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## Investing \$1.4 Billion in Brooklyn

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Excited to see "Vital Brooklyn" outreach already moving ahead with the briefing at Medgar Evers College this morning. As I said at the announcement, I welcome Governor Cuomo's "Vital Brooklyn" initiative. This \$1.4 billion investment will bolster the work of countless community institutions and neighborhood organizations seeking to meet the needs of Brooklynites. More truly affordable housing to tackle the housing crisis, violence prevention work to halt the anguish too many families face, action on public health to improve the wellness of our communities, investment in workforce development to pave the way for the careers of the future, and more. These investments vindicate the work of community

partners who have been dedicated to tackling these challenges – innovators like those who partnered with me and my colleagues to establish the first tech and wellness hub at a public housing site in the United States in Brownsville last year, and only last week expanded that “Campus” initiative to Crown Heights. And these investments will allow us to realize the promise of a more affordable Brooklyn, a safer Brooklyn, and a more prosperous Brooklyn for all.