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FAST FACTS

Sonia Sotomayor is one of three Justices currently on the U.S. Supreme Court from New York City. The others are Ruth Bader Ginsburg (Brooklyn) and Antonin Scalia (Queens).

The only other NYCHA development to be re-named after a former resident is Rangel Houses in Manhattan, named for Ralph J. Rangel.

Bronxdale Houses Re-named for 'Her Honor'

Bronx Neighbors Celebrate Homecoming for Justice Sonia Sotomayor



After concluding her speech, United States Supreme Court Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor danced with students from the choir at her alma mater, Cardinal Spellman High School.

By Heidi Morales

"It is difficult to describe the emotions that I feel today," U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor told more than 300 friends, relatives and residents, as she choked back tears. "I lived in these Houses during the most formative years of my life. I think of the hours of laughter I enjoyed as a child, the happy sounds of the Bronxdale playgrounds ringing in my ears."

On June 4, 2010, the development that Justice Sotomayor grew up in was renamed the Justice Sonia Sotomayor Houses and Community Center, the first time that the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) has named a development for a former, living resident. NYCHA, responding to a petition of residents, area volunteers and elected officials, agreed to rename the former Bronxdale Houses in her honor.

"It's good to be home," said Justice Sotomayor. "You have no idea the gift you have given me today. Thank you."

She recalled one of her fondest memories, when in 1968 she spotted Robert F. Kennedy from her second floor window. "I had never before looked down on red hair that bright!" said Justice Sotomayor, adding that it was through this chance encounter that her interest in public service was awakened.

But undeniably, Justice Sotomayor said, her "most enduring memories of these projects involve my neighbors." She was able to share this love of her community at a special reception before the ceremony held for residents of the newly named Justice Sonia Sotomayor Houses. She thanked all those who participated in petitioning for

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the name change, and hugged, kissed and took pictures with neighbors from yesteryear and residents from today.

Resident Association President Regina Howell told her fellow neighbors that, "Today marks a new beginning. It represents a new day of inspiration for the families of this community, and

especially for our most precious residents – our children."

Renee Heard is one of those neighbors who got the chance to meet the woman who she hopes will inspire her daughter Alana Abdeen to pursue her dream of a career in law. "[The ceremony] was beautiful," she said. "It was a wonderful experience for me and my daughters to see someone come out of the projects and see what she was able to accomplish. I hope that the name change can bring a change into our community." *continued on page 2* ▶



Justice Sotomayor (center) and NYCHA Board Member Margarita López (far right) spend time with the residents at the development renamed in her honor to the Justice Sotomayor Houses on June 4, 2010, in The Bronx.

The Mayor's Message

Earlier this month, we renamed one of the New York City Housing Authority's (NYCHA) developments – the Bronxdale Houses located on Bruckner Boulevard in The Bronx – in honor of United States Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. The Justice Sonia Sotomayor Houses and Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community Center include 28 seven-story buildings comprising 1,497 apartments that house nearly 3,500 residents. The United States Supreme Court's first Hispanic-American justice, Justice Sotomayor grew up in the Bronxdale Houses from 1957 to 1969. Justice Sotomayor's story is unique, but it began like many – in a public housing development with a single mother whose first language was not English and who worked hard to put food on the table. Her achievements are an inspiration to millions of New Yorkers, especially young people, who can look to her story to see the possibilities that await anyone with the courage and determination to follow a dream.

Our Administration is working hard to ensure that all young NYCHA residents have the ability to follow their dreams – and part of that is helping them live longer, healthier lives.

In May, I joined celebrity chef Rachael Ray to announce a new program that helps children ages 9-12 understand how eating fresh food and preparing their own meals can help them to lead longer, healthier lives. The program will help youth develop cooking skills, become conscientious consumers and make healthier food choices. If this summer pilot program is successful,

it will be expanded into other NYCHA developments.

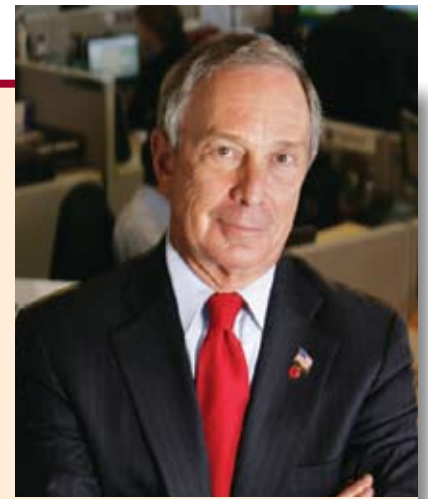
In addition, an afterschool program at NYCHA specifically for young adults ages 16-24 not only will promote healthy nutrition, but also will introduce food service and culinary arts as potential career paths.

