bronx Borough President Rubin Diaz

I am a resident of the Bronx and I am asking you to support an Animal shelter in the Bronx. Other boroughs have them and we should have one too. I am also a voter and if you don't support this shelter I will not be voting for you. Too many times I have voted for you even though you don't support many things I would like for the Bronx but I still vote for you. This time if you don't I will not be giving you my vote. I will also be speaking to friends and family about not voting for you. I saw what was done with the Kingsbridge Armory. An Ice Rink was not the thing the community needed. How many people in the Bronx can afford to teach their children to skate? I don't want to hear that we will help them to be able to get classes, because then it becomes another expense to tax payers. That was a bad call, now don't make another bad call.

Sincerely,
Norma Borrero

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Bronx animal rights <bronxanimairightselectors@gmail.com>
To: Sam Goodman <sgoodman@bronxbp.nyc.gov>

Mon, Jul 23, 2018 at 1:08 PM

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Kind regards

[Quoted text hidden]

10/8/2018

Gmail - (no subject)



Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

(no subject)

2 messages

Marie Kuns <kuhnslmge7901@gmail.com>

Fri, Jul 13, 2018 at 5:01 AM

To: BronxAnimalRightsElectors@gmail.com

To whom it may concern:

Please keep the animal shelter in place, animals need care from people from other humans and as it looks the animals will be without due to more humans.. The way this looks the animals aren't good enough of a reason to save over money.. While speaking of money maybe the land hogs can donate that money to the shelter to care for the animals abandoned and abused by the like.. It's time to help out where it's really needed, when there is no funding for caring for animals that should be living beside us not abandoned and abused.. They are doing what noone else does and the thing they ask for is simple!!

Bronx animal rights <bronxanimalrightselectors@gmail.com>

Fri, Jul 20, 2018 at 4:08 PM

To: sgoodman@bronxbp.nyc.gov

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Kind regards

[Quoted text hidden]

**THE COUNCIL
THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

Appearance Card

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I intend to appear and speak on Int. No. _____ Res. No. _____
 in favor in opposition

Date: _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Bienvenida Duranton

Address: 120 Aldrich St. Bronx, NY 10475

I represent: _____

Address: _____

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

Bartow Animal Shelter

Appearance Card

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 in favor in opposition

Date: 10/09/18

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Peter Ortiz

Address: _____

I represent: A Place for Cats

Address: NYC Rescue + Adoption Organization

**THE COUNCIL
THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

animal shelter

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Name: Susan Blake - Nehama

Address: 2129 Westervelt Avenue

I represent: animal shelter

Address: _____

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Name: Margaret Chinnery

Address: 100 ERSKINE PL

I represent: _____

Address: _____

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Name: STUART EDWARDS

Address: 4200 HUTCH RFR NY 2

I represent: CUR & CLIF

Address: _____

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in favor in opposition I DON'T KNOW

Date: 10/9/2018

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: DAMIEN J. GREENE-AJALA

Address: 187 B 115 ST ROCKAWAY PK NY 11694

I represent: ANIMALS

Address: EARTH

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Animal Shelter

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Date: 10/9/18

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Name: Mary Pearson

Address: 100 Erdman Place 22A

I represent: Co-op City

Address: _____

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Date: _____

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Name: Mattie Overman

Address: Coop City

I represent: Bronx

Address: _____

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Name: Sody Ross

Address: 843 Forest Ave, Bronx, NY

I represent: myself

Address: _____

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ANIMAL
SHELTER

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Date: 10/9/18

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Name: VIVIAN BURRUS

Address: 7B BROYN PLACE

I represent: MYSELF

Address: _____

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Date: _____

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Name: EBONICE Lewis

Address: 1772 east 172nd street BRONX NY

I represent: my pitbulls keeper

Address: _____

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Name: Jason P. Miller

Address: 20B Cooper Pk - BX NY 10475

I represent: SCO-city - Riverbay - Bay Plaza mall

Address: Blar ton AV - Baychester AVE

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Name: Cedric Ferguson

Address: 120 Donzoff Pl 14E NY 10475

I represent: Co-op City Precinct

Address: Belt Ave Bx NY 10475

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Name: HATTIE OVERMAN

Address: _____

I represent: Coop City

Address: Bronx NY

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Name: *MICHELLE MARBURY

Address: 120 BELLAMY LOOP BX 10475

I represent: COOP CITY

Address: _____



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THE COUNCIL *Animal*
THE CITY OF NEW YORK *shelter*

Appearance Card

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Name: Nelson Sweeting

Address: _____

I represent: _____

Address: _____

THE COUNCIL
THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Appearance Card

Animal Shelter

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Name: Yvette Vernon

Address: 140 Debs Pl Apt 4E Bronx NY

I represent: Coop City

Address: Bronx

THE COUNCIL
THE CITY OF NEW YORK *Animal Shelter*

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Date: _____

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Name: Manc Pallidino

Address: Arthur Ave

I represent: Bronx Resident

Address: _____

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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Name: BERNARD CYLIK

