

From: [Lauter, Rachel](#)
To: [Bill Hyers](#)
Subject: RE: Hey
Date: Monday, April 27, 2015 4:46:00 PM

Hey-

Great to meet you! Thanks much for the resumes. Please continue to send them over. Need em.

Hope to see you soon.

Best,
Rachel

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From: Bill Hyers [mailto:bhyers@hilltoppublicsolutions.com]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2015 4:05 PM
To: Lauter, Rachel
Subject: Hey

Hey,

It was good to meet you at inner circle, and I'm sure we saw each other at various things I have forgotten by now.

Congrats on getting over to appointments, should be a good place to play for a while. Ian who's over there is a friend, really grinded it out when we needed him too in 13.

I shoot over good resumes to folks over there when I see them, trying to keep a fresh set of folks for you when you have shit pop up. Rick and Emma, Phil, and several folks come to me directly quite often but I try to shoot stuff over there too.

I am sending a couple resumes your way, one is [REDACTED]. He came over on the campaign, has been working for me with Airbnb for a while now, but that was so he could move to California but his

girlfriend of many years got a job here so he's staying, and were going to scale back there pretty soon. He's really a grinder, does whatever is needed. There is a communications advisor I think in Burey's office and something else.

The other is [REDACTED] who I have known for a while. She a very smart environmental lawyer/policy person who's been working on water issues and all kinds of stuff like that for a while. She was part of the great lakes commission, all that jazz. She works for the County Exec in Madison Wi now and would love to come get involved in things that are going on in NYC, especially with the big announcement last week.

Thanks, glad your over there and let me know if you ever need anything!
Bill Hyers

From: [Prim, Hayley](#)
To: [Furnas, Benjamin](#)
Cc: ["snagourney@hilltoppublicsolutions.com"](mailto:snagourney@hilltoppublicsolutions.com)
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 5:05:46 PM

Ben—

Connecting you with Sam Nagourney, who is working with someone who has an unpaid bill into DCAS, and can send you further detail.

Thanks!
Hayley

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From: [Hayley Prim](#)
To: [Gann, Georgia](#)
Cc: [Garcia Luna, Erick](#); [John Del Cecato](#)
Subject: Re: RE:
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2015 2:58:42 PM

Hi Erick,

I think it would actually be best for you to connect directly with John del Cecato, who is working on The Progressive Agenda with me and is copied here. He can speak more in detail on the trade piece.

Let me know if I can be helpful moving forward. Thanks!

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From: Garcia Luna, Erick [mailto:Erick.Garcia.Luna@Minneapolismn.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2015 11:46 AM
To: Gann, Georgia; Yazgi, Stephanie
Subject: RE: RE:

Just got to my desk, call my cell phone when you have a minute.

Thank you!

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Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2015 10:28 AM

To: Yazgi, Stephanie; Garcia Luna, Erick

Subject: RE: RE:

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I'm at my desk: [\(202\) 624-5912](tel:(202)624-5912)

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From: Yazgi, Stephanie

Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2015 11:06 AM

To: Garcia Luna, Erick; Gann, Georgia

Subject: RE:

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Sorry...

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Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2015 11:06 AM

To: Gann, Georgia

Cc: Yazgi, Stephanie

Subject: Re: RE:

Is that CST?

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [John Del Cecato](#)
To: [Hayley Prim](#); [Gann, Georgia](#)
Cc: [Garcia Luna, Erick](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2015 3:10:07 PM

Hey Erick. Nice to e-meet you. Happy to chat on email or phone - numbers below. Thanks!

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To: "Gann, Georgia" <GGann@cityhall.nyc.gov>
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On Thu, May 7, 2015 at 4:17 PM, Wolfe, Emma <EWolfe@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:

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From: Norvell, Wiley
Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2015 04:16 PM
To: Schnake-Mahl, Gabriel; Wolfe, Emma; Walzak, Phil; Spitalnick, Amy (OMB); Adams, Marti
Subject: Jonathan Westin

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From: [Hayley Prim](#)
To: [Yazgi, Stephanie](#)
Subject: Re: ROS Details: May 12 Press Conference with Mayor de Blasio in Washington, DC
Date: Friday, May 08, 2015 6:10:53 PM

[REDACTED]

On Fri, May 8, 2015 at 6:11 PM, Hayley Prim <hprim@hilltoppublicsolutions.com> wrote:

[REDACTED]

On Fri, May 8, 2015 at 6:08 PM, Yazgi, Stephanie <syazgi@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:

From: Hayley Prim [hprim@hilltoppublicsolutions.com]
Sent: Friday, May 08, 2015 6:02 PM
To: snosakhare@oaklandnet.com
Cc: Yazgi, Stephanie
Subject: ROS Details: May 12 Press Conference with Mayor de Blasio in Washington, DC

Good Afternoon,

I am so glad that Mayor Schaaf will be able to join us on Tuesday next week to announce The Progressive Agenda with Mayor Bill de Blasio.

Attached you will find the Run of Show with details for the event.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Hayley

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From: [Carey, Michael](#)
To: ["Rebecca Katz"](#)
Subject: RE: Leg affairs address
Date: Monday, May 11, 2015 9:52:39 AM

1301 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Suite 350

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-----Original Message-----

From: Rebecca Katz [<mailto:rkatz@hilltoppublicsolutions.com>]
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2015 9:53 AM
To: Carey, Michael
Subject: Leg affairs address

Please send DC address for reporters. Thx.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Snyder, Thomas](#)
To: [John Del Cecato](#)
Cc: [jeani murray](#); [Rebecca Katz \(hilltoppublicsolutions.com\)](#); [John Davis](#); [Hayley Prim](#); [Aaron Pickrell](#)
Subject: Re: Any Update?
Date: Monday, May 11, 2015 7:43:44 PM

[REDACTED]

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On May 11, 2015, at 7:38 PM, John Del Cecato <jfdc@akpdmedia.com> wrote:

[REDACTED]

Begin forwarded message:

From: Peter Colavito <peter.colavito@seiu.org>
Date: May 11, 2015 at 6:48:01 PM EDT
To: Heather McGhee <hmcghee@demos.org>
Cc: John Del Cecato <jfdc@akpdmedia.com>, Deepak Bhargava <dbhargava@communitychange.org>
Subject: Re: Any Update?

Mary Kay will be there. Let us know how we can help too.
Thanks for
making this work.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 11, 2015, at 6:13 PM, Heather McGhee
<hmcghee@demos.org> wrote:

Hi John,

Glad to see the progress here, and to help as I can
this week. Any way that you can include the 3
issues in press statements announcing the event?

See you tomorrow at the presser.

-Heather

-----Original Message-----

From: John Del Cecato
[<mailto:jfdc@akpdmedia.com>]

Sent: Monday, May 11, 2015 5:18 PM

To: Heather McGhee

Cc: Deepak Bhargava; Peter Colavito

Subject: Re: Any Update?

Yes!

Good conversation. MBDB just filled me in.

Here's what will happen.

1. MBDB will announce during his kick-off remarks that the document we have represents the first step - but that we spoken to members of our coalition in recent days about a few other key issues - from expanding Social Security, to debt-free college, to tackling mass incarceration.

2. We're committed to those issues as well, and will be working to add those topics to the agenda going forward.

3. The document you see here is the work of weeks of conversations, discussions, etc - it's a basis from which we're starting.

4. Starting Tuesday night, I need your help in crafting the best possible language (big and bold -

but also language that we can connect to a specific policy) on each of these matters.

5. Assuming we get that done pretty quickly (and I think we will), on Wednesday, we will send out to the full coalition (including a bunch of new signers - this thing keeps growing and growing - good news!)

6. Our HOPE is that everyone will sign on in relatively short order. But we DO have to have a process here - MBDB was clear about that. We cannot appear to be just foisting them on this. I don't FORESEE any issues - but if there are holdouts, I'm going to need you guys to help me get them on board as soon as possible. We really don't want to lose folks, if at all possible.

7. I'm hopeful that we can get answers quickly - but some of these organizations take some time, have to run by their boards, etc. So that's why I hesitate saying it will be totally done by Friday - but MBDB thought if we all buckled down & pushed hard (but politely), we could get a lot of responses very quickly - so let's make Friday our GOAL.

Does that make sense?

And thanks for your help here!

On 5/11/15, 4:34 PM, "Heather McGhee" <hmcghee@demos.org> wrote:

I talked to Van and he said that BDB said that he would announce that

SS expansion, debt-free college and mass incarceration would be added

to the document by the end of the week.

If you can confirm that, John, I am deeply relieved and will get back

on the train both literally and figuratively to stand by the Mayor in DC tomorrow.

Also, if the only thing pushing it back to the end of the week as

opposed to tomorrow when the press is going to be generated is exact

language and sign-off, I'm happy to help you with organizing there as much as I can.

This has been a difficult process, but we are probably the stronger for it.

Thanks,

Heather

On May 11, 2015, at 3:20 PM, John Del Cecato
<jfdc@akpdmedia.com>
wrote:

MBDB was scheduled to talk to Van at 230 - let me see if I can get a

readout...

On 5/11/15, 3:09

PM, "Heather

McGhee"

< hmcghee@demoss.org

> wrote:

Thanks!

From: [Carey, Michael](#)
To: [Rebecca Katz \(hilltoppublicsolutions.com\)](mailto:Rebecca.Katz@hilltoppublicsolutions.com)
Cc: [John Del Cecato](#)
Subject: Re: Times for reporters
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 8:28:03 AM

130 and 200
We only have one room at office.

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On May 12, 2015, at 7:26 AM, Rebecca Katz <rkatz@hilltoppublicsolutions.com> wrote:

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From: [Confer, Alexis](#)
To: [Buery, Richard](#)
Cc: [Rebecca Katz \(hilltoppublicsolutions.com\)](#)
Subject: RE: Can you help me
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 10:52:21 AM

[REDACTED]

From: Buery, Richard
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 10:52 AM
To: Confer, Alexis
Cc: Rebecca Katz (hilltoppublicsolutions.com)
Subject: Re: Can you help me

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

On May 27, 2015, at 10:04 AM, Confer, Alexis <aconfer@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:

[REDACTED]

From: Rebecca Katz [<mailto:rkatz@hilltoppublicsolutions.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 09:58 AM
To: Buery, Richard; Confer, Alexis
Subject: Fwd: Can you help me

[REDACTED]

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From: Molly Ball <molly@theatlantic.com>
Date: May 27, 2015 at 9:56:27 AM EDT
To: Rebecca Katz <rkatz@hilltoppublicsolutions.com>
Subject: Can you help me

get in touch with a family that's benefited from pre-K?

Story is almost done, I swear!

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From: [Cutler, Dorothy](#)
To: ["Rebecca Katz"](#)
Subject: RE: Lunch with Deputy Mayor Buery
Date: Friday, September 04, 2015 2:48:13 PM

Thanks!

