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Senator Squadron Announces Security Upgrade to Baruch Addition

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Squadron Details Over \$240K In State Funding He Secured For Improvements

Squadron Engages NYCHA Residents in Security Discussion

NEW YORK – State Senator Daniel Squadron engaged Baruch Addition residents today at a meeting to discuss the implementation of over \$240,000 in State funding that he allocated for security improvements. The event also included NYCHA City Capital Projects Director Kate Seely-Kirk, and was co-hosted by the Baruch Addition Resident Association, New York City Housing Authority and Grand Street Settlement.

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"There's nothing more important than feeling secure in your home," said **State Senator Daniel Squadron**. "I allocated these funds to improve security at Baruch Addition so that residents are protected. I'm proud to be working directly with residents, along with NYCHA, to implement these improvements. I thank Chair Olatoye and NYCHA, the Baruch Addition Resident Association, and Grand Street Settlement for making today's meeting a success."

At today's "Entrance Safety Improvements Meeting," Baruch Addition residents were presented plans for the installation of a layered access entrance, including a new automatic

door, intercom system, and keyless fob entry. Senator Squadron spoke on the importance of this security measure and community engagement, and there was a presentation by NYCHA's capital and security staff on its implementation.

"The safety and security of our residents is a top priority at NYCHA," said **Kate Seely-Kirk, NYCHA's Director of City Capital Projects**. "Senator Squadron has been a long-time advocate of public housing, and we appreciate his support for security upgrades and other major capital projects that impact the residents of this community and throughout New York City."

"As we launch NextGeneration NYCHA, our 10-year plan to stabilize the Authority and improve the quality of life for our residents, we must keep safety at the forefront. Improving building access through introducing security upgrades is one way that we can ensure NYCHA residents continue to feel secure in their own community. We commend Senator Squadron for taking the lead in securing the funding necessary for this improvement, and we continue to work with elected leaders to strengthen NYCHA and continue our work in providing safe, clean, and connected communities," said **NYCHA's General Manager Michael Kelly**.

"The representatives of the Baruch Addition and Grand Street Settlement thank Senator Squadron for his effective support and continuing attention to the needs of the community's seniors," said **Mei Guey Jan, Director of Senior Services of Grand Street Settlement**. "We express our sincere gratitude for the positive collaborative efforts made by Grand Street Settlement, NYCHA, the Baruch Addition Resident Association, and Senator Squadron's Office. Addressing the issue of safety will greatly improve our senior's quality of life."