GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
BOARD MEETING

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Public Comments for November 18, 2026, Board Meeting

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The public was encouraged to submit public comments via the comment form on www.GatewayProgram.org.

Name	Vincent Albanese
Organization	NYS Laborers
Comment Topic	continued prioritization and investment in Hudson Tunnel Project

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