From: Rebecca Katz [<mailto:rkatz@hilltoppublicsolutions.com>]
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2015 2:47 PM
To: Cutler, Dorothy
Subject: Re: Lunch with Deputy Mayor Buery

Works!

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 4, 2015, at 2:46 PM, Cutler, Dorothy <DCutler@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:

What about the 17th at 12:30PM?

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From: Rebecca Katz [<mailto:rkatz@hilltoppublicsolutions.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2015 6:13 PM
To: Cutler, Dorothy
Subject: Re: Lunch with Deputy Mayor Buery

I just made a lunch appointment on that day. Another day later that week (not Wednesday)?

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On Sep 2, 2015, at 3:24 PM, Cutler, Dorothy <DCutler@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:

Deputy Mayor Buery now has a meeting with the First Lady on Thursday, September 10 at 1PM. Can we move the lunch to Tuesday, September 22 at 12:30PM? Please let me know. Thanks!

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From: [Rebecca Katz](#)
To: [Cutler, Dorothy](#)
Subject: Re: Tomorrow's Lunch
Date: Thursday, September 17, 2015 8:46:49 AM

Ok. And where?

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 17, 2015, at 8:26 AM, Cutler, Dorothy <DCutler@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:

As of now, he should be able to keep 12:30PM lunch – unless the hearing runs late.

Thanks!

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From: Rebecca Katz [<mailto:rkatz@hilltoppublicsolutions.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2015 8:15 PM
To: Cutler, Dorothy
Subject: Re: Tomorrow's Lunch

What time do you think he will be out? I would like to do an 11:30 call.

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On Sep 16, 2015, at 12:43 PM, Cutler, Dorothy <DCutler@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:

Just as an FYI: Deputy Mayor Buery is testifying at a Prenatal to Pre-K Hearing tomorrow morning at 10:30AM. I'm not sure how long it's going to take but hoping that he can keep lunch with you. I'll let you know.
Thanks!

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From: [Oppedisano, Joan](#)
To: ["rkatz@hilltoppublicsolutions.com"](mailto:rkatz@hilltoppublicsolutions.com)
Subject: lunch with Marco
Date: Friday, November 13, 2015 1:21:09 PM

Hi Rebecca

Hope all is well. Marco said you guys agreed to do lunch next week. Can we lock in Wednesday @ 1:00 @ le Pain?

Thanks

Joan

From: [Nicholas Baldick](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [P RAGONE](#); [FLONYC](#)
Subject: Re: At retreat
Date: Sunday, January 10, 2016 12:55:04 PM

I am on, opened the line

On Jan 10, 2016, at 12:51 PM, Bill de Blasio [REDACTED] > wrote:

Ok. We're ready now. Dial in as soon as able pls. Thanks

From: Nicholas Baldick <nbaldick@hilltoppublicsolutions.com>
Date: Sun, 10 Jan 2016 11:59:46 -0500
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Peter Ragone [REDACTED] >; Chirlane McCray <FLONYC@cityhall.nyc.gov>
Subject: Re: At retreat

Cool, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] *

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On Jan 10, 2016, at 11:37 AM, Bill de Blasio [REDACTED] > wrote:

Checking in. Still seeing if we can pull off, at least briefly. How about approx 12:45pm EST today. Nick can you kindly provide a conf call line. If that time doesn't work, let me know if another does for you two. Thanks

From: Nicholas Baldick
<nbaldick@hilltoppublicsolutions.com>
Date: Thu, 7 Jan 2016 21:40:48 -0500
To: Peter Ragone [REDACTED]
Cc: <[REDACTED]>; David Kieve <dkieve@hilltoppublicsolutions.com>; Chirlane McCray <FLONYC@cityhall.nyc.gov>
Subject: Re: At retreat

Can we do in the 11 AM to 6 PM EST window?

On Jan 7, 2016, at 1:35 PM, Peter Ragone
[REDACTED] wrote:

Sunday works for me anytime.

On Jan 7, 2016, at 10:22 AM, Bill de Blasio
<[REDACTED]> wrote:

Of course! I want to do a call with you and ragone and chirlane on sunday, to follow up on last discussion and to discuss retreat. Pls sched with me directly. Let me know what works for you and peter on sunday afternoon. Thanks

From: Nicholas Baldick
<nbaldick@hilltoppublicsolutions.com>
Date: Thu, 7 Jan 2016 13:18:17 -0500
To: [REDACTED] >
Cc: David Kieve<dkieve@hilltoppublicsolutions.com>; Chirlane McCray<FLONYC@cityhall.nyc.gov>
Subject: Re: At retreat

Can we discuss before the retreat

On Jan 7, 2016, at 1:08 PM,
Bill de Blasio
<[REDACTED]>
wrote:

Let's discuss further whether we should bite the bullet and bring Mirram into the fold. I want to argue the case, and that we should do sooner rather than later

Nick Baldick

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From: [Nicholas Baldick](#)
To: [Thomas Snyder](#)
Cc: [Jonathan Rosen](#); [jfdc](#); [Peter Ragone](#); [David Kieve](#); [Emma Wolfe](#); [PhilWalzak \(gmail.com\)](#); [Williams, Dominic](#); [Gabrielle Fialkoff](#); [N. Smith](#); [FLONYC](#); [Roxanne John](#); [Ross Offinger](#); [Anna Greenberg](#)
Subject: Re: Confirmed
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 3:05:57 PM
Attachments: [Draft Retreat Agenda 1.17.16.docx](#)

Draft Agenda Attached

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Mini Retreat
Sunday, January 17th, 2016
11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

GOALS OF THIS RETREAT: A clear-eyed look at 2017 and how we can create the most optimal route to reelection in 2016.

AGENDA:

- I. OPENER – Mayor de Blasio**
- II. FINANCE PLAN – Nick Baldick (15 minutes)**
- III. STRATEGIC PLAN & MESSAGE – Phil Walzak (40 minutes)**
- IV. BREAK**
- V. OUTREACH PLAN – Emma Wolfe (40 minutes)**
- VI. CITY HALL SCHEDULE & RESPONSIVENESS – Tom Snyder (30 minutes)**
- VII. SHAPING THE FIELD – Emma Wolfe & Nick Baldick (20 minutes)**
- VIII. THE STATE - STATE SENATE & STATE-CITY DYNAMICS – Emma Wolfe and Nathan Smith (30 minutes)**
- IX. CAMPAIGN FOR ONE NEW YORK - Jonathan Rosen (15 minutes)**
- X. CONCLUSION**

Materials / Presentations:

- 2016 Toplines Strategic Plan, Message Box (PW)
- Fundraising Plan (NB)
- State Strategy /State Senate (EW)
- Schedule Program (TS)
- 2016 Outreach Plan (EW)
- 2017 Scenarios (EW)

From: [Ross Offinger](#)
To: [Thomas Snyder](#)
Cc: [David Kieve](#); [Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca](#); [Arslanian, Kayla](#); [Szelena Gray](#); [Nick Baldick](#)
Subject: Re: Finance Update Memo 3.11.16
Date: Friday, March 11, 2016 3:51:48 PM

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| Wednesday, May 18, 16 | Marvin Schein | 6:30pm - 8:00pm |
| Thursday, June 2, 16 | Joe Dussich | 6:30pm - 8:00pm |
| Thursday, June 9, 16 | Steve Witkoff & Scott Alper | 6:30pm - 8:00pm |
| Tuesday, June 14, 16 | David Kramer, Ron Moelis, Von Speckelsen | 5:30pm - 7:00pm |

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 Ross Offinger
 c. 718.344.8025
 email - [REDACTED]

On Fri, Mar 11, 2016 at 3:40 PM, Thomas Snyder [REDACTED] > wrote:
 Again, what we need on this is the **TIME** of day for each of these, assuming you have that at this point.

On Fri, Mar 11, 2016 at 3:35 PM, Ross Offinger <[\[REDACTED\]](#)> wrote:

| DATE | EVENT/SOURCE |
|---------------------------|--|
| Tuesday, February 16, 16 | Finance Committee Meeting |
| Tuesday, February 23, 16 | Dinner w/Will Zeckendorf |
| Thursday, February 25, 16 | Dinner w/Fernando Mateo & Jim Ferraro |
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Here's the list of scheduled events. Happy to jump on the phone and walk through.

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thanks, really need this. Prisca still out sick so send to Kayla and to me who are a poor substitute for Prisca as schedulers.

On Fri, Mar 11, 2016 at 1:32 PM, David Kieve <dkieve@hilltoppublicsolutions.com> wrote:
Tom -

Thanks for flagging this. Ross will coordinate with Prisca as soon as MDB is done with today's call time. We will circle back with an update.

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 11, 2016, at 8:02 AM, Thomas Snyder [REDACTED] > wrote:

David/Ross - I note that some of these upcoming events are not yet on the mayor's schedule. Can you please indicate what time of day for these events so we can lock down? ASAP please.

On Thu, Mar 10, 2016 at 6:33 PM, David Kieve <dkieve@hilltoppublicsolutions.com> wrote:

This week's finance memo is attached. I'm on a plane with spotty wifi, so I'm attaching in word in addition to as a pdf, in case anyone flags any edits or changes that need to be made.

Hearing no objections, Ross will share this with the Mayor and review it at tomorrow morning's call time.

It was a good week on the fundraising side, with positive movement for both the State Senate and the Reelect. I understand that the Housing calls went well also.

Best,

David

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From: [Bill Hyers](#)
To: [Fink, Avi](#); [Hercules, Colicia](#)
Cc: meaghan@burdickgrp.com; parksc@ncpssm.org
Subject: RE: Max Richtman Meeting Request
Date: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 11:22:40 AM

Looping you with the folks who would like the meeting, Meaghan ect.

From: Fink, Avi [mailto:AFink@cityhall.nyc.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 1:15 PM
To: Hercules, Colicia; 'bhyers@hilltoppublicsolutions.com'
Subject: RE: Max Richtman Meeting Request

The topic is in the email I sent you earlier re: seniors and social security / medicare

From: Hercules, Colicia
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 1:13 PM
To: Fink, Avi; 'bhyers@hilltoppublicsolutions.com'
Subject: RE: Max Richtman Meeting Request

Thank you Avi

Mr. Hyers – please let me know the discussion topic for the meeting and we will get back to you, thank you

Colicia Hercules
Deputy Chief of Staff
Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services
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chercules@cityhall.nyc.gov

212-341-9489

From: Fink, Avi
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 11:53 AM
To: 'bhyers@hilltoppublicsolutions.com'; Hercules, Colicia
Subject: Max Richtman Meeting Request

Colicia –

I am copying Bill Hyers here to help coordinate this meeting with the Deputy Mayor.

Bill – Colicia is Lilliam's deputy chief of staff and handles her calendar.

Thanks!

AF

From: [Bill Hyers](#)
To: prvs=644fb3f4f=RFromberg@cityhall.nyc.gov
Subject: Out of the Office Re: Veolia
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 9:16:33 AM

I'm headed to Saratoga for opening weekend of the races in [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. I am going to be very spotty on email and calls.

