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Senator Squadron Reacts to MTA Announcement on 370 Jay Street

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BROOKLYN -- Today, State Senator Daniel Squadron released the following statement on the MTA's announcement that it plans to make use of 370 Jay Street:

Today, the MTA signaled its intention to make use of 370 Jay Street.

For years, my colleagues and I have called on the MTA to make use of the nearly abandoned building, which has remained a blight on Downtown Brooklyn as the neighborhood continues to grow. By looking for a developer and pursuing office use, the MTA will generate much-needed revenue and bolster Downtown Brooklyn's economy.

Taking 370 Jay Street out of mothballs and into use will mean dramatic progress in a keystone location for Downtown Brooklyn.

I urge the city and the MTA to quickly issue an RFP in the coming weeks. This will ensure that 370 Jay becomes an asset to the community, rather than a liability.

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