These programs continue NYCHA's commitment to encouraging a healthy diet for residents. There are the more than 200 vegetable gardens in NYCHA developments citywide, and our partnership with City Harvest provides free produce twice a month to residents in four developments.

We've also worked hard to improve your information about food, by requiring chain restaurants to post how many calories are in their food. After we put the rule into effect, a study of one New York City chain found that the number of calories in an average purchase decreased by 26%.

We will continue doing everything possible to help all children lead healthy lives. I wish everyone a healthy summer filled with all the possibilities New York has to offer.

Michael R. Bloomberg
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Alana, Ms. Heard's 12 year-old daughter, won an essay contest last summer and was chosen to accompany NYCHA Board Member Margarita López to attend Justice Sotomayor's confirmation ceremony, but did not have the chance to meet her until the re-naming event. "She's a good role model for our community," said Alana. "She grew up in our projects and it's good for kids

to see that although you grew up in the projects you can still become anything, if you put your mind to it."

"It truly takes a village to raise a child," said NYCHA Chairman John B. Rhea in his remarks during the ceremony. "Unfortunately, we cannot give every child the strong family and courageous mother that so blessed Justice Sotomayor's life. But together we can

support all parents and help build the secure communities that will be a safe haven, a first step and a fair start from which our young can and will build the world of tomorrow that is their dream."

Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, a staunch supporter of public housing and its residents, was on hand to unveil the new signage for the Bronx development. "[Justice Sotomayor's] achievements are an inspiration to millions of New Yorkers, especially our NYCHA residents young and old, who can look to her story to get a glimpse of the possibilities that await anyone who has the courage and determination to follow a dream," said Mayor Bloomberg during his introduction of the day's honoree.

The Sotomayor family was beaming with pride and tried hard to fight back tears of joy and nostalgia, especially the


Justice's mother Celina, but she was not successful. "This is a wonderful day. My two children are wonderful and that's all a mother can ask for," she said.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor, who is of Puerto Rican descent, moved into public housing when she was three years old. She attended Cardinal Spellman High School, received her bachelor's degree from Princeton University and her law degree from Yale Law School. After a 30-year career as an attorney and federal judge, Justice Sotomayor was confirmed in 2009 as an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

After the formal ceremony at the Sotomayor Houses came to an end, Justice Sotomayor spontaneously joined the Youth Choir from her alma mater Cardinal Spellman High School and together they swayed joyously through

a gospel-fused song, "Be Thankful." The Justice then shared her impressions of the day in an exclusive interview with the *Journal*.

"They're smaller, the buildings, than I remember them. When I was a kid they were skyscrapers, seven floors seemed to touch the sky and today they are not skyscrapers but they're still home," said Justice Sotomayor. "We speak of life accomplishments and obviously becoming a Justice of the Supreme Court is one of the greatest life achievements that one could have. But leaving a place bearing your name I hope will create memories for some kid who will grow up and think 'who is that person' and learn something about me and I hope walk away a little inspired. If that happens then I've had the greatest success anyone can have in life."



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Justice Sonia Sotomayor Houses Joins More than 95 Other Developments Named for a Person

In addition to the Bronxdale Houses being renamed for Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, 98 other developments have been named after people over the years, including presidents, civil rights leaders, musicians and athletes. To see the full list, go to NYCHA's website at www.nyc.gov/nycha.



Message from the Chairman

Following is the speech, abridged, given by NYCHA Chair John B. Rhea on June 4, 2010, at the naming ceremony for the Justice Sonia Sotomayor Houses.

Today, we observe not the simple renaming of a development, but the recommitment to a civic purpose and a common good. Today, we are seeing in our City and our nation a renewal of what Winston Churchill famously called the ‘simple

things’ – “All the great things are simple,” Churchill said. “And many can be expressed in a single word: Freedom; Justice; Honor; Duty; Mercy; Hope.”

These are the values that have kept us, and our parents before us; they have preserved our nation and, indeed, our world; and they are the virtues that have stood like sentinels in the distinguished life and career of the woman we honor this afternoon – United States Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

I know Justice Sotomayor will agree with me when I say we have gathered this afternoon to do more than honor her continuing service and social contribution. Today we mark a milestone achieved last August when Justice Sotomayor took the high court’s oath that is also a return to our nation’s first principles – opportunity for all. We honor the promise of public housing, and the promise of a community and a nation, which says “we can do more together than alone.” And, hopefully, we kindle a fire in a young girl or boy who will now work a little harder, study a little longer, and be lifted a little higher in the hope that with dreams, opportunity and a strong foundation, no fortune is too far, no path is too narrow, and no destination is beyond their reach.

