

A joint statement from Queens Community Board Board 13's Corey Bearak, Chair, Land Use Subcommittee on Creedmoor; Bryan Block, QCB13 Chair; and Mark McMillan, District Manager:

“Queens Community Board 13 (QCB13) thanks our state and city legislators – State Assembly Member Ed Braunstein, State Senator Toby Stavisky and City Council Member Linda Lee – for standing with our community to secure a new plan for Creedmoor that provides a scale of housing density consistent in scale with eastern Queens and no longer exacerbates existing oversaturation of supportive housing in Queens Community Board 13.

Queens Community Board 13 also appreciates the commitment of Governor Kathy Hochul and Empire State Development and its chair, Hope Knight, to realize a vision at Creedmoor that best serves the needs of eastern Queens as well as the State and City. We also note the support of Congressman Tom Suozzi.

When the needs of a local community and community at large converge, it makes absolute sense to blend those into an outcome that meets all needs. For many years, the communities of eastern Queens eyed the opportunity to repurpose surplus New York State property on the Creedmoor Psychiatric Center Campus to meet community needs; we always understood the needs of the community at-large needed to be considered. From the outset of its advocacy and participation in this process, Queens Community Board 13, in consultation with its communities, developed priorities, including low to medium density development, and needs, including housing for our seniors, our veterans and young adults and families starting out. We understood how our sound approach would enable existing homes occupied by empty nesters or single adults to become available for new and growing families when current occupants welcome an opportunity to shift to alternative housing not previously available in a community they prefer not to leave. The new plans better reflect our community's vision.”

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