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Dear New Yorker,

Great news! Backed by your voice and the voices of thousands of other seniors and advocates across the five boroughs, the City Council succeeded in convincing Mayor Bloomberg and the Department for the Aging to work with all of us on a plan for upgrading and modernizing senior centers.

This is a big victory for our seniors. While the modernization of senior services in New York City is a good thing and something that many communities urgently need, the Administration's first plan could have made significant changes to our centers, some good, but many without our input and voice. And in this time of significant financial uncertainty, seniors need their centers now more than ever.

We would like to thank everyone who assisted us in this successful campaign.

We will now work with the new Aging Commissioner Dr. Lilliam Barrios-Paoli to carefully come up with a comprehensive plan to modernize senior services while maintaining the local neighborhood centers that so many of our seniors have grown to rely on. We will be sure to keep you updated on our work with the Commissioner moving forward.

Thank you again for helping to make this victory possible. For more information, please visit us online at [www.council.nyc.gov](http://www.council.nyc.gov). You may also call the Speaker's Office directly at (212) 788-7210.

Happy holidays!

Sincerely,

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Chair, Committee on Aging

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