Public housing was that strong foundation in Justice Sotomayor’s life and New York City is as committed today as at any time in our history to ensure that public housing remains a bedrock for the generations to come.

We can only accomplish this together. In the year since Mayor Bloomberg appointed me to serve as the Authority’s 21st Chairman, we have rededicated

ourselves to the spirit of collaboration, to harnessing the power of partnerships and to the belief that great breakthroughs are possible when people work together. Indeed, perhaps that is the only way they are possible. As Frederick Douglass once said, “We differ as the waves, but are one as the sea.”

NYCHA knows the power of a community that comes together. Today, we are taking our message to potential partners in the public, non-profit and private sectors and making the case that NYCHA’s story is their story. We are joining hands and, along lines of common purpose, we are developing the strategies to preserve, strengthen and secure the public and affordable housing of tomorrow – to build not simply houses, but homes; not just developments, but communities.

We cannot do it alone. In a time of increasing pressure on our governments, the need to look beyond traditional alliances is even more acute. Today, I am excited to share with you that the Authority will inaugurate a new initiative right here, at the Justice Sonia Sotomayor Houses. In the coming months, NYCHA will launch a partnership campaign, titled “Clean, Green and Secure,” with organizations who share our commitment to sustain the Justice Sotomayor Houses and all other NYCHA developments citywide. We will seek their help to sustain our buildings, apartments and grounds in a partnership that encourages community volunteerism, resident engagement and corporate social responsibility.

This is our pledge – to stand firm together, renewing the promise of public housing and meeting the challenges ahead with clarity of purpose and a shared vision, with energy and creativity, and with resolve to ensure that this sacred responsibility, this noble task, this public good not merely endures: but that it thrives. Public housing has been one of America’s pillars – helping our nation endure and prevail. I truly look forward to working together with all of you to ensure that it remains.

‘Green Guide’ Offers



Tips that Save Energy

By Brent Grier

The New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) continues its efforts towards green living and NYCHA residents are key participants in those plans. The latest undertaking is NYCHA’s ‘Green Guide,’ called “The Power is in Your Hands: A Resident’s Guide to Saving Energy + the Environment.” Developed at the request of NYCHA Chairman John B. Rhea and Environmental Coordinator, Commissioner Margarita López, the ‘Green Guide’ responds to the public’s interest in embracing better energy consumption practices. The booklet advises residents about the best solutions to lower their carbon footprint and increase community awareness about sustainability.

The Guide challenges residents to gauge their “green score” by answering a set of questions about their everyday conservation behavior. But high scorers shouldn’t be alarmed! Instead, they just should be willing to heed the advice given throughout the Guide. Most of the tips are very easy to do, such as:

- Taking shorter showers
- Washing laundry only when it is a full load
- Turning off/unplugging appliances when not in use
- Closing curtains during warmer months
- Using a fan instead of an air conditioner (or at least buying an Energy Star air conditioner)

• Making your own cleaning products with environmentally safe and cheap household materials such as baking soda, white vinegar and lemon juice. However small these may seem, these conservation tips can help save energy that, when added together, can make a significant and positive environmental impact. Other suggestions call for the help of outside sources. In that case, NYCHA residents can call the Customer Contact Center, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at 718-707-7771, which handles requests for both emergency and routine maintenance repairs.

Saving energy affects both NYCHA and the environment as a whole, which makes the public’s involvement the most important factor to make better living a reality. It is important to note that saving energy in public housing actually has two benefits – it protects the environment as well as everyone’s wallets. The ‘Green Guide’ also shows residents that saving energy does not require them to lose comfort. For example, just one degree of wasted heat across all NYCHA developments costs \$7.6 million.

‘Green Guides’ are available from the Resident Green Committee or at the quarterly Speaking Green Lecture Series. They also can be downloaded from NYCHA’s website at www.nyc.gov/nycha.



NYCHA officials show a South African delegation the new energy-efficient pass steam boilers at Castle Hill Houses in The Bronx.

NYCHA Green Agenda: The World Watches How “Cool” We Are

The New York City Housing Authority’s (NYCHA) Green Agenda is making such a big difference that it is attracting international attention. In late spring, NYCHA welcomed the U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) from South Africa, which wanted to learn how the premier Housing Authority in the United States is using new technologies to become more financially sound with savvy energy citizens. The South African officials toured the Castle Hill Houses development in the Bronx to see how a pilot

program, begun in 2007, has addressed high utility costs and excessive energy usage. It has since turned into a successful model for other public housing authorities and property owners worldwide.

