

# "Let's Clear the Air..."

## SOUTH BRONX ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & POLICY FORUM

Saturday, November 12, 2005

10:00 AM- 4:00 PM

South Bronx High School, 701 St. Ann's Avenue

### SCHEDULE

Registration / Breakfast	10:00 – 10:30 AM
Welcome & Introductions: Vaughn Thomas, The Sports Foundation, Inc.	10:30 - 10:35 AM
Keynote Address: Congressman José E. Serrano	10:35 - 10:50 AM

I. Tracking Air Quality in the South Bronx 10:50 - 11:40 AM

*Moderator:* Ajamu Kitwana, Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice, Inc.

*Panelists:* Dr. Lung Chi Chen, NYU School of Medicine  
Alicia Hurley, Director, NYU Office of Federal Policy (OFP)  
Jessica Clemente, Project Manager, NYU School of Medicine/NYU (OFP)  
Carlos Restrepo, Associate Research Scientist, NYU Wagner – ICIS

- What is the air quality of the South Bronx?
- How is what NYU found different from what we already know?
- What are current air quality standards? How do findings in South Bronx compare?

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II. Air Pollution and Health Effects 11:40 - 12:30 PM

*Moderator:* Kellie Terry- Sepulveda, The Point CDC

*Panelists:* Dr. George Thurston, NYU School of Medicine  
Dr. Rachel Miller, Columbia Center for Children's Environmental Health (CCCEH)  
Corrie Freedman, Director of Advocacy, American Lung Association-NYC

- Backpack Study – What are the health effects of pollution on asthmatic children in South Bronx?
- Mothers & Children Study - Columbia Center for Children's Environmental Health
- How can we use research as tool for advocacy in the South Bronx?

Drama Presentation by The Point CDC 12:30 – 12:45 PM

LUNCH (To be provided) 12:45 – 1:20 PM

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III. Asthma and Asthma Management 1:20 – 2:10 PM

*Moderator:* Yolanda Gonzalez, We Stay / Nos Quedamos, Inc.

*Panelists:* Lorna Davis, Director of the New York City Asthma Initiative, Bureau of Chronic Disease at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
Rebecca Kalin, Founder/Executive Director, Asthma Free School Zone  
Norma Galloway, Community Development Organizer, American Lung Association-NYC

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- How is asthma triggered? What does it feel like? What are long-term effects?
- Who is most susceptible to asthma? Why does the South Bronx have high rates?
- What kind so ways can we inform the community about risks?

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#### IV. Community Responses and Solutions 2:10 - 3:00 PM

*Moderator:* Vaughn Thomas, The Sports Foundation, Inc.

*Panelists:* Alexie Torres Fleming, Executive Director, Youth Ministries for Peace & Justice

Kellie Terry-Sepulveda, Executive Director, The Point CDC

Yolanda Gonzalez, Executive Director, We Stay/Nos Quedamos

Jim Quigley, Director of Bronx Community College's Center for Sustainable Energy.

ShaKing Alston, Executive Director, NYC Environmental Justice Alliance

Geoffrey Canada, President / CEO of Harlem Children's Zone

Mathy Stanislaus, President/ Co-Director of Allegiance Resources Corp/New Partners for Community Revitalization

- How can we manage asthma triggers more effectively?
- What can we do to create more healthy living conditions in the South Bronx?
- How can we equip the community with tools to evaluate environmental conditions?

#### V. Translating What We Know about Air Pollution into Effective Policy 3:00 - 3:55 PM

*Moderator:* Siddhartha Sanchez, Congressman Serrano's Office

*Panelists:* Stephen Boese, New York State Director, Healthy Schools Network, Inc.

John Robert, District Manager, Bronx Community Board #2

Wilham Ronda, Bronx Borough President's Office

Miquela M. Craytor, Environmental Planner, Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation

- How can environmental justice efforts create better living conditions for South Bronx?
- What are the impacts of waste transfer stations on South Bronx community?
- How can current policy-making efforts help improve air quality in the South Bronx?

Concluding Remarks

3:55 – 4:00 PM