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**STATEMENT FROM ACTING HEALTH COMMISSIONER DR. OXIRIS BARBOT
ON CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON LAND USE FOR VOTING
TO APPROVE BRONX ANIMAL SHELTER**

Acting Health Commissioner Dr. Oxiris Barbot, said: “I thank Speaker Johnson, Council Member King and members of the City Council Committee on Land Use for their support of a new state-of-the-art animal shelter in the Bronx. The new shelter will provide 1.4 million residents with services and support to help their pets live long and healthy lives, including free and low cost veterinary services, animal adoption services, and educational community programs. It will also add critical capacity to the citywide system, allowing for an additional 6,000 animals to be cared for in the Bronx every year. This will go a long way to achieve the Mayor's pledge to bring full service animal shelters to all five boroughs.”

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