The innovative energy management processes at Castle Hill, including new boilers, replacing existing hot water tanks with instantaneous hot water heaters and incandescent light bulbs, have led to significant improvements in service to residents and reductions in costs and carbon emissions *continued on page 9* ▶

THE NYCHA NOT WANTED LIST

In this issue we continue publishing the names of individuals who have been permanently excluded from our public housing developments. The purpose of this list is to keep residents informed of the Housing Authority's ongoing efforts to improve the quality of life for all New Yorkers in public housing and to allow for the peaceful and safe use of our facilities. What follows is a partial list of the people excluded after hearings were held on January 20 and 27, 2010, and February 3 and 10, 2010.

Prohibited as of January 20, 2010

Warren Wilder Case 9048/09 formerly associated with the 6th fl., 4-24, Astoria Blvd., Astoria Houses, Queens

Roosevelt McFadden Case 121/10 formerly associated with the 5th fl., 103 Nostrand Avenue, Marcy Houses, Brooklyn

Jonathan Aliseo Case 125/10 formerly associated with the 1st fl., 773 Berry / Todt Hill House, Staten Island

Deshawn Martin Case 7888/08 formerly associated with the 2nd fl., 99 North Portland Avenue, Whitman Houses, Brooklyn

Kevin Davis, Karen Davis Case 8205/09 formerly associated with the 6th fl., 71-15 Beach Channel Drive, Hammel / Carlton Manor Houses, Queens

Kristopher Plowden Case 8605/10 formerly associated with the 3rd fl., 928 Williams Avenue, Breukelen Houses, Brooklyn

Michael McNeal Case 133/10 formerly associated with the 3rd fl., 3061 Avenue X, Sheephead Nostrand Houses, Brooklyn

Prohibited as of January 27, 2010

Andre Malone Case 305/10 associated with the 5th fl., 251 Osborn Street, Brownsville Houses, Brooklyn

Jose Deliz Case 3010/09 associated with the 3rd fl., 159-48 Harlem River Dr., Rangel Houses, Manhattan

Nadine Smith Case 328/10 associated with the 10th fl., 128 Lewis Avenue, Roosevelt Houses, Brooklyn

Michael Gray Case 148/10 associated with the 2nd fl., 159-01 110th Avenue, South Jamaica, Queens

Prohibited as of February 3, 2010

Raul Figueroa Case 6862/09 formerly associated with the 11th fl., 750 E. 163rd Street, McKinley Houses, Bronx

Ada Brundage, Frank Brundage, Kyra Golden Case 7767/09 formerly associated with the 1st fl., 106-02 Glenwood Rd. Breukeln Houses, Brooklyn

Alex Arzon Case 348/10 formerly associated with the 15th fl., 230 Clinton Street, LaGuardia Houses, Manhattan

Asian Graves Case 439/10 formerly associated with the 11th fl., Roosevelt Houses, Brooklyn

Prohibited as of February 10, 2010

Franklin Berry Case 8689/09 formerly associated with the 13th fl., 159-70 Harlem River Dr., Rangel Houses, Manhattan

Nimrod Martinez Case 8072/09 formerly associated with the 4th fl., 30 Manhattan Avenue, Borinquen Houses, Brooklyn

Ralph Salazar Case 478/10 formerly associated with the 4th fl., 177 Nagle Avenue, Dyckman Houses, Manhattan

Affan Burrows, Derrick Coleman, Kareem Allen Case 5736/09 formerly associated with the 14th fl., 1980 Park Avenue, Lincoln Houses, Manhattan

Quintin White Case 680/10 formerly associated with the 6th fl., 719 Kingsborough Walk, Kingsborough Houses, Brooklyn

Shameka Jackson Case 661/10 formerly associated with the 6th fl., 296 Sutter Avenue, Brownsville Houses, Brooklyn

Joseph Mojica, Harry Ali Case 487/10 formerly associated with the 2nd fl., 3340 Bailey Avenue, Ft. Independence Houses, Bronx

Jason Lewis Case 722/10 formerly associated with the 3rd fl., 3340 Bailey Avenue, Ft. Independence Houses, Bronx

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Have a Safe and Secure Family Day This Summer

With the summertime comes another year of Family Days for residents in New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) developments. The Resident Associations are joining with NYCHA to plan days filled with fun activities for residents of all ages. The Safety and Security Task Force – comprised of residents; staff at NYCHA, NYPD, City Hall and the Department of Youth and Community Development; the District Attorney's office; and other stakeholders – is working to ensure that these celebrations are enjoyable and safe occasions for NYCHA residents and their guests.

