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Council Member Reynoso, East Brooklyn Congregations, and Metro IAF Call Upon the de Blasio Administration to Build More Affordable Senior Housing on Unutilized NYCHA Land

May 10th, 2018 —Bushwick, NY— Today, New York City Council Member Antonio Reynoso in conjunction with East Brooklyn Congregations and Metro IAF called upon the de Blasio administration to build more affordable senior housing on vacant NYCHA land.

In Mayor Bill de Blasio's 2014 "Housing New York" plan, the administration [promised to increase the supply of housing for seniors](#) by reaching 15,000 households through a combined effort of new construction and preservation. In 2017, [the administration doubled this effort](#), aiming to serve 30,000 units over an extended 12 year period.

The administration has made progress towards this goal; several sites throughout the city, including a vacant lot in NYCHA's Bushwick II campus, are [currently in the RFP process](#) and have stipulations for minimum residential senior units.

Community members and elected officials called upon the administration to deliver on its promised targets by utilizing additional vacant NYCHA lots throughout the City. However, they stressed that these lots should be dedicated to the construction of deeply affordable and senior targeted units. In light of our City's rapidly aging population, it is more crucial than ever that we invest in affordable senior housing.