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Bronx Day in Albany Celebrates Business, Culture and Community Impact

Event a Resounding Success, Showcasing the Bronx's Economic Strength and Opportunity Across New York State



*New York Governor Kathy Hochul Attends Bronx Day in Albany
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BRONX, NY — Bronx Day in Albany returned to the Capital Region for the first time in nearly a decade, bringing together business leaders, entrepreneurs, nonprofits, cultural institutions and policymakers to highlight the borough's economic impact and opportunities for growth across New York State.

Hosted by the **Bronx Chamber of Commerce** in collaboration with the New York State Senate and Assembly Bronx delegations, the full-day event featured policy discussions, business workshops and a cultural showcase highlighting the borough's businesses, cuisine and creative community. **New York Governor Kathy Hochul** attended the event, underscoring the growing attention on the Bronx's economic role and potential.

The day began with the **Leadership Luncheon**, which featured two panels focused on key economic issues affecting both the borough and the state: "Building the Bronx: Real Estate & Housing Solutions in a High-Cost Environment," and "Doing Business in New York: Costs, Constraints, and Competitiveness." Discussions explored the capital conditions needed to unlock development while preserving existing housing, as well as how rising costs and regulatory pressures affect employers, small businesses and long-term economic competitiveness.

Participants included **Sen. Nathalia Fernandez, Sen. Jamaal Bailey, Assemblymembers Chantel Jackson and Landon Dais**, along with housing and development leaders and representatives from statewide business organizations.

Bronx Day in Albany also featured state agency workshops and AI for Business training, connecting attendees with resources including grants, procurement opportunities, certification programs, compliance training and clean energy initiatives.

The event concluded with the **Business & Cultural Showcase**, where attendees explored exhibits from nearly 50 Bronx businesses and organizations spanning tourism, healthcare, entertainment, nonprofit services and cultural institutions. The showcase featured tastings from Bronx restaurants, bakeries and breweries, artisan vendors offering art, clothing and accessories, and live music by Bronx's own **DJ MadOut**.

The evening also featured the inaugural **Change Maker Awards**, recognizing community leaders nominated by Bronx elected officials for their impact across the borough.



The 2026 Change Maker Award Recipients and the Elected Officials Who Nominated Them

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Alphabetically: Bravo Supermarket (Assembly Member Yudelka Tapia); Bridge Builders Community Partnership Inc. (Sen. Luis R. Sepúlveda); Bronx Children's Museum (Sen. Jose M. Serrano); Cestra's Bakery (Assembly Member Michael Benedetto); Conti's Pastry Shoppe (Assembly Member John Zaccaro); DJ MadOut (Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie); Fix It With Piggy (Assembly Member Landon Dais); Johnson's BBQ (Assembly Member Chantel Jackson); Kingsbridge Riverdale Van Cortlandt Development Corp. (Assembly Member Jeffrey Dinowitz); Kingsbridge Social Club (Sen. Robert Jackson); Maravillas Bar & Grill (Assembly Member Emerita Torres); Taqueria Tlaxcalli (Assembly Member Karines Reyes); The Bronx Beer Hall (Sen. Gustavo Rivera); The Hoodspitality Group (Assembly Member Amanda Septimo); Travel with Chaz (Sen. Nathalia Fernandez); United Bodegas of America (Assembly Member George Alvarez); Williamsbridge NAACP CEC (Sen. Jamaal Bailey)

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Additional information about Bronx Day in Albany, including participating exhibitors and vendors, is available at www.bronxdayinalbany.com. To learn more about the Bronx Chamber of Commerce, visit www.bronxchamber.org.

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About Bronx Day in Albany 2026

Bronx Day in Albany 2026 is an event presented by the Bronx Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with Bronx businesses, nonprofits, and community partners. The one-day event showcases the Bronx's dynamic business community, cultural institutions, culinary talent, and creative entrepreneurs, connecting them with representatives from state agencies, statewide business leaders, and entities doing business across the state. Through a Leadership Luncheon, State Agency Workshops, and a Business Showcase & Tradeshow, Bronx Day in Albany advances opportunity and investment for the Bronx across New York State. For more information, visit www.bronxdayinalbany.com.

About The Bronx Chamber of Commerce

Founded in 1894, the Bronx Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to advocating for local businesses and promoting economic development in the Bronx through various initiatives and partnerships. As one of the most influential business organizations in New York City, the Bronx Chamber is a leader in economic and workforce development and an influential advocate for public policies that impact businesses. The Chamber offers a wide range of services, programs, and events to its membership, which includes Fortune 500 corporations, renowned cultural institutions, nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, hospitals and medical centers, and small to mid-sized businesses. For more information, visit www.bronxchamber.org.

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