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Senator Montgomery and members of the Gowanus Neighborhood Coalition for Justice attend Open House to learn more about NYC's plan to rezone the Gowanus area and its potential impact on the community

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Senator Montgomery with members of Gowanus Neighborhood Coalition for Justice (GNCJ), which was formed in response to the City's proposed rezoning of the neighborhood. GNCJ is a coalition of local residents, workers, businesses, and community organizations united in their effort to ensure the voices of under-represented local stakeholders are meaningfully heard.

Senator Montgomery joined constituents, members of Community Board 6 and community stakeholders at the Gowanus Neighborhood Planning Study Framework Open House to learn more New York City's Department of City Planning proposal to rezone Gowanus. The agency recently released “Gowanus: A Framework for a Sustainable, Inclusive, Mixed-Use Neighborhood” study which details the rezoning framework around issues of “Sustainability and Resiliency,” “Environmental Remediation,” “Community and Cultural Resources,” “Housing,” “Economic and Job Development,” “Transportation” and “Land Use and Urban Form.

Gowanus is a neighborhood with a diverse mix of residents, workers and businesses – a community that has overcome challenges while being a center for entrepreneurship, innovation and creative expression. It is surrounded by the thriving residential neighborhoods of Carroll Gardens, Boerum Hill and Park Slope, and is within walking distance of Downtown Brooklyn, a growing and emerging Central Business District.

The rezoning will have a tremendous impact on the Gowanus community. Senator Montgomery encourages all her constituents to learn more about the proposal and to remain engaged as the planning process moves forward. Community members are also encouraged to go online to post comments, ideas, and feedback at plangowanus.com.

For more information about the NYC Department of City Planning's Gowanus rezoning proposal, visit:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/plans/gowanus/gowanus.page>

To download the full "Gowanus: A Framework for a Sustainable, Inclusive, Mixed-use Neighborhood" report, download the PDF.

To learn more about the Gowanus Neighborhood Coalition for Justice (GNCJ) and their priorities platform, visit <https://anhd.org/tag/gowanus-neighborhood-coalition-for-justice/>

To learn more about this issue, visit:

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