From: [Fromberg, Rick](#)
To: [Sam Nagourney](#)
Cc: [Bill Hyers](#)
Subject: Re: Veolia
Date: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 8:07:30 PM

It'll be me and deloach. Just confirming times with him

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 5, 2015, at 6:28 PM, Sam Nagourney
<snagourney@hilltoppublicsolutions.com> wrote:

Checking in

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I can do 12 or 12:30 on the 11th. Let me try and run down the right person. I'll also call you back for more context, sorry for delay

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From: Sam Nagourney [mailto:snagourney@hilltoppublicsolutions.com]

Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 11:36 AM

To: Fromberg, Rick; Bill Hyers

Subject: Re: Veolia

They have another meeting in the City Hall area on Tuesday, Aug 11 from 1-1:45, so if you have any availability before or after, let me know. Otherwise happy to try for Wednesday or whatever works best for your schedule.

On Mon, Aug 3, 2015 at 12:07 PM, Sam Nagourney

<snagourney@hilltoppublicsolutions.com> wrote:

> Left you a voicemail but here are some of large scale projects they

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- >> To: Rick Fromberg <[REDACTED]>

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Subject: RE: Veolia
Date: Monday, August 10, 2015 5:10:09 PM

Lets do the Governors Room at City Hall

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Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 5:09 PM
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Circling back on meeting spot for tomorrow at 12

On Aug 7, 2015, at 2:18 PM, Sam Nagourney <snagourney@hilltoppublicsolutions.com> wrote:

Where do you want to meet? They can come to your office.

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In addition to the DEP, Veolia helped NYU expand their cogeneration program and reduce carbon emissions by 43k ton per year. The cogeneration program helped ensure that NYU had electricity, heat, and water during Superstorm Sandy.

They also worked closely with the New York Power Authority to conduct audits ranging from Grand Central Terminal to the Bronx Zoo. The audits helped the NYPA reduce energy usage, promote energy efficiency, and produce savings that helped everyday New Yorkers.

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From: [Fromberg, Rick](#)
To: ["Sam Nagourney"](#)
Subject: RE: veolia
Date: Monday, October 19, 2015 6:09:41 PM

Do you have their emails handy?

From: Sam Nagourney [mailto:snagourney@hilltoppublicsolutions.com]
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 5:06 PM
To: Fromberg, Rick
Subject: Re: veolia

Gerald Fitzgibbon
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From: [Fromberg, Rick](#)
To: gerald.fitzgibbon@veolia.com; mbyrnes@s1inc.com; david.gadis@veolia.com
Cc: [Goldstein, William](#)
Bcc: [Sam Nagourney](#); bhyers@hilltoppublicsolutions.com
Subject: Connecting
Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 11:45:11 AM

Bill-

As mentioned yesterday, I would like to connect you with the team from Veolia who have been working on a number of sustainability projects with DSNY and DEP, and would be great to connect with.

Team Veolia--As mentioned previously, Bill Goldstein is the Mayor's Senior Advisor for Recovery, Resiliency, and Infrastructure.

Thank you! Please let me know if I can be helpful in any way.

Rick

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Subject: Re: Confirmed
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 3:13:58 PM

and also HRC stuff

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Subject: Re: Confirmed
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 4:03:48 PM

Agree - No.

On Tue, Jan 12, 2016 at 3:49 PM, Phillip Walzak <[REDACTED]> wrote:
i dont think so....

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Should we have Geri come for that portion?

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i think we need to talk TPA 2.0, what it looks like and how it fits into overall plan

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From: [David Kieve](#)
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Cc: [Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca](#); [Nick Baldick](#)
Subject: Re: Candidate for Campaign Position - Szelena Gray
Date: Tuesday, February 02, 2016 1:53:06 PM

Thank you!

On Tue, Feb 2, 2016 at 1:29 PM, Thomas Snyder <[REDACTED]> wrote:
OK Friday 11am at Bar Toto 30 minutes.

On Tue, Feb 2, 2016 at 1:02 PM, David Kieve <dkieve@hilltoppublicsolutions.com> wrote:

She would be paid by the reelect and would be their only (for now at least) full time employee. While I understand completely the demands being made on MDB's time, I would really prefer to get her on the books this week, since from the time she starts, it is going to take her at least 3 weeks to get the first low-dollar event on the calendar, so realistically, we are already looking at the first week of March to start scheduling house parties.

How much call time is currently scheduled for Friday? I think squeezing her in for a half hour would be well worth it (although hopefully we would only really need 15-20 minutes).

Thanks Tom.

-David

On Tue, Feb 2, 2016 at 12:34 PM, Thomas Snyder <[REDACTED]> wrote:

She looks real strong. To be clear, who pays her, Re-elect or Hilltop? How badly does it have to be this week versus next week? If it has to be this week then either during his call time Friday in Brooklyn or possibly around 2pm Saturday at Gracie.

On Tue, Feb 2, 2016 at 12:03 PM, David Kieve <dkieve@hilltoppublicsolutions.com> wrote:
Tom,

Nick and I have interviewed a candidate who we feel would be a strong fit for a position with the reelect campaign. Szelena Grey held senior roles with both the Mayday PAC and with Larry Lessig's Presidential Campaign. We find her to be smart, detail focused and very impressive.

We believe that she is well qualified - in fact, overqualified, to be perfectly candid - to help with low-dollar events, and that she would also help make sure that the trains run on time, and that as we look ahead to 2017, she will add value to our organization by helping our campaign grow.

We know that SOTC will take up a great deal of the Mayor's time this week, but if we could find some time for him to meet with Szelena, ideally in person, but over the phone if that can't be arranged, we would appreciate it. Obviously, time is of the essence here, since we have laid out an

ambitious low-dollar goal, and if we are going to get there, we need a staffer on the ground who is focused every day on helping us get there. Because we anticipate whoever fills this role spending a good chunk of time with the Mayor, we think it is important that he personally feel that that person is a good fit.

Let me know if this is workable, and if so, I'd be happy to connect Szelenia directly with you or with whoever you think we should be in touch with to arrange the interview.

Thank you.

-David

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From: [Szelenia Gray](#)
To: [Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca](#); [David Kieve](#)
Cc: [Nick Baldick](#)
Subject: Re: Friday at 11:00 AM in Park Slope?
Date: Friday, February 05, 2016 11:05:26 AM

Sure thing. You can reach me at [REDACTED]
On Fri, Feb 5, 2016 at 11:03 AM Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca <PSalazar-Rodriguez@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:

Due to the Police Shooting and Crane collapse this morning – I need to move our meeting around for today.

What is your cell so I can call you later to have you meet up with the Mayor.

Thanks!

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2016 8:15 AM
To: Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca; David Kieve
Cc: Thomas Snyder; Nick Baldick
Subject: Re: Friday at 11:00 AM in Park Slope?

No problem, I'll be there.

Thanks,
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On Thu, Feb 4, 2016 at 11:44 PM Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca <PSalazar-Rodriguez@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:

Szelenia,

Apologies for the late notice but have to move out meeting to 1230pm. Same location. Thanks.

Prisca.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 2, 2016, at 2:06 PM, David Kieve <dkieve@hilltoppublicsolutions.com> wrote:

Szelenia,

Might 11:00 AM on Friday work for you for a quick face-to-face with the Mayor to get acquainted and chat about the role on his campaign that we've been discussing with you?

I've copied Prisca Salazar and Tom Snyder on this email. Prisca is in charge of scheduling for the Mayor, and Tom is his Chief of Staff.

Thank you, and please let me know if this time won't work for you.

Best,

David

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From: [David Kieve](#)
To: [Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca](#)
Cc: [Nick Baldick](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Friday, February 05, 2016 1:14:08 PM

Thanks so much for the update. We appreciate it, Prisca.

Best,

David

On Fri, Feb 5, 2016 at 12:50 PM, Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca <PSalazar-Rodriguez@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:

MBDB is meeting with Szelenia at 315 for coffee.

She is aware.

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From: [Blitzer, Hannah](#)
To: ["Bill Hyers"](#)
Subject: RE: Hayley suggested I reach out
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 1:06:28 PM

Thanks – I nudged again...

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From: Bill Hyers [mailto:bhyers@hilltoppublicsolutions.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 12:29 PM
To: Blitzer, Hannah
Subject: RE: Hayley suggested I reach out

Hi Hannah,

I just wanted to circle back on this. It seems the folks at Veolia haven't heard yet from anyone at NYCHA. Would it be possible to give them another nudge? I know how busy everyone is, so even if it takes a bit to set up, would love to get the ball rolling.

Thanks again for your help with this,

Bill

From: Blitzer, Hannah [mailto:HBlitzer@cityhall.nyc.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2016 3:54 PM
To: 'Bill Hyers' <bhyers@hilltoppublicsolutions.com>
Subject: RE: Hayley suggested I reach out

No prob!

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From: Bill Hyers [mailto:bhyers@hilltoppublicsolutions.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 3:52 PM
To: Blitzer, Hannah
Subject: RE: Hayley suggested I reach out

Thanks! Really appreciate it!

It's Shaina Dinsdal Shaina.dinsdale@veolia.com [REDACTED]

On Feb 3, 2016 12:38 PM, "Blitzer, Hannah" <HBlitzer@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:

Hi Bill,

I'm happy to help set up a meeting. I think it would make the most sense for the Veolia folks to meet with Mike Rosen, Acting EVP for Capital Projects, and Bomee Jung, Vice-President for Energy and Sustainability. If you forward me the Veolia contact I can have someone from NYCHA reach out to schedule.

Thanks!

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From: Bill Hyers [mailto:bhyers@hilltoppublicsolutions.com]

Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 10:36 AM

To: Blitzer, Hannah

Subject: Hayley suggested I reach out

Hi Hannah,

Hayley Prim works with me at Hilltop and suggested I reach out to you since she is still not able to communicate directly with City hall until April.

We have been doing work with Veolia, an international company that does work around waste management, water services, and energy-- and they have a headquarters in NYC.

They have worked with NYCHA in the past on different RFPs, but have not gotten to know the new leadership under this administration. I think they have a lot to offer, especially around energy, which I know is a major focus in solving some of NYCHA's issues.

We were hoping to set up a meeting for the leadership at Veolia with Michael Kelly if possible. I think that even just a brief meeting for them to talk to him about what they have worked on in the past, and how they could work with NYCHA in the future would be a help all around.

Happy to chat further on this, or if you think someone else makes more sense, I'm all ears.

Thanks,

Bill

From: [Thomas Snyder](#)
To: [Ross Offinger](#)
Cc: [David Kieve](#); [Kevin O'Brien](#); [Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca](#)
Subject: Re: Call Time
Date: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 10:31:33 AM

Cat will be with him on Saturday at Gracie. We just need a call list for him.

On Wed, Mar 9, 2016 at 10:11 AM, Ross Offinger [REDACTED] > wrote:
Is someone from TPA coming on Saturday?

