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Praising the Agreement on the Final Re-zoning for Redevelopment of Hudson Yards

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On Monday, December 21st, Senator Duane spoke at a press conference announcing the final re-zoning for redevelopment of the Hudson Yards area. The agreement on the Western Rail Yard sets the stage for a combined 12 million square feet of mixed-use development, including 1,300 affordable housing units in the Hudson Yards area, and will create thousands of permanent and construction jobs.

"Mayor Bloomberg, Speaker Quinn and Deputy Mayor Lieber all deserve thanks for working to bring permanent affordable housing to the Western Rail Yard site; create and preserve affordable housing in the wider community; secure an on-site school to help meet the needs of the influx of children the development will bring to the neighborhood; and rehabilitate public open space for neighborhood residents," said State Senator Thomas K. Duane. "I am pleased that the City, community organizations, and all stakeholders have come to an agreement that recognizes the vision laid out by Manhattan Community Board 4 in its thoughtful response to the Western Rail Yard ULURP applications. In the coming months, I will continue to work with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to ensure it finds alternate accommodations for its office space so that the off-site permanent affordable housing associated with this development is maximized, and that we remain united and committed to this dynamic section of the West Side."