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James Sanders Jr.

Leaders Unite: Successful Mixer Sets Stage for NYS Reparations Remedies Meeting in NYC

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Queens, NY – Senator James Sanders Jr. welcomed community leaders, elected officials, and members of the public to a pre-mixer event preceding the historic inaugural New York State Reparations Remedies Meeting held in New York City. The event fostered an atmosphere of unity, reflection, and purpose as attendees engaged in meaningful dialogue on the path toward reparative justice.

The mixer, held in advance of the commission's meeting, brought together notable public leaders, including NYC Council Speaker Adrienne Adams, Assemblymember Khaleel Anderson, Assemblymember Michaelle Solages, Assemblymember Vivian Cook, and others. The event was complemented by outstanding food catered by Ralph's Coffee Shop, adding to the evening's warm and welcoming environment.

Following the mixer, the NYS Reparations Remedies Commission commenced its formal meeting, which proved to be both historic and impactful. During the passionate public forum segment that followed, critical dialogue unfolded, offering valuable insights and further advancing the conversation on reparative solutions for communities historically impacted by systemic inequities.

"This event was more than just a gathering. It served as a platform to build momentum for the reparations conversation, ensuring that we engage with all voices in this critical work," said Senator Sanders. "The historic meeting and passionate public forum reflected the urgency and commitment to addressing long-overdue reparative justice. I am encouraged by the dialogue that unfolded and the engagement of our public leaders and community members."

The NYS Reparations Remedies Commission is tasked with examining and addressing the impact of slavery and its ongoing consequences. Senator Sanders' leadership continues to bring together key stakeholders to create a framework for tangible reparative solutions.

For more information about the NYS Reparations Remedies Commission and upcoming events, please contact Thalia Clerveau, Clerveau@nysenate.gov