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 9, 2016, at 9:49 AM, Thomas Snyder [REDACTED] > wrote:

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> We have altered the mayor's call time on Friday. It will be 10am - 2:30pm. On Saturday he is having a TPA donor meeting for an hour and then we've added 3 - 4pm call time. Since its at Gracie, any calls he makes there will have to be either TPA or Affordable Housing. The Friday call time therefore can be all re-elect and Senate.

From: [Hayley Prim](#)
To: [Champion, Vanessa](#)
Subject: Quick Question
Date: Friday, June 17, 2016 1:47:53 PM

Hey Vanessa--

I hope you're well!

I had a quick work question for you related to the city's IT needs. Do you have anytime to chat this afternoon or Monday?

Thanks!
Hayley

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Hayley Prim
Hilltop Public Solutions


From: [Confer, Alexis](#)
To: ["Hayley Prim"](#)
Subject: RE: Quick work Q
Date: Friday, June 24, 2016 3:58:11 PM

Yes! Now?

From: Hayley Prim [mailto:hprim@hilltoppublicsolutions.com]
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2016 11:11 AM
To: Confer, Alexis
Subject: Re: Quick work Q

Free today anytime?

On Thu, Jun 23, 2016 at 12:30 PM, Confer, Alexis <aconfer@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:
Yeah, I'm a little hectic til around 4.

From: Hayley Prim [mailto:hprim@hilltoppublicsolutions.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2016 7:44 PM
To: Confer, Alexis
Subject: Re: Quick work Q

Could you do sometime in the afternoon? I'm tied up until around 1, but then free after that.

On Wednesday, June 22, 2016, Confer, Alexis <aconfer@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:
Yes, of course. It was so nice seeing you. I have one weekend left...

What time works tomorrow?

From: Hayley Prim [mailto:hprim@hilltoppublicsolutions.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2016 3:03 PM
To: Confer, Alexis
Subject: Quick work Q

Hey!

I hope you're well, and surviving the madness of the final days of your play! :)

I had a quick work question for you related to the city's IT needs/education-- basically around creating efficiencies, and the need there. Do you have anytime to chat this week?

Thanks!

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Hayley Prim
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From: [David Kieve](#)
To: [Nicholas Baldick](#)
Cc: [Khanyile-Lynch, Celi](#)
Subject: Re: C. Reform
Date: Wednesday, June 29, 2016 5:38:17 PM

Wednesday is no good for me, but I can make any of the Thursday times work. If you have times that work for everyone else but aren't in Nick's window, we're comfortable with me covering the call for Hilltop.

Thanks Celi.

-David

On Wed, Jun 29, 2016 at 5:35 PM, Nicholas Baldick
<nbaldick@hilltoppublicsolutions.com> wrote:
I can do Thursday 1130 am - 1230 pm EST

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On Jun 29, 2016, at 5:32 PM, Khanyile-Lynch, Celi <CLynch@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:

I'm trying to reschedule this meeting –

Are you both available during the following windows:

- Wednesday, July 6, 11am-12pm or anytime b/t 2-4pm
- Thursday, July 7, 10:00am-12:30pm or 3:30-4:30pm

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Subject: RE: Campaign Reform Meeting
Date: Wednesday, July 06, 2016 3:21:29 PM

Good for all

From: Khanyile-Lynch, Celi
Sent: Wednesday, July 06, 2016 3:18 PM
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From: [Rebecca Katz](#)
To: [FLONYC](#)
Subject: Why Finland's Newborns Sleep in Cardboard Cribs - NYTimes.com
Date: Thursday, July 07, 2016 9:56:50 PM

Remember this idea?
I still believe it's worth a push.

<http://mobile.nytimes.com/2016/07/07/world/what-in-the-world/finland-baby-box.html?smid=fb-nytimes&smtyp=cur&smvar=withw2&referrer=http://m.facebook.com>

Hope you are well.

Xoxo,
RKK

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The following works for JPL:

7/7 – 12:30 – 2pm

7/8 – 4-5pm

7/11 – 12-1

Thank you.

Claudia Gil | 212-788-3679

From: dkieve@hilltoppublicsolutions.com [<mailto:dkieve@hilltoppublicsolutions.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 06, 2016 3:25 PM
To: Berger, Henry
Cc: Khanyile-Lynch, Celi; O'Brien, Kevin; Seignious, Sandy; Markham, Max; McMoore, Marvin; Darlington, Mandy (OMB); Gil, Claudia; Lupo, Jon Paul; nbaldick@hilltoppublicsolutions.com; Laurence Laufer; Aidinoff, Charles
Subject: Re: Campaign Reform Meeting

I will make any of those work.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 6, 2016, at 2:21 PM, Berger, Henry <HBerger@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:

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Sent: Wednesday, July 06, 2016 3:18 PM
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To: ["robert.marinelli@hpmarin.com"](mailto:robert.marinelli@hpmarin.com)
Bcc: [Hayley Prim](#)
Subject: RE: Introductions by way of Hayley Prim
Date: Tuesday, July 12, 2016 2:56:32 PM

(moving Hayley to bcc)

Hi Robert,

I am checking with the NYCHA folks and in the meantime I'm happy to chat with you and learn more about your firm.

Are you available Thursday after 1:30pm or Friday between 11:30am and 2:00pm?

Best,
Hannah

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Sent: Monday, July 11, 2016 8:57 AM
To: Blitzer, Hannah
Cc: Hayley Prim
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Ms. Blitzer,

My name is Robert Marinelli, and I am a Managing Partner with the HP Marin Group. Our firm is a boutique Strategic Consultancy focused on technology with a particular differentiated solution know as Legacy Modernization/Maintenance; the value proposition has to do with reducing costs and risks associated with many of the City's applications and systems. We achieve this with the use of our unique technology and experienced consultants. We are seeing interests from other Agencies within the City, and was hoping to either meet with you, or be referred to the appropriate person in your Agency. That person would ideally have budgetary responsibility for technology based projects.

I am available upon your request, and look forward to meeting and/or speaking with you.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Best regards,

Robert

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Subject: RE: Campaign Reform Meeting
Date: Monday, July 11, 2016 11:59:15 AM

Pls gather in the COW and dial-in.

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Khanyile-Lynch, Celi

Sent: Wednesday, July 06, 2016 5:46 PM

To: Khanyile-Lynch, Celi; Aidinoff, Charles; Berger, Henry; O'Brien, Kevin; Schnake Mahl, Gabriel; Seignious, Sandy; Markham, Max; McMoore, Marvin; Wolfe, Emma; Walzak, Phil; Williams, Dominic; Snyder, Thomas; Lauter, Rachel; Darlington, Mandy (OMB); Gil, Claudia; Lupo, Jon Paul; 'dkieve@hilltoppublicsolutions.com'; Ryan, Kristine; 'nbaldick@hilltoppublicsolutions.com'; 'Laurence Laufer'; Fuleihan, Dean (OMB); Collins-McNeil, Christopher

Subject: Campaign Reform Meeting

When: Monday, July 11, 2016 12:00 PM-1:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: COW, City Hall; Dial-in: [REDACTED]; Access Code: [REDACTED]

From: [Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca](#)
To: [Aidinoff, Charles](#); [Berger, Henry](#); [O'Brien, Kevin](#); [Schnake Mahl, Gabriel](#); [Thornton, Demetrius](#); [Seignious, Sandy](#); [Markham, Max](#); [McMoore, Marvin](#); [Wolfe, Emma](#); [Walzak, Phil](#); [Williams, Dominic](#); [Snyder, Thomas](#); [Lauter, Rachel](#); [Darlington, Mandy \(OMB\)](#); [Gil, Claudia](#); [Lupo, Jon Paul](#); ["dkieve@hilltoppublicsolutions.com"](#); [Ryan, Kristine](#); [Viguers, Jonathan](#); ["nbaldick@hilltoppublicsolutions.com"](#); ["Laurence Laufer"](#); [Fuleihan, Dean \(OMB\)](#); [Collins-McNeil, Christopher](#); [Khanyile-Lynch, Celi](#); [Caquias, Paula](#); [Gonzalez, Melissa](#); [Jonathan Rosen](#)
Cc: ["nbaldick@hilltoppublicsolutions.com"](#); [Fuleihan, Dean \(OMB\)](#)
Subject: RE: MBDB: Reform Meeting
Date: Thursday, July 14, 2016 4:23:38 PM

Apologies, But this meeting will be rescheduled.

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca

Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2016 7:59 AM

To: Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca; Aidinoff, Charles; Berger, Henry; O'Brien, Kevin; Schnake Mahl, Gabriel; Thornton, Demetrius; Seignious, Sandy; Markham, Max; McMoore, Marvin; Wolfe, Emma; Walzak, Phil; Williams, Dominic; Snyder, Thomas; Lauter, Rachel; Darlington, Mandy (OMB); Gil, Claudia; Lupo, Jon Paul; 'dkieve@hilltoppublicsolutions.com'; Ryan, Kristine; Viguers, Jonathan;

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Subject: MBDB: Reform Meeting

When: Thursday, July 14, 2016 3:30 PM-5:30 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: Gracie Mansion - Call In # [REDACTED] Code: [REDACTED]

From: [Buery, Richard](#)
To: ["Rebecca Katz"](#)
Subject: RE: Whirlpool Care Counts Improves Attendance In Schools
Date: Monday, August 22, 2016 1:16:47 PM

Cool - didn't know this program existed! Going to share with our team

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-----Original Message-----

From: Rebecca Katz [<mailto:rkatz@hilltoppublicsolutions.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2016 8:04 PM
To: Buery, Richard
Subject: Whirlpool Care Counts Improves Attendance In Schools

Hey there -

Hope all is well. Saw this and thought about our community schools...

http://www.scarymommy.com/whirlpool-care-counts-improves-attendance-in-schools/?utm_source=FB

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Hayley Prim](#)
To: [Pasion, Cathy](#); [Kalule-Sabiti, Saami](#); [Klein, Lauren](#)
Subject: Re: CH2M
Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 1:24:49 PM

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To: [Pasion, Cathy](#)
Cc: [Kalule-Sabiti, Saami](#); [Klein, Lauren](#)
Subject: Re: CH2M
Date: Thursday, October 20, 2016 2:46:18 PM

Good Afternoon--

Would it be possible for the leadership at CH2M to meet with someone from City Hall so they can learn more about the city's greenhouse emission goals?

Thanks,
Hayley

On Tue, Oct 4, 2016 at 1:57 PM, Hayley Prim <hprim@hilltoppublicsolutions.com> wrote:

Circling back. Would this be possible?

On Wed, Sep 28, 2016 at 12:36 PM, Hayley Prim <hprim@hilltoppublicsolutions.com> wrote:

Hi Cathy,

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From: [Hayley Prim](#)
To: [Robertson, Garrett](#)
Cc: [Rotondi, Eric](#)
Subject: Re: Contact from KC
Date: Wednesday, August 24, 2016 10:54:58 AM

Sorry to bother, just wanted to check back in?

