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MAYOR ADAMS CELEBRATES CITY COUNCIL PASSAGE OF MAJOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT IN ASTORIA

NEW YORK – New York City Mayor Eric Adams today celebrated the New York City Council’s passage yesterday of Halletts North, a major affordable housing project that will create 1,340 homes — including 335 affordable homes — in Astoria, Queens. In addition to delivering a significant amount of housing to help address New York City’s housing crisis, the project will create an acre of new, resilient waterfront open space and expand public access along the Western Queens waterfront.

Set to be built by union labor, the project’s three buildings include space for both retail and for a job incubator run by community groups Urban Upbound and Zone 126. The New York City Housing Authority Astoria Houses’ tenant association will also receive \$1 million for programmatic and capital investment.

“We can only tackle the affordable housing crisis by making New York City a ‘City of Yes,’ and approving this project is a significant step in the right direction,” said **Mayor Adams**. “The solution to our housing shortage is simple: building more housing, and this project will create thousands of homes, including hundreds with restricted rents. We all need to take responsibility for the housing crisis we are facing, and I applaud our partners in the City Council for advancing this important project.”

“We need to build more affordable housing across the city if we are going to change a status quo that has harmed far too many of our neighbors,” said **Deputy Mayor for Economic and Workforce Development Maria Torres-Springer**. “New Yorkers in every community are standing up and saying, ‘We want to be a part of the solution,’ and the Halletts North project is another big win for affordability in our city. I thank Speaker Adams, Councilmember Cabán, and everyone who voted to make these new homes a reality.”

“This administration recognizes that every part of our city’s housing system is connected — from the services we provide to New Yorkers experiencing homelessness to the investments we make in public housing and the new affordable homes that we build,” said **Chief Housing Officer Jessica Katz**. “The investments being made at Halletts North are another significant step towards a more affordable city for all New Yorkers. We’re proud to have worked with Speaker Adams, Councilmember Cabán, and the City Council to arrive at a project that everyone can be proud of.”

“Bravo to the City Council for sending the important message that we can, and will, get big things done in New York,” said **New York City Department of City Planning Director and City Planning Commission Chair Dan Garodnick**. “I tip my hat to Councilmember Cabán for her leadership.”

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