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MAYORAL FORUM

**on COMMUNITY GARDENS AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY IN NYC:
*Reclaiming the Commons in the Service of Environmental & Social Justice***

New York, NY (20 March 2025] The New York City Community Garden Coalition (NYCCGC) and Loisaída United Neighborhood Gardens (LUNGS) will host a *Community Gardens' Mayoral Forum* on Saturday, **May 24th, Noon to 2:00pm, at St. Mark's Church-on-the-Bowery, 131 East 10th Street, Manhattan.** The event will highlight the role of community gardens in New York City's sustainability and environmental future.

The forum, moderated by internationally acclaimed food justice advocate Karen Washington,* aims to provide an open, educational platform engaging with important issues surrounding green spaces, urban agriculture, food insecurity, and climate resilience.

We will address the vital role of community gardens in New York's infrastructure, followed by a moderated Q&A with mayoral candidates. The event will also challenge the narrative that community gardens obstruct affordable housing development, exploring solutions to balance urban growth and green space preservation.

This forum offers candidates the opportunity to share their vision for a sustainable New York City and engage with voters passionate about community gardens, environmental justice, and sustainable urban policies.

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About NYCCGC & LUNGS:

The New York City Community Garden Coalition (NYCCGC) and Loisaída United Neighborhood Gardens (LUNGS) are dedicated to advocate for the protection, growth, and accessibility of community gardens throughout New York City, empowering residents and cultivating a sustainable urban environment.

**Karen Washington, Co-Founder of Black Urban Growers, La Familia Verde/Garden of Happiness & NYCCGC past president.*

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COMMUNITY GARDENS & GREEN SPACE
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Saturday May 24, 2025

Noon to 2 PM

St Mark's Church in-the-Bowery

131 East 10th Street, New York, NY 10003

A public education event moderated by Karen Washington,
hosted by NYCCGC and LUNGS.



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