On Mon, Aug 15, 2016 at 10:27 AM, Hayley Prim

<hprim@hilltoppublicsolutions.com> wrote:

Hey guys-- Just wanted to circle up on this. Let me know what works. Thanks!

On Wed, Aug 10, 2016 at 5:06 PM, Hayley Prim <hprim@hilltoppublicsolutions.com> wrote:

Hello!

I know Eric from way back. Thanks for looping us all together. Would love to chat whenever is convenient.

Thanks!

On Wed, Aug 10, 2016 at 5:02 PM, Robertson, Garrett

<robertsong@hra.nyc.gov> wrote:

Thank you Hayley.

Adding Eric Rotondi here, who can help speak to overlap between HP Marin's work and any needs on our end.

Thank you,

A Garrett Robertson

Deputy Outreach Director

Public Engagement Unit

robertsong@hra.nyc.gov

From: Hayley Prim [mailto:hprim@hilltoppublicsolutions.com]

Sent: miércoles, 10 de agosto de 2016 12:18 p.m.

To: Robertson, Garrett

Subject: Contact from KC

Hey Garret!

KC said he spoke to you last night about a client that I have been working with for the past couple of months.

In a nutshell, the name of the firm is HP Marin and it is a strategic consulting firm that operates in the technology space. It is applications/systems focused, and the value of the work is in substantially reducing risk, cost and time associated with modernization and/or transformation efforts.

They have done some work with the Ohio state pension system in the past, and have worked with major credit unions, banks, retirement systems, etc. and are looking to meet with appropriate individuals from the Administration

Would love the opportunity to talk to you a bit more if possible.

Let me know if that would work.

Thanks!

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From: [Hayley Prim](#)
To: [Quddus, Nadia](#)
Subject: Re: Meeting with Michael Owh
Date: Thursday, October 06, 2016 4:44:50 PM

thanks Nadia-- I am going to put you all on a chain together. appreciate your help!

On Thu, Oct 6, 2016 at 4:43 PM, Quddus, Nadia <NQuddus@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:

Hi Hayley,

I apologize, the date no longer works. Please have Spruce contact me directly and I can help coordinate a time for the week of October 17th. Thank you!

Best Regards,

Nadia Quddus

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From: Hayley Prim [mailto:hprim@hilltoppublicsolutions.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2016 3:29 PM

To: Quddus, Nadia
Subject: Re: Meeting with Michael Owh

Hi Nadia,

I am very sorry for the delay. I wanted to confirm that the 14th at 1pm would work well for Spruce. Can we confirm?

On Mon, Oct 3, 2016 at 4:15 PM, Hayley Prim <hprim@hilltoppublicsolutions.com> wrote:

no problem!

I most likely would not be attending with Spruce. Let me reach out to them to see if that time works, and I can connect you all directly for coordination. I appreciate your help with this!

On Mon, Oct 3, 2016 at 3:13 PM, Quddus, Nadia <NQuddus@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:

Hi Hayley (I'm so sorry about below!)

This is certainly possible. Will you be joining your client at the meeting? And Michael has some time next Friday to meet, possibly from 1-2pm? Please let me know if that time works.

Best,

Nadia

From: Hayley Prim [mailto:hprim@hilltoppublicsolutions.com]

Sent: Monday, October 03, 2016 3:09 PM

To: Quddus, Nadia

Subject: Re: Meeting with Michael Owh

Hi Nadia,

Thanks for the quick email. Hilltop is a public affairs firm based in Brooklyn, but I am actually reaching out on behalf of one of my clients called [Spruce Technologies](#). The leadership at Spruce has done work in the city in the past, and has expertise in contract management, case management, and managing CRM systems, among others.

They were simply looking to get an introductory meeting with MOCS to learn a bit more about the procurement process. Let me know if this would be possible or if you require any additional information.

Thanks,

Hayley

On Mon, Oct 3, 2016 at 2:55 PM, Quddus, Nadia <NQuddus@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:

Hi Hillary,

As we discussed over the phone I can help you schedule a meeting with Michael Owh, Director of the Mayor's Office of Contract Services. Before doing so, may you please tell me what you hope to gain from a one on one with Michael and explain a bit more about your company, Hilltop Public Solutions? I look forward to hearing from you!

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From: [Viguers, Jonathan](#)
To: [Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca](#); [Lauter, Rachel](#); [O'Brien, Kevin](#); [Snyder, Thomas](#); [Khanyile-Lynch, Celi](#); [Wolfe, Emma](#); [Walzak, Phil](#); [Williams, Dominic](#); [Berger, Henry](#); [Nick Baldick](#); [David Kieve](#); [laufer@kantordavidoff.com](#); [Caquias, Paula](#)
Subject: RE: MBDB: Decision Memo re: Campaign Reform
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2016 4:58:27 PM

We're delayed. Pls stand by.

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca

Sent: Monday, June 20, 2016 10:20 AM

To: Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca; Lauter, Rachel; O'Brien, Kevin; Snyder, Thomas; Khanyile-Lynch, Celi; Wolfe, Emma; Walzak, Phil; Williams, Dominic; Berger, Henry; Viguers, Jonathan; Nick Baldick; David Kieve; laufer@kantordavidoff.com; Caquias, Paula

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Where: City Hall, The Blue Room - Call In #: [REDACTED] Code: [REDACTED]

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Subject: RE: Campaign Reform Meeting
Date: Wednesday, July 06, 2016 3:21:29 PM

Good for all

From: Khanyile-Lynch, Celi
Sent: Wednesday, July 06, 2016 3:18 PM
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The following works for JPL: ■

7/7 – 12:30 – 2pm

7/8 – 4-5pm

7/11 – 12-1

Thank you.

Claudia Gil | 212-788-3679

From: dkieve@hilltoppublicsolutions.com [<mailto:dkieve@hilltoppublicsolutions.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 06, 2016 3:25 PM
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I will make any of those work.

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On Jul 6, 2016, at 2:21 PM, Berger, Henry <HBerger@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:

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Subject: Calendar 2016
Date: Thursday, January 21, 2016 11:56:47 AM
Attachments: [Draft Year Calendar 2016.doc](#)

Attached is final draft 2016 calendar. Very few of you have added any items. We really need to get this right so please take one hard look and send me additions before I forward to Mayor.

| ◀ December ~ January 2016 ~ February ▶ | | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | | | | 1 New Year's Day Kwanzaa end | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 *Mayor's interfaith Breakfast | 6 *Three Kings Day 39 th Annual of El Museo Del Barrio | 7 | 8 *Judge Sylvia Ash & Family's Sip and Chat | 9 Brooklyn 3 Kings Day Event |
| 10 | 11 *Human Trafficking Awareness | 12 President Obama State of the Union Speech | 13 *State of the State Speech | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 *NBC News Democratic Primary Debate | 18 Martin Luther King | 20 *Session Day in Albany | 21 *Prelim Budget Day *Session Day in Albany | 22 | 23 | |
| 24 | 25 *Session Day in Albany | 26 *Session Day in Albany | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 *Alfalfa Club Dinner |
| 31 | Notes: | | | | | |

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| 28 | 29 *Session Day in Albany | Notes: MOSPCE Events in February 2016: 1- Mayor's Fund Dinner (GF to suggest date). |
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| ~ March 2016 ~ | | | | | | |
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| ◀ February | | | | | | April ▶ |
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | 1 *Session Day in Albany * Super Tuesday (AL, Samoa, AR, CO, GA, MA, MN, OK, TN, TX, VT, VA) | 2 *Session Day in Albany | 3 *CC Land Use Committee vote on Housing + Full CC vote | 4 | 5 *KS, LA, NB, Caucus/primaries |
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| 6 *ME Caucus | 7 *Session Day in Albany | 8 *International Women's Day *Session Day in Albany *MI, MS Primary | 9 *Women History Month/CGE Event at Gracie *Session Day in Albany * Final D Primary Debate | 10 *Women's City Leaders Dinner * Partnership for NYC | 11 | 12 |
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| 13 *Daylight Saving Time Begins | 14 *Session Day in Albany | 15 *Session Day in Albany *FL, IL, Missouri, NC, OH Primaries | 16 *Session Day in Albany | 17 *St. Patrick's Day Parade Breakfast *Session Day in Albany | 18 | 19 |
| | | | | | SOMOS Conference in Albany- 03/18-03/20 | |
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| 20 Spring begins (Northern) | 21 *Session Day in Albany | 22 *Session Day in Albany *AZ, ID, UT pri/caucus | 23 *Session Day in Albany *Purim begins | 24 *Purim ends | 25 *Good Friday | 26 *AK, HI, WA Caucus |
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| 27 *Easter | 28 *Session Day in Albany | 29 [REDACTED] *Session Day in Albany | 30 *Session Day in Albany | 31 *Session Day in Albany | Notes: MOSPCE Events in March 2016: 1- Spring Equinox Event |
| [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | | | | |

| ~ April 2016 ~ | | | | | | |
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| ◀ March | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
| Notes: MOSPCE Events in April 2016: 1- Gracie Mansion Conservancy Open House 2- Mental Health World Summit | | | | | | 2 |
| | | | | | | 1 *Beginning of New Fiscal Year |
| 3 | 4 *Session Day in Albany | 5 *Session Day in Albany *WI Primary | 6 *Session Day in Albany | 7 *World Health Day *Greek Independence Reception *Police Foundation Gala | 8 | 9 *WY Caucus |
| | | | | | [REDACTED] | |
| 10 *Greek Independence Day Parade | 11 *Session Day in Albany | 12 *City Council Reception *Session Day in Albany | 13 *JCRC of NY 40 th Anniversary Gala Dinner *Session Day in Albany | 14 | 15 *Tax Day (Taxes Due) | 16 |
| [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | | | Tribeca Film Festival- 4/13-4/24 | | |

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| 17 | 18 | 19 * NY Primary (inc. Nassau) | 20 *Immigrant Heritage Panel & Breakfast | 21 | 22 *Earth Day | 23 |
| Tribeca Film Festival- 4/13-4/24 | | | | | | |
| 24 | 25 | 26 *CT,DE,MD,PA,RI Primaries *Executive Budget Due | 27 | 28 | 29 [REDACTED] | 30 *MBdB Inner Circle Dinner Reception |

| ~ May 2016 ~ | | | | | | |
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| ◀ April | | | | | | June ▶ |
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| 1 | 2 | 3 Session Day in Albany * IN Primary | 4 *Session Day in Albany | 5 *Cinco De Mayo *Session Day in Albany [REDACTED] | 6 [REDACTED] | 7 |
| 8 *Mother's Day *Bill de Blasio's B-Day | 9 *Session Day in Albany | 10 *Session Day in Albany | 11 *Session Day in Albany | 12 [REDACTED] | 13 | 14 [REDACTED] |
| [REDACTED] | | | | | | |
| 15 *Asian-American & Pacific Islander Festival | 16 *Session Day in Albany | 17 *Session Day in Albany * KY, OR Primary | 18 *Session Day in Albany | 19 *Asian-Pacific American Heritage Event at Gracie * NY Public Library Annual Spring Dinner | 20 | 21 |