With this in mind, please be mindful of the guidelines each development must follow for their Family Day:

- All events must receive NYCHA approval
- Events start at 12:00 pm and end no later than 8:00 pm
- Any music should be turned off by 7:00 pm – sound permits issued by NYPD are required

In addition, the following activities are not allowed at Family Day events:

- Sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages
- Any form of gambling
- Any other form of illegal activity
- Any sale of tickets or raffles unless prior Authority approval has been granted by the Community Operations Borough Director
- Any commercial enterprise unless prior Authority approval has been granted by the Community Operations Borough Director

Please do the following:

- Have fun!
- Join in the planned activities
- Introduce yourself to NYPD and NYCHA staff attendees
- Introduce yourself to your neighbors
- Eat healthy

Working together, we can continue to provide safe and secure housing into the future. So invite your family, have fun and rejoice during your Family Day!

Coming in the August NYCHA Journal:

- Coverage of the Resident Watch kickoff event, part of the Authority's Safety and Security Task Force
- A new training academy gets residents ready for some football, as they wear the zebra stripes and learn how to be an NFL referee

Public-Private Partnerships = Jobs for Residents



Shown is Lloyd Gray, of Highbridge Gardens, at work as a mason tender. He received his job through a program similar to the NYCHA-Robin Hood partnership.

Unique Program will Train Public Housing Residents for Real Jobs

Public housing residents soon will have the opportunity to receive training that will help them find jobs with the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) and its contractors. NYCHA and Robin Hood have formed a partnership to create an innovative training academy for NYCHA residents. Qualified graduates will be placed either in jobs as Caretakers with NYCHA or in construction jobs with NYCHA contractors.

The initiative is the largest of its kind in a U.S. city, and will create a NYCHA Training Academy that will train up to 150 residents. The one-year pilot project is scheduled to begin in Fall 2010. Based on the program's success, Robin Hood will consider additional funding that will train up to 1,000 residents for additional jobs, adding other provider partners and employment sectors, such as extermination services.

"Robin Hood and NYCHA have created this public-private partnership to help residents acquire the necessary skills to succeed in the workplace, to get good jobs and build careers that will serve as a model moving forward," said NYCHA Chairman John B. Rhea. "With assistance from Robin Hood, now we can train people for jobs that match our workforce needs.

Through this partnership, NYCHA is able to maximize economic opportunity and career advancement for residents in its public housing developments."

In the pilot launch of the project, Robin Hood will provide \$750,000 in funding for three training organizations to provide training in janitorial and general construction work. Residents will be trained to begin their careers in Caretaker and light construction positions at NYCHA and with NYCHA contractors. NYCHA's Office of Resident Employment Services (RES) will conduct outreach and recruitment, provide preliminary assessment and assist with job placement.

"This effort is part of Robin Hood's broader effort to reduce poverty and boost the earnings of low-income New Yorkers," said David Saltzman, Executive Director of Robin Hood.

Recruitment for the Training Academy will begin later this summer. Interested residents can take advantage of other NYCHA RES opportunities. The phone number for RES is 718-289-8100.

St. Nicholas Houses Charter School Will Benefit All Residents through Job Opportunities and Community Center

Another recent success of NYCHA's Office of Public-Private Partnerships is the announcement of a new charter school for grades

kindergarten through 12th grade at St. Nicholas Houses in Manhattan, a joint effort between NYCHA and the Harlem Children's Zone (HCZ). The school will serve 1,300 students and is scheduled to open in September 2011. Children living in St. Nicholas Houses will have first preference for the entering kindergarten class.

The HCZ / St. Nicholas Houses Project follows the Obama administration's vision for community revitalization that challenges housing authorities to integrate housing, schools, commercial corridors, community facilities, improved infrastructure and transportation into neighborhood development plans.

"This facility will be the epitome of what NYCHA's Office of Public-Private Partnerships can accomplish," said Chairman Rhea. "The HCZ / St. Nicholas Houses Project significantly will enhance not just the development, but the surrounding community also."

HCZ anticipates the creation of approximately 100 long-term jobs at the new school, including teachers, administrative staff, security guards, maintenance workers and after-school program staff. They will recruit aggressively from residents of St. Nicholas Houses and the surrounding community to fill the anticipated openings. NYCHA also will work with HCZ to recruit St. Nicholas Houses residents

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NYCHA Board Meetings



Notice is hereby given that the New York City Housing Authority's (NYCHA) Board Meetings take place every other Wednesday at 10:00 am in the Board Room on the 12th floor of 250 Broadway, New York, New York (unless otherwise noted). The remaining meetings for Calendar Year 2010 are as follows:

July 7, 2010	October 13, 2010
July 21, 2010	October 27, 2010
August 4, 2010	November 10, 2010
August 18, 2010	November 24, 2010
September 1, 2010	December 8, 2010
September 15, 2010	December 22, 2010
September 28, 2010 (Tuesday)	

Any changes to the schedule above will be posted here and on NYCHA's website at www.nyc.gov/nycha to the extent practicable at a reasonable time before the meeting.

