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## INNOVATION LAB AT INDUSTRY CITY!

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Training, Services, and Thousands of Jobs in the Pipeline

This morning I joined with my colleagues in government, **Congresswoman Nydia Velasquez**, **State Senator Martin Golden**, **Assemblyman Felix Ortiz**, and **NYC Councilman Carlos Menchaca** to open the **Innovation Lab at Industry City**. We were also joined by leaders in industry and education including **City Tech President Dr. Russell Hotzler**, along with a wealth of Brooklyn's industrial development and not-for-profit community, including **Southwest Brooklyn Industrial Development Corporation**, **Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow**, **Brooklyn Workforce Innovations** and collaborative programmers **Center for Family Life in Sunset Park**, **Turning Point Brooklyn**, **Consortium for Worker Education**, **Mixteca**, **Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce**, **Red**

**Hook Initiative, New York City Economic Development Corporation, and New York City Department of Small Business Services.**

**The Innovation Lab will be an integrated employment and entrepreneur development center** providing access to good-paying jobs and economic opportunities in the city's technology, creative and manufacturing sectors. The 7,700 square-foot space at Industry City will provide the local community with a wide range of services, including **job training and job placement, and technical support for new entrepreneurs.**

**Starting Monday, April 11, 2016, the Innovation Lab, located at 87 35th Street, 2nd Floor, will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday,** and offer a wide range of training and job placement services geared toward jobs in the city's rapidly emerging innovation economy. The innovation economy captures the full arc of the product-making process, from initial research and development, to engineering and design, and to manufacturing and production, and includes physical, digital and engineered products.

Industry City, under the leadership of **Andrew Kimball and his chief of staff, Crystal Rivera,** has done a tremendous job in generating new jobs for Sunset Park so far! **Since they started in 2013, Industry City has added 2,100 jobs!** And they expect that with the addition of the Innovation Lab **they will be adding at least another 9,000 jobs in the next 9 years!**

**Additionally, they expect there will be 5,800 supportive jobs developed in Sunset Park as a result of the growth of Industry City!** This will return Industry City to the economic hub it has been for decades, and provide the residents of Sunset Park, Red Hook, Gowanus, and greater Brooklyn with a reliable source of steady, good-paying jobs.



**Today was a great step forward for jobs for Sunset Park and all of Brooklyn!**