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| 22 | 23 *Made in NY Event *Session Day in Albany | 24 *Session Day in Albany | 25 *Session Day in Albany | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 *Memorial Day | 31 | Notes: MOSPCE Events in May 2016: 1- Mayor's Fund Cocktail Reception 2- UPK Thank You Reception 3- Young Men's Initiative: Dads Matter Awards | | | |

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| 5 *Queens Pride Parade *Israel Day Parade * PR Caucus | 6 Ramadan Starts *Session Day in Albany | 7 *Session Day in Albany *CA, MT, NJ, NM,ND,SD,Primaries * Metropolitan Museum Annual Spring Gala | 8 *Puerto Rican Heritage Event at Gracie *Session Day in Albany | 9 *Session Day in Albany | 10 | 11 [REDACTED] *Brooklyn Pride Parade (20 th Anniversary) |
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| 12 [REDACTED] *National Puerto Rican Day Parade | 13 | 14 Flag Day *Session Day in Albany * DC Primary | 15 *Session Day in Albany | 16 *Session Day in Albany *Mary Sansone's 100th birthday bash at Gracie | 17 | 18 |
| 19 *Father's Day | 20 *Summer Solstice | 21 *Ramadan Dinner at Gracie | 22 | 23 *LGBT Pride Event | 24 | 25 |
| | | | | | USCM 84 th Annual Conference of Mayors (6/24-6/27) Indianapolis, IN | |
| 26 *NYC Pride Parade | 27 | 28 | 29 *MOTH Storytelling | 30 | Notes: MOSPCE Events in June 2016: 1- Alvin Ailey Summer Camp Event | |
| USCM 84 th Annual Conference of Mayors 6/24-6/27 | | | | | | |

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| 17 *Columbia Day Parade | 18 Republic Convention | 19 Republic Convention | 20 Republic Convention | 21 Republic Convention | 22 | 23 |
| 24 *Gran Parada Dominicana de Bronx | 25 Democratic Convention | 26 Democratic Convention | 27 Democratic Convention | 28 Democratic Convention | 29 | 30 |
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| 31 | Notes: MOSPCE Events in July 2016: 1- DOE Big Apple Awards 2- Val/Sals 3- Awards for Excellence in Design 4- Senate Dems Dinner 5- IDC Dinner | | | | | |

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| 14 *National Dominican Day Parade (Manhattan) | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
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| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | Notes: MOSPCE Events in August 2016: 1- Mayor's ADA Awards 2- Staff Recognition BBQ 3- Press BBQ 4- Council Dinner 5- Assembly Dinner | | |
| | US Open Tennis 8/29 – 9/11 | | | | | |
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| 4 [REDACTED] | 5 *Labor Day *West Indian American Day Carnival | 6 | 7 *Back to School Event | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| US Open Tennis 8/29 – 9/11 | | | | | | |
| 11 *9/11 anniversary Ceremony at the Memorial | 12 | 13 | 14 *Mayoral Address on Schools | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | Notes: MOSPCE Events in Sept. 2016: 1- Gracie Mansion Conservancy Gala 2- Gracie Mansion Conservancy Open House |

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| 9 | 10 *Columbus Day *World Mental Health Day *Columbus Day Parade | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 [REDACTED] |
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| 23 | 24 *United Nations Day | 25 | 26 | 27 *Mayor's Diwali Celebration | 28 *Mayor's Gracie Mansion Halloween | 29 *Mayor's Gracie Mansion Halloween |
| 30 *Diwali Begins | 31 *Halloween *Park slope Brooklyn Halloween Parade | Notes: <u>MOSPCE Events in October 2016:</u> 1- Upstander Awards | | | | |

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| 6 *Daylight Saving Time Ends | 7 | 8 Election Day | 9 | 10 | 11 *Veterans' Day *Mayor's Veteran's Day Breakfast *Veteran's Day Parade | 12 *Flight 587 Memorial [REDACTED] |
| 13 | 14 *ThriveNYC 1st Anniversary | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 *Thanksgiving Day *Annual Thanksgiving Day Parade | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 [REDACTED] | 30 | Notes: MOSPCE Events in November 2016: 1- Council Puerto Rican Event Alfred E smith Memorial Dinner | | |

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| 4 *HOLD: Congressman Yvette Clarke and Una Clarke's Annual Birthday Celebration | 5 | 6 [REDACTED] *HOLD: The Nation Institute 2016 Dinner Gala | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 *Koch Administration Reunion | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 *Winter Solstice (Northern) | 22 | 23 | 24 *First night of Hanukkah |
| 25 *Christmas *NAN Christmas event | 26 *Kwanzaa begins | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 *NYE Ball Drop |
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Notes: Holiday Parties: 1199, UFT, DC 37, RWDSU, Holiday Reception with Speaker Heastie, Detail Holiday Party, Mayor's Fund Holiday Party, Menorah in Carl Schurz Park.

From: [Hayley Prim](#)
To: [Fiore, Anthony](#)
Subject: Re: Automatic reply: CH2M
Date: Tuesday, October 11, 2016 10:52:39 AM

Got it, thanks

On Mon, Oct 10, 2016 at 9:03 PM, Fiore, Anthony <AFiore@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:

Sorry – Cathy is out this coming week – back in next week

From: Fiore, Anthony
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 2:53 PM
To: 'Hayley Prim'
Subject: RE: Automatic reply: CH2M

Cathy is in the office tomorrow

From: Hayley Prim [<mailto:hprim@hilltoppublicsolutions.com>]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 11:28 AM
To: Fiore, Anthony
Subject: Fwd: Automatic reply: CH2M

Hi Anthony--

I got this message last week when I emailed Cathy, but not sure if she is in the office. I have been emailing with her for about a month now, but she asked to hold off until after Climate Week. I am interested in setting up a meeting with a company that I work with that is trying to learn more about the city's goals around greenhouse emissions.

Let me know how best to proceed.

Thanks!

Hayley

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Pasion, Cathy** <CPasion@cityhall.nyc.gov>

Date: Tue, Oct 4, 2016 at 1:58 PM

Subject: Automatic reply: CH2M

To: Hayley Prim <hprim@hilltoppublicsolutions.com>

Hello! I am out of the office until August 9th and will have intermittent access to e-mail. If this is an urgent matter please contact Anthony Fiore at afiore@cityhall.nyc.gov.

Best,

CATHY PASION, PE | Sr. Policy Advisor

NYC Mayor's Office of Sustainability

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From: [O'Brien, Kevin](#)
To: [Viguers, Jonathan](#); [Snyder, Thomas](#); dkieve@hilltoppublicsolutions.com; nbaldick@hilltoppublicsolutions.com; [Collins-McNeil, Christopher](#); [Berger, Henry](#); [Walzak, Phil](#); laufer@kantordavidoff.com; [Wolfe, Emma](#); dan@berlinrosen.com; Jonathan@berlinrosen.com; [Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca](#)
Subject: RE: Private Call
Date: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 3:08:25 PM

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From: Viguers, Jonathan
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 3:08 PM
To: Snyder, Thomas; dkieve@hilltoppublicsolutions.com; O'Brien, Kevin; nbaldick@hilltoppublicsolutions.com; Collins-McNeil, Christopher; Berger, Henry; Walzak, Phil; laufer@kantordavidoff.com; Wolfe, Emma; dan@berlinrosen.com; Jonathan@berlinrosen.com; Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca
Subject: Private Call

Please let me know when the mayor should dial in

Private Call

Scheduled: Wednesday, Jul 13, 2016 from 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Location: Call In#: [REDACTED] Code: [REDACTED]

Invitees: Snyder, Thomas , David Kieve , O'Brien, Kevin , Nick Baldick , Collins-McNeil, Christopher , Berger, Henry , Walzak, Phil , 'Laurence Laufer' , Wolfe, Emma , 'dan@berlinrosen.com' , Jonathan Rosen , Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca

sent from a mobile device.

From: [Rebecca Katz](#)
To: [Harlow Poppy](#)
Cc: [Walzak Phil](#); [Salazar-Rodriguez Prisca](#); [Phillips Eric Falk](#)
Subject: Re: CNNMoney invites you to a breakfast with Poppy Harlow and Howard Schultz
Date: Tuesday, August 16, 2016 4:40:56 PM

Adding the right one this time.

:)

On Tue, Aug 16, 2016 at 4:27 PM, Rebecca Katz <rkatz@hilltoppublicsolutions.com> wrote:
Adding the City Hall team.

On Tue, Aug 16, 2016 at 3:17 PM, Harlow, Poppy <Poppy.Harlow@turner.com> wrote:

Hi all,

I hope this note finds you well and you are having a wonderful summer!

I'd love for Mayor de Blasio to attend this breakfast I am hosting on Sept. 7th in NYC focusing on 'American Opportunity' and solutions to the opportunity gap for the youth who need the most help.

Is there someone specific I should send it to in order to see if he can attend?

We would love to have Chirlane attend as well with him.

All the best,

Poppy

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From: [Nicholas Baldick](#)
To: [Pham, Linda](#)
Subject: Re: Save the Date: Gracie Mansion Conservancy Benefit, October 17
Date: Monday, September 12, 2016 4:39:22 PM

Linda

I am sorry, I can not attend

Thanks

Nick

On Sep 12, 2016, at 4:37 PM, Pham, Linda <LPham@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Nick Baldick,

I hope your week is starting out well. We wanted to follow up with you on your attendance to our **Gracie Mansion Conservancy Benefit Dinner** on Monday, October 17th, 2016. For your convenience please select your tickets and let us know how you like to be listed as in our program directly at <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/gracie/donate/donate.page> .

Thank you so much for your time and generosity in preserving Gracie Mansion.

We look most forward to hearing from you.

Warm Regards,

Linda Pham

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From: [Fialkoff, Gabrielle](#)
To: ["nbaldick@hilltoppublicsolutions.com"](mailto:nbaldick@hilltoppublicsolutions.com)
Subject: \$20 Million in Private Donations Raised for Mayor de Blasio's Computer Science for All Initiative
Date: Thursday, September 22, 2016 4:22:08 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)



**MAYOR'S OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS
CITY HALL
NEW YORK, NY 10007**

Dear Nick --

Today, we are proud to announce that in one year, we have raised \$20 million, trained over 450 teachers, and have expanded Computer Science education to nearly 250 schools as part of Computer Science for All, a landmark ten-year public-private initiative to bring CS education to all 1.1 million NYC public school students.

Please see below for the full release and for more information on CS4All.