These meetings are open to the public. Pre-registration of speakers is required. Those who wish to register must do so at least forty-five (45) minutes before the scheduled Board Meeting. Comments are limited to the items on the Calendar. Speakers will be heard in the order of registration. Speaking time will be limited to three (3) minutes. The public comment period will conclude upon all speakers being heard or at the expiration of thirty (30) minutes allotted by law for public comment, whichever occurs first.

Copies of the Calendar are available on NYCHA's website or can be picked up at the Office of the Secretary at 250 Broadway, 12th floor, New York, New York, no earlier than 3:00 pm on the Friday before the upcoming Wednesday Board Meeting. Copies of the Disposition are also available on NYCHA's website or can be picked up at the Office of the Secretary no earlier than 3:00 pm on the Thursday after the Board Meeting.

Any person requiring a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the Board Meeting, should contact the Office of the Secretary at (212) 306-6088 no later than five (5) business days before the Board Meeting.

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In the Justice's Own Words

Following is the speech, as prepared, given by Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor on June 4, 2010.

I am so very grateful to the many people who participated in making this day possible. I thank Mayor Bloomberg, Chairman Rhea, Vice-Chairman Andrews, Member Margarita Lopez and the other Members of the New York City Housing Authority. I also thank the many residents who signed petitions, and everyone who worked to organize this event. Most importantly, I thank my mom, Celina, for having had the foresight to move our family to the Bronxdale Houses when I was three years old.

It is difficult to describe the emotions that I feel today. I lived in these Houses during the most formative years of my life. Memories from that period have been flooding my mind for the past month. It has been too long since I last visited.

After we first left this place and moved elsewhere in The Bronx, my family would come back often. Some of our closest friends continued to live here for many years. As time went by, my physical visits back became fewer, but I have always remained emotionally connected to these Houses.

Each time I drive south on Bruckner Boulevard, I see "my" projects. The first building I come to is 1825 Bruckner Boulevard – the building I moved into when I was three. From the highway, you can see the window of my corner unit on the seventh floor. My dad spent hours looking out of that window. When we first moved here, my dad's family thought we were moving to the middle of nowhere. There was something to that.

But my dad would look out the window and point

to the empty lots that surrounded the projects and tell me about the kinds of stores that would eventually be built on that land. One night, as we sat by the window, my dad pointed at the sky and told me that a man would someday land on the moon. He did not live long enough to see the stores built or to hear about the moon landing. But every time I drive by our building, I imagine my dad watching me from that window as I go by.

Driving further south on Bruckner, I come to the block of buildings that my grandparents lived in for awhile. Their building was only a block from our complex. But "my" block was my life, and visiting them was like going to another part of the world. Nevertheless, there were certain similarities. Like my father and I, my grandmother



Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg (left) and NYCHA Chairman John B. Rhea (right) congratulate Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor after her speech at the Justice Sonia Sotomayor Houses on June 4, 2010.

and I would often sit by the window and talk about the world we saw outside. Whenever I drive by her block, I imagine abuelita watching me as I go by.

As I drive still further, I pass the White Castle on Rosedale Avenue – the landmark that signifies the geographical end of the projects. Seeing it makes me recall the hamburger-eating competitions that my cousins and I would occasionally hold. (I should note that while I remember them fondly, these competitions are not something in which I would encourage kids to participate today.) Finally, as the White Castle recedes in the rearview

mirror, I think of the hours of laughter I enjoyed as a child, the happy sounds of the Bronxdale playgrounds ringing in my ears.

When I was told this event would be held at the Bronxdale Houses Community Center and that 300 people would attend, I knew it was physically impossible; the center I remembered was simply not that big. The community center of my youth was in the ground floor of the building – 1810 Watson Avenue – that we moved into after my dad died. Our second-floor apartment overlooked the entrance to that center, and I can tell continued on page 7 ▶

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 Frequency of use: Times per week _____ Hours per day _____
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 If yes, how often? _____

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In the Justice's Own Words

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you that center, in comparison to this one, was tiny.

Despite its limited size, the old center holds a place of enormous stature in my memories. One afternoon in the spring of 1968, I looked down from my second-floor window to see Robert F. Kennedy, the brother of President John F. Kennedy, who was coming to visit our community center. I had never before looked down on red hair that bright! A few days later, I went to the library to learn more about him, and I was captivated by his career. Through this chance encounter above the old community center, my interest in public service was awakened.

In learning that this new community center had taken the old center's place, I realized that, like a certain three-year-old girl who had lived there so many years ago, my projects had grown up. We had both gotten bigger, and with some attendant improvements. But along the way, we both have aged.

