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Senator Squadron Announces Security Upgrade to Smith Houses

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Squadron Details Over \$450K In State Funding He Secured For Improvements

Squadron Engages NYCHA Residents in Security Discussion

NEW YORK – State Senator Daniel Squadron engaged residents of Alfred E. Smith Houses Wednesday at a meeting to discuss the implementation of over \$450,000 in State funding that he allocated for security improvements. The event included Smith Resident Association President Aixa Torres, NYCHA's Deputy Director for City Capital Michael Clandorf, and NYCHA Security Manager Irving Anglada. It was co-hosted by the Smith Resident Association and NYCHA.

"Installing two dozen security cameras at Smith Houses -- and integrating them into a twenty-first century monitoring system -- is a vital step to help residents feel protected," said **State Senator Daniel Squadron**. "It's a big deal that residents directly engaged to improve their security. I thank NYCHA Chair Olatoye and General Manager Kelly, and Smith Resident Association President Aixa Torres, and I look forward to our continued push to ensure these upgrades are implemented quickly."

At Wednesday's "Security Upgrade Meeting," Smith residents were advised about the installation of 24 roof landing security cameras on all 12 buildings. Senator Squadron spoke

on the importance of this security measure and community engagement, and there was a presentation by NYCHA's capital and security staff on its implementation.

“Improving safety and security at NYCHA developments is a key component of NextGeneration NYCHA, our 10-year strategic plan to improve the quality of life for our residents and preserve the future of public housing for New York City,” said **NYCHA General Manager Michael Kelly**. “Senator Squadron has been a long-time advocate of public housing and we thank him for his continued leadership and assistance in securing critical funding for important safety upgrades at Smith Houses.”

"On behalf of the Alfred E. Smith Residents, we want to thank you Senator Squadron for allocating capital funds to improve the quality of life for all the residents and our community," said **Smith Resident Association President Aixa Torres**. "This project has not only secured our roofs, but has upgraded all the remaining buildings. Again, thank you for caring."