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Senator Rivera on the Release of the Together for Kingsbridge Visioning Plan

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" Despite the challenges that the redevelopment of the Kingsbridge Armory has faced, I cannot help but feel optimistic about the future of this project with its unprecedented level of alignment and investment. Its transformation is finally being imagined and determined by the people who live here, who pass by it every day, and who will directly benefit from the redevelopment of this emblematic monument. The Together for Kingsbridge Visioning Plan is the product of a community-led process to make sure we transform this historic asset into an economic engine and neighborhood hub that serves our community. I want to thank Governor Hochul for committing to turning the $100 million loan I secured in the 2017-18 state budget and every year since into a permanent grant for the Armory's redevelopment. This funding, in addition to the $100 million committed by Mayor Adams, will help ensure this project enters its next phase on firm financial ground. I'm looking forward to collaborating with all stakeholders to make sure that our communities' vision is reflected in the transformation of this neighborhood icon and that our community is the one that benefits from this community asset, including securing labor agreements to ensure the creation of quality jobs. I'm very grateful to the dedicated community leaders who have worked for decades to ensure that the Armory is transformed by the Bronx and for the Bronx, and to all the Bronxites who showed up and offered their input to make this plan a reflection of the vibrant, resilient community that we are."