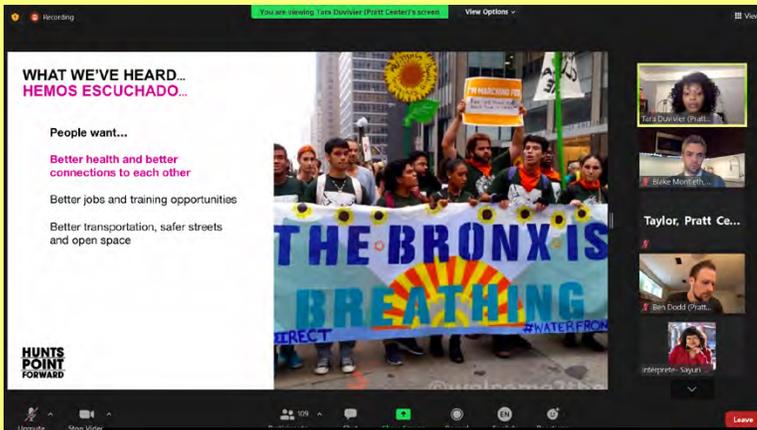
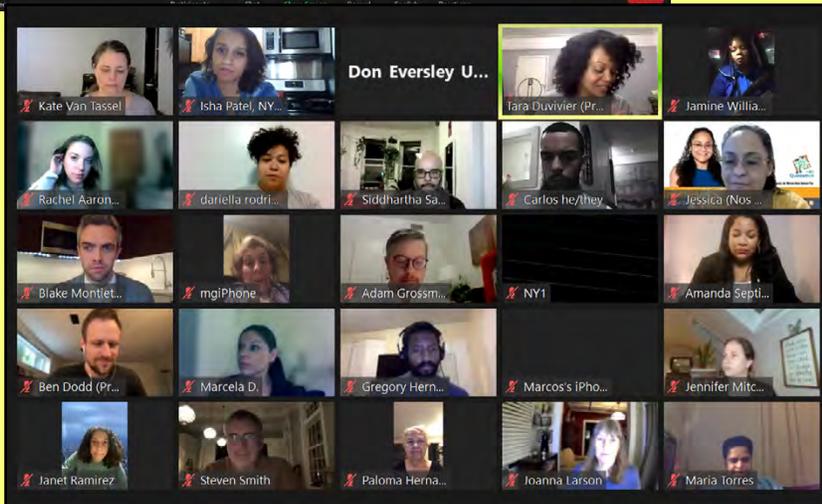


Thanks for joining the kickoff of Hunts Point Forward!

OVER 100 OF YOU ATTENDED THE VIRTUAL EVENT ON MARCH 11!



After hearing opening remarks from Councilmember Rafael Salamanca, Jr. and Paloma Hernandez of Urban Health Plan and the Hunts Point-Longwood Community Coalition, we presented the [Hunts Point Forward Project](#) and had virtual breakout rooms where we asked:



WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT HUNTS POINT?

WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE ABOUT HUNTS POINT?

WHAT WOULD MAKE YOUR LIFE EASIER?

Here is what we learned from you.



COMMUNITY STRENGTH

The people of Hunts Point LOVE their community! Hunts Point is a community full of residents and community partners that are proud of its rich history and culture! The community helped each other this past year as we dealt with effects of COVID-19. How can we work together to make the community stronger?

“I care about Hunts Point and its future.”

“The beating heart of the South Bronx is in Hunts Point.”



FRESH FOOD ACCESS

There are not enough supermarkets and other locations within Hunts Point to buy affordable fresh fruits and vegetables that are high quality. How can we work together to provide more access to affordable fresh food?

“No good produce despite the fact that all of this is in our backyard. We have the worst food in the city.”

“How can the food in the market make it to our neighborhood?”



HELPING SMALL BUSINESSES & CREATING MORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES

People in Hunts Point want to support small businesses in Hunts Point and want more small businesses in the area that are owned and operated by people who live in the community. People in Hunts Point also want job training to prepare them for jobs that pay good wages that will support families. How can we work together to support small businesses in the community? How can we support community members seeking employment?

“We have a loss of businesses that were invested in the community for decades.”

“Dollars need to circulate locally in Hunts Point.”



HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

Rents are rising and incomes are not. Gentrification is happening throughout New York City. Homelessness is increasing and many members of the Hunts Point community are affected. How do we work together to create more affordable housing that is truly affordable for the residents who live here? How do we get homeless members of the community the support they need?

“Gentrification is the elephant in the room.”



TECHNOLOGY

The pandemic made it more difficult for people to stay connected. The community needs more wi-fi and people would like training on how to use online tools. How can we continue to expand the wi-fi access in Hunts Point and help more people get online?

“We need more internet access and training for seniors.”



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The pandemic was very difficult for young people in Hunts Point. The isolation and challenges of going to school online has had an impact on their well-being. How can we support Hunts Point Youth during this pandemic and after?

“We need more therapeutic art sessions for both parents and youth!”



IMPROVE TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION

Traffic is still a challenge right now and some streets are hard to cross safely. There is a lot of truck idling which contributes to air and noise pollution in the neighborhood and not many options for people who want to use other ways to get around the neighborhood using micromobility vehicles like e-bikes and scooters. How do we work together to move people and goods safely and easily into, out of, and around Hunts Point?

“More parking and micro-mobility options.”



IMPROVE SIDEWALKS, STREETS & OPEN SPACE

People would like to see more trash cans on street corners and would like more streetlights. People also want more green space, improved environmental quality, and easier access to the parks and waterfront areas. People also want to feel safe walking around their community. How can we work together to make public spaces in Hunts Point more enjoyable and make sure people are safe?

“...More trash cans on street corners.”

“Will we still be able to walk to the park once the highway is built?”

More ways to get involved

This document highlights what we've heard so far, but we're just getting started. Here are more ways you can stay involved in the months ahead and help shape the future Hunts Point.

SHARE MORE BY TAKING OUR SURVEY

Fill out [our survey](#)  to let us know what you care most about in Hunts Point and invite your friends and/or co-workers to do the same by sharing the link on social media.

LET US KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS

[Contact us](#)  to join an interview or focus group! If your organization or group holds a regular meeting, we would love to speak with your group. You can also email or fill out a [comment form](#) to share any thoughts or ask any questions.

STAY INFORMED

[Sign up](#) to receive email updates and follow us on social media to find out where and when we will be in the community. Come find us and share your ideas for the future of Hunts Point!

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