



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## JFK Community Benefits Agreement

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The State of New York, through the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ) has created a \$13 billion plan to redevelop John F. Kennedy International Airport. To ensure that the residents of the surrounding community, who will be greatly impacted by the development, reap the rewards of the project, Queens Community Board 12's Economic Development Committee proposed the establishment of a Community Benefits Agreement (CBA), and the motion was unanimously voted in favor upon, on September 20, 2017.

Elected officials representing Southeast Queens from the New York State Senate and New York State Assembly formed a coalition of stakeholders known as the Queens Connection Team to collectively draft the CBA. The goal was to ensure further development of local businesses; create job training and placement; increase educational services; meet the 30 percent state goal for contracting with Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises; and to enhance the quality of life for the Southeast Queens community.

The Queens Connection Team consists of representatives from Community Board 12, Community Board 14; Supthin Boulevard BID; the Association of Minority Enterprises of New York, the Center for Community Advancement; Rev. Phil Craig of Greater Springfield Community Church and other stakeholders.

The CBA, which accompanies this introduction, is a DRAFT, which is still being finalized.