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Senator Luis Sepúlveda and Assemblymember George Alvarez Advocate for Essential Funding to Transform SBH Health System's Emergency Department

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Albany, NY - State Senator Luis Sepúlveda, alongside Assemblymember George Alvarez, is actively advocating for critical state budget allocations to finance the vital renovation of SBH Health System's Emergency Department in the Bronx. Recognizing the urgent need for modernized healthcare facilities to serve one of New York's most diverse communities, the efforts of both Senator Sepúlveda and Assemblymember Alvarez highlight a deep commitment to enhancing health outcomes and ensuring equitable access to emergency

medical services.

Renovation Project Highlights:

- **Capacity Expansion:** Increasing patient beds to accommodate the high demand for emergency services.
- **Specialized Units:** Introduction of dedicated units for psychiatric care, pediatrics, expanded emergency services, and geriatrics.
- **Improved Access:** Redesigning entrances and patient flow for enhanced accessibility and efficiency.

A Pledge for Health Equity

"Securing the funding for SBH Health System's ED renovation is crucial for bridging health disparities in the Bronx," said Senator Sepúlveda. "This project is not just an investment in infrastructure but a bold step towards a future where quality emergency care is accessible to all."

Investment in the Community's Well-being

The proposed \$127 million renovation project is set to use union labor, ensuring quality and sustainable construction practices. The advocacy of Senator Sepúlveda and Assemblymember Alvarez underscores the importance of state support in achieving healthcare equity and preparing the Bronx's healthcare infrastructure for future challenges.