Warm regards,
Gabrielle

**\$20 MILLION IN PRIVATE DONATIONS RAISED FOR MAYOR DE BLASIO'S
COMPUTER SCIENCE FOR ALL INITIATIVE**

Program has already reached 246 schools and trained more than 450 teachers

Goal of universal access to computer science education for 1.1 million students ahead of progress

NEW YORK—Mayor Bill de Blasio, Schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña and Gabrielle Fialkoff, Senior Advisor and Director of the Office of Strategic Partnerships, announced today that Mayor de Blasio's Computer Science for All (CS4All) initiative has raised \$20 million in private funding. The fundraising campaign is half-way toward meeting a \$40 million goal that will ultimately be matched in public funding for one of the cornerstones of the Mayor's Equity and Excellence education reforms.

Today, 246 elementary, middle and high schools across the city are participating in CS4All. More than 450 teachers are receiving rigorous training to bring computer science instruction to their schools. CS4All gives students the computational thinking, problem solving and critical thinking skills necessary for college and professional success. Last September, the Mayor announced that the City would be bringing the program to every elementary, middle, and high school by 2025.

“Last year we announced an ambitious plan to bring computer science education to every public school student by 2025 – making New York City the largest school district in the country to do so. Today, we are announcing real strides in completing our goal,” said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. “The city’s tech industry is growing, yet before Computer Science for All, fewer than five percent of our public school students had even the most basic skills necessary to apply for these jobs. Through this program, we’re laying the groundwork today so that our kids can apply for these jobs tomorrow.”

The initiative is a model for effective public-private partnerships, with the City of New York and the private sector bearing programmatic costs equally. Today the Mayor announced new commitments from: Math for America (MfA); Robin Hood Education and Technology Fund, co-chaired by David Siegel and John Overdeck; Paulson Family Foundation; Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc.; the Hutchins Family Foundation; Association for a Better New York and the Rudin Family Foundation; Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz; Ron Conway, Founder, SV Angel; and Nancy and Alan Schwartz. Founding partners Fred Wilson and CSNYC, Robin Hood and the AOL Charitable Foundation, as well as early investment from AT&T that helped make the initiative possible. Public dollars support the infrastructure and human capital needed to pull off what is the largest effort of its kind. Private dollars support the training of nearly 5,000 teachers over the next ten years. These funds are overseen and administered by the New York City Fund for Public Schools.

“Computer Science for All is a cornerstone of equity and excellence in our public schools – these are the skills our students need to be successful in high school, college, and careers in the 21st century,” said **Schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña**. “This isn’t just for particular students from particular backgrounds; learning how to think critically and computationally, and how to create with technology, must be for all students. I thank our private partners for recognizing the importance of this initiative and for their investment.”

“The Mayor’s vision for New York City schools will put a new generation on the path toward success,” said **Gabrielle Fialkoff, Senior Advisor to the Mayor and Director of the Office of Strategic Partnerships**. “Through this landmark public-private partnership, we will level the playing field for every student in every borough. Computer Science for All is an investment in creating opportunities for all of our young people, particularly in a global economy where technology is integral to every industry.”

Through the implementation of this ten-year initiative, New York City will be the largest school district in the country to provide computer science education to all students, particularly populations underrepresented in tech including girls, African-American and Latino students and students from low-income families. Most students in public schools traditionally either lack access to computer science or gain these skills too late. Early and widespread exposure to computer science is key to breaking down gender and racial

barriers, leading to greater diversity and equality in the tech sector and relevant industries. The initiative promotes critical skills like thinking creatively, working as a team, and interacting with technology, as well as technical skills that will power the 21st century economy.

Computer science education at the scale of New York City's public school system, encompassing 1.1 million students, will allow a new generation to be active creators of technology. By expanding access to computer science throughout NYC public schools, CS4All will also promote the cultivation of local and diverse talent for the City's own workforce, including technology, and have a ripple effect across the country, where only a quarter of professional computing jobs are held by women and less than ten percent are held by African-Americans and Latinos.

Of the 246 schools participating in Computer Science for All programs, 98 are offering full-year courses or multi-year sequences including AP Computer Science Principles, the Software Engineering Program (SEP) and the SEP Jr. program for elementary schools. Teachers from the remaining schools have participated in the "CS Track" of the Department of Education's STEM Institute and received intensive training to implement rigorous, hands-on CS lessons and units in their schools. Through teachers' participation in these programs, students in elementary, middle and high school will learn the fundamentals of computer science, such as coding, robotics and web design.

By 2025, all New York City public school students will receive at least one meaningful, high-quality computer science unit or course at each school level: elementary, middle, and high school. The centerpiece of the initiative is the training of nearly 5,000 teachers who will, by year ten, bring computer science to more than 245,000 students each year.

Importantly, many of these students will be prepared to fill the 200,000 additional technology jobs that New York City's employers will create over the next decade while *all* graduates will be equipped with soft skills needed to successfully navigate the 21st century economy. Together, the Equity and Excellence initiatives will support progress across all schools so that, by 2026, 80 percent of students graduate high school on time, two-thirds of graduates are college ready and all students are reading on grade level by the end of 2nd grade. More information on Equity and Excellence is available [online](#).

"I am very gratified to see so many leaders of the private sector in NYC get behind CS4All. This is the kind of transformational effort that requires the support of both government and the private sector. Together we are making sure that all of our students in NYC are trained in the skills that they need to be successful in the private sector and really any sector. So it makes sense that everyone is coming together to support this work," said **Fred Wilson, Founder and Chairman of CSNYC Partner and Union Square Ventures.**

"Computer Science is a spectacularly rich and beautiful subject, closely connected to mathematics and science, and nowadays to everyday life as well," said **John Ewing, MfA President.** "MfA's one thousand math and science teachers are enthusiastic about the computer science initiative, and many are already involved. We are delighted to support an effort at the frontiers of education – one that offers exciting opportunities not only for students but for teachers as well."

“CS4ALL is about helping our students develop the necessary skills and competencies to be successful in the 21st century. Access to high-quality computer science education will increase the demand for our city’s students in higher education and in the job market,” said **John Paulson, President of Paulson and Co. Inc.**

“We are incredibly pleased to support the City’s commitment to providing computer science and technology skills to a new generation of innovative thinkers,” said **Joel S. Marcus, Chairman, CEO and Founder of Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc.** “As the leading provider of science and technology campuses, and the developer of the City’s first and only world-class science and technology campus in Manhattan, Alexandria feels strongly about creating the knowledge workforce of the future and supporting the recruitment of highly skilled talent for our tenants who work day-in and day-out to treat, cure, and manage disease.”

"Just as accounting is the language of business and calculus is the language of physics, computer science is the language of innovation. The vision of Computer Science for All to teach teachers is a uniquely powerful means to equip the students of New York City to participate and prosper in the innovation economy of the future. The Hutchins Family Foundation is pleased to be able to play a part in this invaluable initiative." **Debbie and Glenn Hutchins, co-Founders of the Hutchins Family Foundation.**

“CS4All is the largest public sector effort to educate our children in computer science and to match their skills with the needs and the opportunities of tomorrow,” said **William C. Rudin, Chairman of the Association for a Better New York.** “The May and Samuel Rudin Family Foundation and the ABNY Foundation are proud to be supporters of Mayor de Blasio and the New York City Department of Education in taking on bold initiatives for our children and for the future of our city.”

“Wachtell Lipton has been proud to join with leaders in every sector of our city to support CS4All. Its progress in just the first year, and its transformative vision for the years to come, will make a powerful difference in the lives of children across this city who will be given the opportunity to learn, and ultimately themselves to lead, in a critical business sector and in an indispensable language of the future,” said **Kevin S. Schwartz, Partner at Wachtell, Lipton and Rosen & Katz.**

"CS4All is an initiative that I hope spreads across the country fast, including Silicon Valley! Computer science is a ‘basic’ goal for all students now, and the sooner we make the curriculum available to all, the better,” said **Ron Conway, Founder of SV Angel.**

“As a founding partner of CS4All, Robin Hood is proud of what has been accomplished in just a year. With professional development opportunities for hundreds of teachers and schools, this was a strong start to what is already an important initiative. We all share a commitment that all of New York City’s students should be graduating from high school having received a strong education and with the skills and tools they need to succeed,” **Reynold Levy, President of Robin Hood.**

“We know that many young people miss out on careers in technology, because they just don’t have the chance to uncover their passion for it,” said **Sara Link, President of the AOL Charitable Foundation.** “By giving NYC students from all backgrounds the exposure to computer science, they are gaining skills and experiences they will need to

achieve success in their academic careers and beyond in our tech-enabled world. The AOL Charitable Foundation is proud to support this groundbreaking program alongside CSNYC, Robin Hood, the DOE and other leading partners to make a real difference in the lives of NYC students.”

"Tech jobs are growing faster than any other sector, and yet we do not have enough skilled workers to fill them. CS4All ensures that the next generation of New Yorkers will be fully prepared for the jobs of the future," said **Kathryn S. Wylde, President and CEO of the Partnership for New York City**.

“We often say that genius is evenly distributed across zip codes, but opportunity is not. This is particularly true when it comes to access to Computer Science education – skills that are increasingly critical to the well-paying jobs of the future,” said **Mitch Kapor, tech pioneer and partner at Kapor Capital**. “We’ve seen in Oakland that these types of public-private partnerships can help tap the genius that is often overlooked in underrepresented students, and we are enthusiastic supporters of New York’s CS4ALL efforts.”

"More than at any time in our history, it is critical for companies like AT&T to invest in developing a diverse talent pipeline, providing our young people with the skills that they need to succeed and that will help our society prosper. That’s why AT&T is so proud to be a longtime supporter of STEM education in New York City, starting with our investment in the Software Engineering Pilot program that laid the groundwork for Computer Science for All,” said **Marissa Shorenstein, New York State President of AT&T**. "We are thrilled to watch our commitment come to life in more than 250 schools during just the first year of this initiative, and we look forward to seeing hundreds more following suit next year.”

"As a partner in this effort, we applaud the work of NYC schools to expand access to computer science for all students, especially for underrepresented minorities. It's inspiring to see educators rise up to bring this opportunity to classrooms and to students who would otherwise be left behind,” said **Hadi Partovi, Founder of [Code.org](https://code.org)**.

“Facebook applauds Mayor de Blasio’s important effort to provide all 1.1 million New York City public school children access to a computer science education. By equipping every single student with the skills and knowledge to compete in today’s economy, Computer Science for All will help create a new generation of talented, creative leaders,” said **Will Castleberry, Vice President of State and Local Policy of Facebook**.

"Accenture is delighted to support New York City’s Computer Science For All initiative – which has the potential to fundamentally change the future of the tech industry through its scale and scope,” said **Lynn McMahon, New York Metro Managing Director of Accenture**. “Technology is changing the workplace in many ways, and we are committed to helping the next generation build skills that will help them succeed in the digital economy.”

