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## **DE BLASIO ADMINISTRATION BEGINS CONSTRUCTION ON NEW 40<sup>TH</sup> PRECINCT STATION HOUSE**

*New building will help strengthen bond between neighborhood and police with community event space*



**NEW YORK**—The de Blasio Administration today announced that construction has begun on the new 40<sup>th</sup> Precinct Station House. This state of the art building will help to deepen the bond between neighborhood and police with the first ever community event space in an NYPD facility. The new precinct will be located at 567 East 149<sup>th</sup> Street, at the corner of St. Anne’s Avenue in the South Bronx. The \$68 million project is expected to be completed in Spring 2021.

“While crime is at a record low in New York City, there is still more work to do to ensure that every New Yorker feels safe in their neighborhood,” said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. “This new precinct will strengthen the bond between community and police, which will ultimately help make the South Bronx and our City safer.”

“Today, we’re one step closer to fulfilling the pledge we made to the people of the South Bronx four years ago: To build a new, state-of-the-art NYPD facility that belongs to this community

like no other station house in the city,” **Police Commissioner James P. O’Neill** said. “This is critical, because Neighborhood Policing and the shared responsibility of public safety in our city require us to come together. We’re on this path together, and we’re thrilled that this neighborhood will finally get the station house it needs, and the access to its police department it deserves.”

“The new 40th Precinct Station House is designed to meet the administration’s goals for equal opportunity, community well-being and environmental sustainability,” said **DDC Acting Commissioner Ana Barrio**. “The building will provide community space in an environment that highlights collaboration, as well as everything NYPD needs to do its job efficiently and effectively. DDC is proud to partner with NYPD on this major investment in the future of the South Bronx.”

This new station house will help to further strengthen the bond between New Yorkers and police. The 42,000 square foot facility will have space for neighborhood events and meetings. This will be the first NYPD facility to have a room solely dedicated to community events.

The new station house will include areas for officer training and for physical fitness. There will be ample space for storage and maintenance of gear and vehicles. The building includes fuel tanks and backup generators that will enable it to continue to serve the community for several days in case of a blackout or other power loss.

The building is also designed to meet the requirements to be certified LEED Silver for environmental sustainability. The structure will include a planted green roof to reduce stormwater runoff. Potable water usage will be one-third less than comparable buildings, and high efficiency fixtures and control systems will reduce energy usage by over ten percent. The station house’s cooling systems will also not use CFC-based refrigerants.

The 40<sup>th</sup> Precinct Station House was designed by a firm in the DDC’s [Design and Construction Excellence](#) program. The program, which began in 2004, minimizes the timeline for the design procurement process while ensuring the highest levels of quality and professionalism in design and construction projects managed by the agency. All firms in the program are committed to incorporating design guidelines to ensure that public projects are designed and built to the highest standards that comply with the Administration’s goal to create a sustainable, resilient and equitable City.

“Just as the South Bronx has revived almost beyond belief from some terrible times in the past, this new eco-friendly station house will be another standout example in that on-going revival,” said **Senator Luis Sepúlveda**. “It will also be a great morale booster to the dedicated, hard working men and women of the NYPD assigned there.

“As the former president of the 41st Precinct Community Council, I know firsthand how positive community and police relations can have on improving public safety. I’m thrilled the new 40th Precinct will be in my district, increasing much-needed resources, especially near The Hub, which is ground zero for the opioid crisis in my district,” said **Council Member Rafael Salamanca Jr.**

"Station houses can and should represent and beautify the communities they serve. I'm proud that the design for the 40th precinct station house incorporates sustainable infrastructure and community space, both of which will create a safe and inviting space for the community and officers alike," said **Council Member Vanessa Gibson**. "I thank the NYPD and DDC for their partnership on this important project and thank Mayor de Blasio for investing in the character of the South Bronx and the commitment of the officers who protect it. "

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