



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

TOPIC 3: Toxic Materials

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:

I am concerned about the toxic materials which might be released during the construction. Now after the release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on May 18th, we know that hazardous waste and dangerous contaminants have been found in both soil and ground water samples.

Threats to our air, soil, and water quality are present in the form of beryllium, chromium, lead, mercury and nickel, along with PAHs and industrial solvents along with gas tanks, oil, and coal storage facilities.

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 the risks are too high.

OR

The Mayor/ Borough President/ Council Member is in favor of the project. HE/SHE thinks the AMNH has addressed the risks appropriately.

CALLER:

OPTION 1: I urge the Mayor/ Borough President/ Council Member to vocally oppose the museum's plan. The neighborhood is a densely populated, residential area. The park around the Museum is especially popular with children, including



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Please urge (Mayor/ Borough President/ Council Member) to demand that the Museum address these very serious concerns. We must have an independent assessment and remediation plan for how these dangerous substances will be handled *and* what the cost to taxpayers will be.

OR

OPTION 2:

I strongly disagree and urge (Mayor/ Borough President/ Council Member) to reconsider HIS/HER position. The neighborhood is a densely populated, residential area. The park around the Museum is especially popular with children, including mothers with toddlers. The risk of toxic chemicals release is simply too high to be left to the interpretation of the museum.

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GOVERNMENT STAFFER:

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

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Thank you for your time.