



Legislation Text

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Resolution calling upon the State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to approve, Assembly Bill 9203-B relating to the creation of a brownfields site assessment, acquisition, and remediation assistance program.

By Council Members Reyna, The Speaker (Council Member Miller), Gennaro, Barron, Comrie, DeBlasio, Dilan, Fidler, Martinez, Nelson, Perkins, Vann, Yassky and Liu; also Council Members Quinn, Stewart and Clarke

Whereas, Brownfields are sites that were at one time industrially developed, but now are left vacant and mildly environmentally polluted; and

Whereas, A number of brownfields are situated throughout the State and City; and

Whereas, Assembly Bill 9203-B will amend the State Urban Development Corporation Act to provide special assistance and funds that will support the environmental remediation and redevelopment of these brownfields; and

Whereas, The Assembly Bill is particularly important to the City which has such a shortage of land, and would therefore benefit from the redevelopment of areas that have lied idle for many years; and

Whereas, The Assembly Bill would permit the development of much needed affordable housing, community facilities, and open space for the City's residents and families;

Whereas, This particular bill has struck a fine balance between ensuring environmental safety and cost effective savings so that the remediated sites will be financially feasible for community-oriented development such as affordable housing, community facilities, and open space; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Council calls upon the State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to approve, Assembly Bill 9203-B relating to the creation of a brownfields site assessment, acquisition, and remediation assistance program.