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**Casita Maria, 928 Simpson Street**

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**Southern Boulevard Business Improvement District (BID)**

The workshop offered an opportunity to better understand barriers and opportunities to improve economic development and vibrant retail and business environment in the corridor.

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**South Bronx Heritage Center**

For this small group meeting, City Planning staff teamed with Casita Maria to discuss the Southern Blvd neighborhood study. Participants helped to identify existing assets in the community and engaged in visioning activities and elaborations of key values that will help to shape the study as it moves forward. City Planning staff were invited to Banana Kelly’s monthly Resident Leadership meeting to discuss the Southern Blvd neighborhood study. Staff from the Department of Housing Preservation & Development joined us as well. After a brief presentation on the planning process, participants engaged in a discussion around housing concerns. Fear of displacement, the need for truly affordable housing, and homelessness in the area were particularly prevalent concerns. DCP looks forward to continuing this conversation and to working with the community to address these issues and to ensure the housing process is transparent, open, and welcoming.

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For this small group meeting, City Planning staff teamed with Small Business Services, held a small group meeting focusing on the concerns of merchants in the Southern Boulevard neighborhood. The workshop offered an opportunity to better understand barriers and opportunities to promote a diverse and vibrant retail and business environment in the corridor.