They were only a few years old when I moved into the Bronxdale Houses. Bright and cheery, they held out the promise of a better life for its residents, almost all of whom had, like my parents, come from tenements that had been condemned or were near condemnation. As I learned over time, however, it was not the physical space of the buildings that held out the greatest hope for us. It was the people who lived here who transformed these buildings into a community. The members of that community sustained each other and helped the next generation to grow.

Of my many childhood memories of these projects, the most enduring involve my neighbors. I remember vividly the Korean War veteran, John, who lived in our building. He often sat in front of the building in his wheelchair, watching us as we came

and went. I was so curious to know more about him but was too timid to ask questions. My mom asked for me, and I learned so much about life and its challenges from listening to their exchanges.

I also remember two grandmothers – one Jewish and one Black – who were raising their grandchildren in adjoining buildings. From them, I learned about the importance of family and how it translates in different cultures. I also observed the strength of those women as they faced the challenges of advancing age while raising their grandchildren on their own.

I remember Ana, the woman who looked after us while my mom worked and who is still my mom's best friend. There was also Eliza, who lived in the building next to ours and who, to help my mom and me, made my wedding dress. And I remember Christiana, who lived in the building on the other side of ours; I remember how she grieved after losing a son to the lure of drugs. From these people, I learned the importance of family and community, and I saw how the lessons of hope and the challenges to it helped us through our own life struggles.

It was here in these buildings, and in the community I just described, that I came into awareness – that I came into myself. On occasion I saw the worst in people here. More often, however, I saw the best in people here.

Today, these buildings are home to many other little Sonias and little Juans who are growing up in their own extended family. There are other moms and dads, other grandparents, other Anas, Elizas and Christianas, all struggling, surviving and growing in this place. It is still the people here that make these buildings a community. And through those people, the spirit of this place endures. Whatever growing pains attend the buildings' advancing age, this commu-

nity can answer the challenge.

For me, and for those who still live here, it is essential that the vibrancy of this community be maintained. I know the Mayor understands the struggles of this community, as do the members of the New York Housing

Authority. It is important for the broader community to remain committed to assisting the residents of this place so that other little Sonias will reach their dreams.

I am deeply humbled and touched that these Houses will now bear my name. I am

so grateful for all they have given me in my life. And I am honored to now be formally associated with this community. Thank you so much for sharing this joyous day with me and for creating another special memory of this very special place.



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NYCHA Chairman John B. Rhea (left of center) and United States Congressman Ed Towns (center) meet with NYCHA resident leaders and elected officials on June 12, 2010. Congressman Towns (D-Brooklyn) holds an annual get-together for NYCHA residents in his district that allows them to discuss issues directly with NYCHA and New York City Police Department Housing Bureau officials.

Prospect Plaza Revitalization Plan Takes the Next Step

The New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) has made it a priority to redevelop and revitalize Prospect Plaza in Brooklyn. To help achieve this goal, NYCHA held a three-day community planning workshop in June at the Van Dyke Community Center, attended by more than 100 former Prospect Plaza residents, community members, local leaders and elected officials.

The Re-Vision Prospect Plaza workshop gathered input from participants on

vision, goals, designs and implementation steps that provides a blueprint to make Prospect Plaza a vibrant place to live. The result of this collaboration was shared with stakeholders at the workshop's final presentation and will guide the redevelopment of Prospect Plaza. The community plan includes a mix of housing types, green space, community space and retail space.

Cerrone Williams, a former Prospect Plaza resident who currently lives in Baisley Park

in Queens, was one of the attendees at the workshop. "Business would definitely be good when things got started. You would get the residents and more people, and then business would move toward that," he said. "It seems like NYCHA was saying that they want the building to blend in with the community, which is good. (NYCHA) Chairman Rhea sounds like a man of his word. I appreciate that. It's a good first step and there's got to be other steps."

Young Students Display Their S-K-I-L-L-S at NYCHA Spelling Bee



(Left to right) Jelani Stuart, Toniann Williams, Deanna Consuegra, Terrel Heard, Tonyka Overby and Kiara Harley

Some of the brightest children who live in New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) residences showed off their abilities at the fifth annual NYCHA Citywide Spelling Bee on June 2. The human dictionaries stood poised under pressure and impressed the audience at the Williamsburg Community Center in Brooklyn with their vocabulary skills.

All winners will receive a \$200 savings bond, and the runners-up will receive a \$50 savings bond, sponsored by

the After-School All-Stars of New York.

