



Community United To Protect Theodore Roosevelt Park calling script for government & elected officials

TOPIC 2: Tax Payer Money

CALLER:

Hello, my name is Caller Name, I live on Caller's Street, and I am a constituent of Mayor DiBlasio/ Borough President Gale Brewer/ Council Member X.

I'm calling with a comment about the American Museum of Natural History's Gilder Center proposal, and the museum's expansion into Theodore Roosevelt Park.

GOVERNMENT STAFFER:

Yes, what is your comment?

CALLER:

Our community is concerned that public money has already been allocated behind the scenes, and without proper community input, to a project the community opposes. \$135 Million tax payer dollars have been set aside for something that does not in the least benefit the public good, but is actually detrimental to it.

Does Mayor DiBlasio/ Borough President Gale Brewer/ Council Member X have a position on the project?

GOVERNMENT STAFFER:

The Mayor/ Borough President/ Council Member is still developing his/her thoughts.

OR

The Mayor/ Borough President/ Council Member has come out against the project. HE/SHE thinks the trade-offs are out of balance.

OR

The Mayor/ Borough President/ Council Member is in favor of the project. HE/SHE thinks it will be a great benefit to the neighborhood and the city as a whole.

CALLER:

OPTION 1: I urge the Mayor/ Borough President/ Council Member to vocally oppose the museum's plan. The AMNH has vastly under-estimated the damage to local, small businesses and the Sunday Green Market during the construction phase and the impact on this community.



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The public dollars could be far better spent bringing science education into the public school classrooms across all of New York City's boroughs. It would give children and teachers the opportunity to use science and technology in their learning daily, instead of a once-per-year visit to the museum.

OR

OPTION 2: I strongly urge the Mayor/ Borough President/ Council Member to reconsider HIS/HER position on the matter. The AMNH has vastly underestimated the damage to local, small businesses and the Sunday Green Market during the construction phase and what the impact will be on this community.

If we truly value science and technology education then we should be directing our public funds into the public school classrooms across all of New York City's boroughs. It would give children and teachers the opportunity to use science and technology in their learning daily, instead of a once-per-year visit to the museum.

GOVERNMENT STAFFER:

Thank you for your call, I will relay your comment to the Mayor/ Borough President/ Council Member.

CALLER:

Thank you for your time.