Address: 120 Debut Pl 23 B

I represent: Riverbay Co-op

Address: 2049 Boretan Ave

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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Name: Florence Williams

Address: 100 Debs Pl

I represent: Coop City

Address: 2049 Barlow Ave

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Date: 10/9/18

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Name: Leslie Peterson

Address: 100 Casals Place, Bronx, 10475

I represent: Co-op City

Address: _____

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Date: 10/9/18

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Name: Karen Drakeford

Address: 120 Elgar Pl. Apt. 213

I represent: Self

Address: _____

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Name: AARON Carnegie

Address: 100 Erdman Place

I represent: Self

Address: _____

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Date: 10/9/18

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Name: J. HOWARD

Address: 63-15 Marathon Pkwy Little Neck NY 11362

I represent: DIANNE HEIM

Address: _____

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in favor in opposition

Date: _____

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Name: Jeff Dupes

Address: Deputy Commissioner for Administration

I represent: Mayor's Office of Community Affairs

Address: _____

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in favor in opposition

Date: _____

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Name: Julia Velazquez

Address: Chief Operating Officer Administration

I represent: ACC DOH MH

Address: _____

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Name: Julie Friesen

Address: Deputy Commissioner for Administration

I represent: DOH MH

Address: _____

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Animal Shelter

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Date: _____

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Name: Daisy Mitchell

Address: 209 W 97 St Apt 3-F

I represent: Animal Rights

Address: _____

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in favor in opposition

Date: 10/9/18

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Name: MARYROSE BORDA

Address: 152-61 Jewel Ave Flushing ny 11367

I represent: The Humane Society of the U.S.

Address: Washington, DC

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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Date: 10/9/18

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: CHRIS ARENOLLA

Address: _____

I represent: _____

Address: _____

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK

ANIMAL
SHELTER

Appearance Card

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in favor in opposition

Date: 10/9

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: ROBERTO BONELLI

Address: 56-20 WOODSIDE AVENUE

I represent: THE ANIMALS' BATTALION

Address: NEW YORK CITY

THE COUNCIL
THE CITY OF NEW YORK

BROOKLYN ANIMAL
SHELTER

Appearance Card

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in favor in opposition

Date: 10/9/18

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: SHARON DISCORFANO

Address: 375 RIVERSIDE DR 10025

I represent: (NYC ANIMAL LAW COMMITTEE) personal

Address: _____

THE COUNCIL
THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Appearance Card

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in favor in opposition

Date: 10/9/18

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: DEBORAH THOMAS

Address: 7 W. 108TH ST. (1D)

I represent: NYC ACC SHELTER VOLUNTEER

Address: 326 E. 110th St.

THE COUNCIL
THE CITY OF NEW YORK

BRONX
SHELTER

Appearance Card

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in favor in opposition

Date: 10/9/18

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Roy Rogers

Address: PO Box 1002 NYC 10276-1002

I represent: Corporate Campaign, Inc

Address: Same

THE COUNCIL BRONX ANIMAL
THE CITY OF NEW YORK SHELTER

Appearance Card

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in favor in opposition

Date: _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: ANN DEMPSEWOLF

Address: 45D EDGEWATER PARK

I represent: BRONX ANIMAL RIGHTS ELECTORS

Address: _____

THE COUNCIL
THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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I intend to appear and speak on Int. No. _____ Res. No. _____

in favor in opposition

Date: Oct. 9 2018

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: JUDITH Just garden

Address: 515 East 83 st NYC

I represent: Humanity - Integrity for shelter animals

Address: _____

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

Appearance Card

Bartow
shelter

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 in favor in opposition

Date: _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Rio Ippolito

Address: 199 West 10th St Apt 3A

I represent: self

Address: _____

**THE COUNCIL
THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

Appearance Card

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 in favor in opposition

Date: _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Christina Gdisis

Address: 70 Howard St Sleepy Hollow

I represent: Voters for Animal Rights

Address: Brooklyn NY

**THE COUNCIL
THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

Bartow
Shelter

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 in favor in opposition

Date: _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Edita Birnkrant

Address: 64-10 188 St Fresh Meadows, NY 11365

I represent: NYCLASS

Address: Manhattan - bart

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

Appearance Card

Animal
Shelter

I intend to appear and speak on Int. No. _____ Res. No. _____
 in favor in opposition

Date: _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Roxana Delgado

Address: 2341 Matthews Ave

I represent: Bronx Animal Right Electors

Address: _____

**THE COUNCIL Bronx Animal
THE CITY OF NEW YORK Shelter**

Appearance Card

I intend to appear and speak on Int. No. _____ Res. No. _____
 in favor in opposition

Date: _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Kiirstin Kuhl

Address: 321 E 54th St NY, NY 10022

I represent: V for Veganism

Address: _____

**THE COUNCIL
THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

Appearance Card

I intend to appear and speak on Int. No. Animal Shelter Res. No. _____
 in favor in opposition

Date: 7/9/18

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Christine Kane

Address: 453 W 43rd St NYC 10036

I represent: Myself

Address: _____

THE COUNCIL
THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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Shelter

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Shelter

Appearance Card

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in favor in opposition

Date: 10/9/18

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Rita McMahon Wild Bird Fund

Address: 59 West 88th St.