The NYCHA Citywide Spelling Bee Champions were:

4th grade

Terrel Heard, Seth Low Community Center, winning word: latitude

5th grade Kiara Harley, Berry Community Center, winning word: icicles

6th grade Deanna Consuegra, Boston Secor Community Center, winning word: brokenhearted

The runners-up were:

4th grade Tonyka Overby, Gun Hill Community Center

5th grade Toniann Williams, Gun Hill Community Center

6th grade Jelani Stuart, Rutgers Community Center

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NYCHA Green Agenda: The World Watches How “Cool” We Are

into the environment.

Overall utility costs at the Bronx development peaked at \$7 million in 2008, but in 2009 the costs already were down to \$6.4 million. NYCHA Commissioner and Environmental Coordinator Margarita López, who runs the Authority’s thriving sustainability program, told the South African delegation that “‘Green’ brings green; it goes together.”

Households in the Castle Hill development cost NYCHA \$42 more than the Authority pays on average per month in energy and water costs. To address the aging building system infrastructure and its excessive energy consumption, Castle Hill Houses was chosen for the energy efficiency pilot program. The program included upgrading the existing aging central boiler plant and an associated heating distribution system,

and installation of apartment temperature sensors. The project also included upgrading all interior lighting in public spaces and apartments with more energy efficient lighting.

The Wireless Energy Modules, or apartment temperature sensors, have a built-in radio communication device that feeds back individual apartment temperatures into the Computerized Heating Automated System. This ensures the building zone valves are regulated for optimum heat distribution, which prevents over-heating conditions and improves the overall efficiency of the system and enhances residents’ comfort. The sensors also provide the ability to monitor the apartments’ electrical usage.

NYCHA’s Green Agenda is based on collaborative efforts with third party organizations.

Some of its key partners include the Clinton Climate Initiative and the Office of Long Term Planning and Sustainability which created PlaNYC 2030, Mayor Bloomberg’s long-term sustainability plan for New York City.

Any long-term strategic plan also must include residents as active partners. In less than a year, NYCHA has created 37 volunteer-based Resident Green Committees who play a critical role in helping the Authority achieve its sustainability goals of preserving public housing and the planet while reducing its operating costs. Each Resident Green Committee member signs a pledge to adopt a low-carbon lifestyle. Since its inception in 2007, the Green Agenda has allowed NYCHA to become more energy efficient, reduce its carbon footprint and fulfill the goal of

PlaNYC of making a Greener and Greater New York City.

Another component of PlaNYC in partnership with NYCHA’s Green Agenda is the Cool Roofs Program. This is an innovative effort to reduce cooling costs, energy usage and carbon emissions by applying reflective, white coating to rooftops. This city-wide program is designed to cool one million square feet of rooftop and NYCHA is one of the participating partners; the Housing Authority already has identified approximately 100,000 square feet of rooftop to be coated on its buildings.

“NYCHA is fully committed to identifying and implementing the most innovative and cost-efficient solutions to help reduce our impact on the environment,” said Commissioner López. “Through our Green Agenda, a series of green initiatives that reduce greenhouse gases and conserve

energy, NYCHA is adding the ‘Cool Roofs’ program, which will be vital in our continued efforts to preserving our planet and public housing for future generations.”

A cool roof absorbs 80 percent less heat than traditional dark colored roofs and can lower roof temperatures by up to 60 degrees and indoor temperatures by 10 to 20 degrees on hot days. The decrease in temperature reduces the need for air conditioning, lowering electric bills and reducing energy consumption. Cool roofs also can extend the life of a roof by five to 10 years by reducing the stress caused by extreme heat.

By participating in the Cool Roofs Program, and sharing the Green Agenda ideas with the world, the Housing Authority is taking proactive steps towards preserving public housing for generations to come.

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Public-Private Partnerships = Jobs for Residents

for construction jobs.

"We are excited to have this opportunity to create not just a great school and community center for the residents of St. Nicholas Houses, but to create a model for what public housing can offer people across the nation," said Geoffrey Canada, President and CEO of Harlem Children's Zone.

The school building also will serve as a neighborhood resource by providing available space for

community use, including making the school gym available afterschool and on weekends all year round. HCZ will offer free programming for children and adults. The building will have security 24 hours a day.

Construction is scheduled to start later this summer. For more information on the HCZ / St. Nicholas Houses Project, go to the Harlem Children's Zone website at www.hcz.org/stnicholas.



Free Music for Summer 2010

One of the best ways to enjoy the summer is to take in a concert outdoors. There are many free concerts this summer across the city in various styles, including jazz, rap and rock n' roll. Groups include the Black Eyed Peas as part of the Good Morning America Concert Series at Rumsey Playfield in Central Park on July 30 and Aretha Franklin in Brooklyn on August 9 and August 12. **NYCHA has compiled a list of all of them for your use, you can check it out at our website at www.nyc.gov/nycha.**

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