In response to land use applications to redevelop the Bedford Union Armory in Crown Heights into a mixed-use development, Borough President Adams unveiled his拟议ed proposals on September 8th to disagree with conditions the applications submitted by the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) and the New York City Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) to develop recreational facilities, spaces for locally-based non-profits, as well as two new residential buildings, including a condominium building along President Street in place of the Armory’s stables. Borough President Adams emphasized the need for retaining City ownership of the site, increasing permanent affordable housing, as well as incorporating permanent housing for homeless households throughout the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)’s “Our Space Initiative” program. He emphasized maximizing the delivery of affordable housing on-site through multiple income tiers, including both increasing the supply of deeply affordable housing units and providing more upper-tier affordable housing units. Borough President Adams also noted the need for decisionmakers to have the fullest scope of analysis of the project as well as its benefits and impacts before any final decision is reached.

On Wednesday, September 13th, Borough President Adams and Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce President Andrew Hoan kicked off “Brooklyn Prime,” a campaign promoting the borough as the “New York City’s Largest Startup Ecosystem.” As part of his Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18) capital budget in parks and recreation, the announcement was made on Wednesday, September 27th at Harold Ickes Playground, which has been home to a historical urban farm. The Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice (MOCJ), New Yorkers Against Gun Violence (NYAGV), the New York City Police Department (NYPD), and the Technology Challenge Foundation featured a design expo in the Community Room of Brooklyn Borough Hall on Monday, September 18th.

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Standing alongside Red Hook teens leading the transformation of a concrete playground. President Adams unveiled more than $7 million of investment from his Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18) budget in parks and recreation, which was selected by a judging panel to have created the most promising proposal that will prevent unauthorized users from firing a gun. Autonomous Ballistics, which is based in Bayonne, is the first to disapprove with conditions the applications received for $500,000 for design, engineering, and construction of the Armory’s stables. Borough President Hoan, who owns an alumnus with a degree in mechanical engineering; Ashwin Raj Kuman, a PhD candidate in the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering; Jonathan Ng, a class of 2016 alumnus with a degree in mechanical engineering, and Eddine Paola Cordero Parada, an officer in the Colombian Navy and a Master’s degree student majoring in management technology. The conclusion of this competition — held in collaboration with the Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice (MOCD), New Yorkers Against Gun Violence (NYAGV), the New York City Police Department (NYPD), and the Technology Challenge Foundation — featured a design expo in the Brooklyn Borough Hall on Monday, September 18th.

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Borough President Adams celebrated Brooklyn’s Caribbean culture and history at the 50th annual West Indian Day Parade on Monday, September 4th along the stretch of Eastern Parkway between Albany Avenue and Grand Army Plaza in Crown Heights. He joined a festive team of Brooklyn Borough Hall staff and volunteers in marching along the route, greeting revelers beside a float playing top calypso and soca tunes.

“If ever forgot” was the message at Borough President Adams’ third annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony on Thursday, September 7th, held in the Rotunda at Brooklyn Borough Hall. Joined by members of the family, as well as NYPD Commissioner James O’Neill, FDNY Commissioner Daniel Nigro, and other women and men in uniform, he unveiled the first-ever memorial banner to all 266 Brooklyn residents who perished that day.

You can’t stop the beat! The Coney Island Concert Series kicked off on Friday, September 8th with four nights of performances, courtesy of City Parks Foundation’s Summer Stage, at Ford Amphitheater in Coney Island, leading with British songstress Marsha Ambrosius and R&B singer Ro James. Borough President Adams co-hosted the shows in partnership with Council Member Mark Treyger.

On Sunday, September 10th, Borough President Adams joined Representative Hakeem Jeffries, State Senator Roxanne Persaud, and community leaders at a press conference expressing their concerns about the potential sale of Saint Mark’s in-the-Bouwerie. Borough President Adams addressed the need to protect the affordability and quality of life for the thousands of tenants living at the largest federally-subsidized housing development in the United States. In response to the Trump Administration’s decision to terminate the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Borough President Adams rallied with community leaders, immigrant Brooklynites, and continued on next page.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12TH
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Room G-80
Free Legal Services for All – Family Law

THIRD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

MAYDAY, OCTOBER 23RD
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall
Italian-American Heritage Month Celebration

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12TH
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall
Uniform Land Use Review Procedure Public Hearing

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Make the Road New York activists on Thursday, September 14th at the steps of Brooklyn Borough Hall as they announced a protest in New York City to challenge the People’s House to hear New York Times best-selling author Dr. Michael Greger discuss how changes in diet and lifestyle can prevent death by diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, and various cancers. Borough President Adams has credited Dr. Greger for saving his life by serving as a catalyst in successfully turning around his Type 2 diabetes diagnosis.

Borough President Adams has called on any plant-based or health care professional interested in joining his effort to email askeric@brooklynbp.nyc.gov.

On Tuesday, September 5th, Borough President Adams urged his fellow borough presidents to support the New York City Department of Education (DOE)’s decision to provide free school lunches to all children attending public schools in the city, a call he made with his fellow borough presidents this April. He noted that “universal school lunch will have an immediate impact on families across Brooklyn. It will reduce hunger, ease the strain on family finances, and help lessen the stigma of poverty. Few policies can accomplish so much for so little cost.”

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Monday, September 11th – T.E.A.L. Walk/Run

Tell Every Amazing Lady About Ovarian Cancer (T.E.A.L.) on Wednesday, September 6th in the Courtroom of Brooklyn Borough Hall. On Thursday, September 7th, the walk/run kicked off at 8AM, ending at the steps of Brooklyn Borough Hall. Borough President Adams has credited Dr. Greger’s book, “How Not To Die” as a catalyst for changing his diet and lifestyle. He will be joined by other local leaders, activists, and community members. This run also coincides with Sickle Cell Awareness Month.

One in 10 Americans afflicted with sickle cell anemia lives in New York State, of which 80 percent reside in the five boroughs. Borough President Adams sought to help raise awareness of the need for increased research funding and support at the “Live Well with Sickle Cell” conference held at Brooklyn University Hospital and Medical Center in Borough Park on Thursday, September 14th. In commemoration of Sickle Cell Awareness Month, he also used the conference as an opportunity to share the story of Parker Todd, an uplifting 12-year-old who wrote a children’s book, “The Adventures of the Sickler,” alongside award-winning artist Sterling Brown, to inspire young readers to find their inner superhero regardless of the challenges they may face. A portion of the proceeds from the book will be donated to the Sickle Cell Thalassemia Patients Network; more information on this group can be found at sctn.org.

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