I represent: Wild Bird Fund

Address: 565 Columbus Avenue

THE COUNCIL
THE CITY OF NEW YORK

BARTOW

Appearance Card

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in favor in opposition

Date: _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: William Stacey

Address: 230 RIVERSIDE DR

I represent: Skilton Reform Action Committee

Address: 230 Riverside Dr 10025

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK

ANIMAL
SHELTER

Appearance Card

I intend to appear and speak on Int. No. _____ Res. No. _____

in favor in opposition

Date: _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: EGIDIO JOSEPH SEMENTILLI

Address: _____

I represent: BRONX ITALIAN-AMERICAN

Address: CULTURAL ASS.
2303 YATES AVE.

**THE COUNCIL
THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

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in favor in opposition

Date: 10/9/18

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Diana Vogel

Address: 2025 Regent Place Brooklyn NY 11226

I represent: Voters For Animal Rights

Address: Brooklyn, NY

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in favor in opposition

Date: _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Katerina Trabazo

Address: 85-10 34 Avenue, Jackson Hs. NY 11372

I represent: Brooklyn Queens Animal Care

Address: Brooklyn, NY

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

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in favor in opposition

Date: _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: MARION KOENIG

Address: _____

I represent: Bronx Animal Shelter Endeavor

Address: _____

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

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I intend to appear and speak on Int. No. _____ Res. No. _____

in favor in opposition

Date: 10/9/19

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Name: Joyce Friedman
Address: 167-10 108 ST Forest Hills NY 11358

I represent: Voters For Animal Rights

Address: Brooklyn NY

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

Appearance Card

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in favor in opposition

Date: _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Heather Greenhouse
Address: _____

I represent: Voters For Animal Rights

Address: _____

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

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in favor in opposition

Date: _____

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Name: Linda Mann
Address: _____

I represent: Self

Address: _____

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in favor in opposition

Date: _____

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Name: Michelle Ashkin

Address: _____

I represent: Animal Advocacy

Address: _____

**THE COUNCIL
THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

BRONX
ANIMALSHELTER

Appearance Card

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I intend to appear and speak on Int. No. _____ Res. No. _____

in favor in opposition

Date: _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: BRIAN SHAPIRO

Address: _____

I represent: HUMANE SOCIETY OF US

Address: _____

**THE COUNCIL
THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

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BRONX
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I intend to appear and speak on Int. No. _____ Res. No. _____

in favor in opposition

Date: _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Michelle Villagomez

Address: _____

I represent: ASPCA

Address: _____

**THE COUNCIL
THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

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I intend to appear and speak on Int. No. _____ Res. No. _____

in favor in opposition

Date: _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Isadora Martinez

Address: _____

I represent: ASPCA

Address: _____

**THE COUNCIL
THE CITY OF NEW YORK** Bronx Shelter

Appearance Card

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in favor in opposition

Animal Shelter Date: _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Pallodino

Address: 2393 ARTHUR AVE

I represent: Bx Shelter

Address: _____

Brnx Shelter **THE COUNCIL
THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

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in favor in opposition

Date: 10/9/18

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Name: Mindy Fortin

Address: 60 E. 8th St Apt 34c NY NY 10003

I represent: ASPCA

Address: 424 E. 92nd St

THE COUNCIL Animal Shelter
THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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in favor in opposition

Date: Oct. 9, 2018

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Dr. Alvin Ponder

Address: 140 Bartow Ave. Bellamy Loop, Br

I represent: myself

Address: _____

THE COUNCIL Bronx Shelter
THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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in favor in opposition

Date: _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Elizabeth Jensen

Address: _____

I represent: Best Friends Animal Society

Address: _____

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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in favor in opposition

Date: 10/11/18

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Cathy Gorman

Address: 70 W 10th St

I represent: Voices for Shelter Animals

Address: _____

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

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in favor in opposition

Date: _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Marilyn Galt

Address: 350 W 15

I represent: Voices for Shelter Animals

Address: _____

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THE COUNCIL ^{UP WITH} Shelter
THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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in favor in opposition

Date: 9 Oct 78

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: JUDY STARO

Address: 202 W. 82 St. NYC

I represent: Humanity + Integrity for Shelter Animals

Address: _____

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THE COUNCIL BX Animal Shelter
THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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in favor in opposition

Date: Oct 9, 2018

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Brigette Supernora

Address: 112 Lincoln Ave #502 BX 10454

I represent: South Bronx resident / SELF

Address: _____

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THE COUNCIL Bronx Animal Shelter
THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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Date: _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Richard Donatelli

Address: 333 E. 98th St NY 10017

I represent: SELF

Address: _____

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