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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As the New York City Council Representative of the 14<sup>th</sup> Council District, it is with great pleasure that I write this letter in support of the Rally for responsible development, good jobs and strong communities.

As we embark on this journey to finally see the development of the Kingsbridge Armory, it is my hope that we could all work together collectively to ensure that within this development there are an abundance of benefits to improve the social, educational, and economic conditions of this community.

I wholeheartedly stand together with this community to ensure that we create an enforceable community benefits agreement which will ensure that the development enriches all people.

I stand with the community in our efforts to have the following:

- 2000 school seats be created next to the armory to alleviate school overcrowding
- Jobs that pay good wages for community residents in both retail and construction
- Affordable recreation space be created for our youth
- Community space be developed
- The protection of local businesses and local jobs, and
- Ensure that we have a clean and healthy environment

I look forward to continuing to work together in an active partnership with the people of our community to improve our conditions and make our communities stronger. Lastly although the Old Fordham Library is not within my district, I will work with Council Member Joel Rivera and other Bronx elected officials to support the principals as outlined by the Rally for Responsible Development.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maria Baez".

Maria Baez  
Council Member  
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