“Computer Science for All demonstrates the power of public private partnerships,” said **Sarah Geisheimer, Executive Director of the Fund for Public Schools**. “With commitments from the City and private funders we are able to move quickly to ensure that every single NYC student has access to an education that will equip them with the skills to

succeed in the future. We are grateful for this partnership and the investments that will create opportunities for all our students.”

“New York's CS4All initiative is an essential program for preparing students to live and work in a world where technologies are increasingly pervasive. The New York Hall of Science is proud to stand as a partner with the Department of Education to help give New York City students every advantage in acquiring the skills and knowledge that will enable them to play an active role in shaping the future of technology,” said **Margaret Honey, President and CEO of the New York Hall of Science.**

"I congratulate Mayor de Blasio's ambitious effort to integrate computer science as a new subject matter into the public schools in New York. In this digital era it is more critical than ever before for every student in our city to have exposure to the fundamentals of computers. I am thrilled to support the work of this initiative,” said **Eliot Horowitz, Chief Technology Officer and co-Founder at MongoDB.**

"Code/Interactive is proud to partner with the NYC Department of Education to develop computer science programs in schools across the city. We trained over 100 computer science teachers this summer through the NYC Department of Education's STEM Institute, Exploring Computer Science professional development, and [Code.org](https://code.org)'s AP Computer Science Principles course. Our work with students, teachers, and schools would not be possible without support and leadership from the Mayor's Office and the NYC Department of Education," said **Michael Denton, Executive Director of Code/Interactive.**

“By integrating computer science into existing math classes through our introductory course, schools across NYC have been able to introduce computer science to their entire student body – without having to create a dedicated class. We’re proud to continue our work with thousands of students across NYC,” said **Emmanuel Schanzer, Founder of Bootstrap.**

“The K-5 teachers in our workshop at the STEM Institute have been amazing. It's exciting to see educators at different points in their careers designing and coding their own robots and lessons to bring back to their classrooms. At only a couple weeks into the New Year, our early ed teachers are already starting to introduce robotics and coding into their classrooms, integrating their new skills and knowledge with their regular lessons and classroom activities. This level of buy-in and integration is paramount to the success of computer science education, and we're thrilled to be working with the NYC Department of Education to help teachers channel this enthusiasm into high quality and engaging lessons,” said **Gaelen Hadlett, co-Director of Sunset Spark.**

“Computer Science for All is enabling our students to become better thinkers, problem-solvers, and builders of ideas and technology – as opposed to just consumers. It’s thrilling to see our educators expanding their toolbox, as they collaborate across the city to bring innovative lessons to their classrooms. Our partners are essential in making all of this possible, and we will continue to work hand-in-hand to achieve equity and excellence for all students,” said **Phil Weinberg, Deputy Chancellor for Teaching and Learning.**

“We are excited to partner with nearly 5,000 innovative, committed and creative teachers and their administrators to bring computer science to all NYC students. The 450-plus teachers we’ve worked with have shown tremendous dedication to learning new content,

embracing their students' and their own creativity, and expanding opportunities for all students," said **Debbie Marcus, Executive Director of Computer Science for the New York City Department of Education**.

"We recognize that all children, regardless of socioeconomic status or background, need to have access to the computer science skills that will help them to thrive in the marketplace and we applaud City leaders for taking the necessary action to make this a reality for students across New York" said **Leecia Eve, Vice President of New York State Government Affairs at Verizon**. "Programs like these are vital to our communities and mirror our commitment to providing equal access to technology and STEM education for underserved students. And in the spirit of this mission, through the White House ConnectEd program, we are proud to donate tablets and Internet access for students, along with professional development for the teachers through Verizon Innovative Learning to three City schools. The work being done in NYC is a model example of what we need to see nationwide."

"Classroom teachers are essential allies in democratizing access to computing education – and I admire CS4All's strong commitment to supporting teachers as part of this initiative. Our research team has been delighted to support NYC teachers through professional development events, curriculum, and building connections to an international community of educators who are passionate about computing as a creative medium," said **Karen Brennan, Associate Professor and Director of the Creative Computing Lab at the Harvard Graduate School of Education**.

"CS4All is an important step in expanding access for girls, who have been left behind in computer science education. As we continue to grow CS4All in New York City, we look forward to seeing more public and private investment to ensure that we're meeting the needs of girls and other underrepresented minorities," said **Reshma Saujani, Founder and CEO of Girls Who Code**.

"New York City is moving towards computer science being considered a core subject, as necessary as history and literature for our students' success. By working together, we are helping more students gain critical skills and be better prepared for the careers and demands of an information economy," said **Michael Mulgrew, President of the United Federation of Teachers**.

"Technology and computer literacy has quickly become an integral part of the 21st century workforce, and our schools must adapt quickly to teach our students the skills they need to succeed in college and to get good paying jobs. That's why I am a strong supporter of STEM initiatives and computer science programs to close the digital gap that disproportionately affects low income students and students of color," said **Congressman José E. Serrano**. "I applaud Mayor de Blasio's leadership on this issue and for making the right investments to make sure all our kids have the best opportunity to thrive in life."

Council Member Daniel Dromm, Chair of the New York City Council Committee on Education said, "These donations are equipping our students with skills that will benefit them their entire lives. Computer science education teaches students to think creatively and strategically. Those who wish to major in computer science in college will be better prepared for this course of study. I am pleased that the Administration is prioritizing Computer Science for All and will continue to work with them to further expand this

initiative."

"Computer science is the cornerstone of the modern economy and therefore should be a major component of our education curriculum," said **Council Member James Vacca, Chair of the New York City Council Committee on Technology**. "CS4All is a great leap towards providing computer science training for all of our students. I'm pleased that we've reached this important funding benchmark and look forward to the full implementation of the initiative. I applaud Mayor de Blasio, Chancellor Fariña and Director Fialkoff for their commitment to this cause."

"New York's fastest growing business sector is the tech industry, only second in the country to Silicon Valley and accounting for over 300,000 new jobs with median salaries of \$100,000. Computer science is no longer a niche discipline as the subject has become an integral part of nearly every aspect of our lives, and it's time our classrooms caught up with that trend. 21st century schools should have 21st century curricula, and we owe it to the 1.1 million NYC public school students to prepare them for the 21st century job market," said **Council Member Mark Levine**. "We've taken a big step forward by adding computer science curricula to over 246 schools. I applaud the Mayor for his CS4ALL campaign, and look forward to seeing the positive effects it will have in the years to come."

About the Fund for Public Schools

The Fund for Public Schools (FPS) is a nonprofit partner to the NYC Department of Education, building public-private partnerships to strengthen our city's public schools and create opportunities for its 1.1 million students. The Fund secures private dollars for critical system-wide education initiatives, develops partnerships, and encourages broad public engagement both in our schools and in the lives of our students.

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From: [Bill Hyers](#)
To: [Bill Hyers](#)
Subject: Reminder: Tuesday! Hilltop Brooklyn Office! Fundraiser!
Date: Monday, September 26, 2016 5:52:21 PM
Attachments: [September 27th Guest Invitation.pdf](#)

Reminder: Were having our little shindig tomorrow! Come one come all, it will be fun!

Bill

From: Bill Hyers [mailto:bhyers@hilltoppublicsolutions.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2016 4:12 PM
To: 'Bill Hyers' <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Tuesday! Hilltop Brooklyn Office! Fundraiser!

Hey folks,

Doing my last fundraiser of the cycle, this time for a candidate managed by Brooklyn's own Maura Tracy from my former home state of Minnesota! It's this upcoming Tuesday, the 27th, at 6:30ish.

Terri Bonoff is a great candidate, has an excellent chance of knocking off an incumbent in a suburban Minneapolis seat that hates Trump. <http://www.terribonoff.com/>

Come give what you can, drink my booze, have fun, and help out a great candidate and a friend of ours too!

Thanks
Bill



Please join Bill Hyers and Quinn Caruthers for an event in support of

State Senator Terri Bonoff

Democratic Candidate for United States House of Representatives for the
Minnesota 3rd Congressional District

Tuesday | September 27th | 6:30-8:00pm

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Brooklyn, NY 11201

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From: [Fialkoff, Gabrielle](#)
To: ["nbaldick@hilltoppublicsolutions.com"](mailto:nbaldick@hilltoppublicsolutions.com)
Subject: ICYMI: In New York, an Explosion of Partnerships Between Philanthropy and Government
Date: Monday, October 17, 2016 3:37:18 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)



**MAYOR'S OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS
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Inside Philanthropy

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

**In New York, an Explosion of Partnerships Between
Philanthropy and Government**

Alyssa Ochs



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Mayoral funds represent an interesting development in local philanthropy, and not one without controversy. In the recent past, we've written about the Mayor's Fund for Los Angeles and the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City, which are both public-private efforts aimed at mobilizing extra resources—from foundations, corporations, and major individual donors—to address challenges in those cities.

But in New York City, there's another entity that's linked to the mayor connected with philanthropy and is all about strengthening new types of partnerships for the good of the city. It's called the NYC Mayor's Office of Strategic Partnerships, and it's at the nexus of a rapidly expanding set of initiatives bringing together philanthropic funders and city agencies, touching on multiple areas of life in the city.

Before saying more about this effort, it's worth noting that partnerships between government and philanthropy have really blossomed at the national level under the Obama administration. The White House Office of Social Innovation and Civic Participation has been at the center of this action. The administration's best-known effort to work with philanthropy, My Brother's Keeper, boosts boys and young men of color. But there have been other initiatives, too, including one focused on young women of color, as we've reported.

So what's happening along these lines in New York?

Well, a few weeks ago, Mayor de Blasio [announced](#) the success of Computer Science for All, or CS4All, one of the top initiatives of his Office of Strategic Partnerships. The aim of this effort is to bring computer science education to 1.1 million public school kids. Right now, 95 percent of students in New York—who are mostly low-income kids of color—don't have access to CS education.

A key to CS4All has been rallying private funders to pitch in, and over the past year, many have stepped up, donating an impressive \$20 million. As you would hope, the tech community has gotten behind CS4All, and founding partners including the venture capitalist Fred Wilson, the AOL

Charitable Foundation and AT&T. Also, as you'd expect, the Robin Hood Foundation has been involved from the start. Meanwhile, new commitments have come in from the Paulson Family Foundation, Math for America, the Rudin Family Foundation and several other funders.

This strong philanthropic support in New York for computer science education comes amid a flurry of funder-backed initiatives around the U.S. to teach kids to code and bolster tech skills overall. Quite a bit of this work is focused on bringing more diversity to the STEM field by engaging girls and young people of color.

These efforts draw in a diverse array of funders and stakeholders because they advance several goals at once, including promoting equity, meeting future employer needs, and strengthening local economies.

“The city’s tech industry is growing, yet before Computer Science for All, fewer than 5 percent of our public school students had even the most basic skills necessary to apply for these jobs,” Mayor de Blasio said. “Through this program, we’re laying the groundwork today so that our kids can apply for these jobs tomorrow.”

CS4ALL has already reached 246 schools and trained more than 450 teachers, and interestingly, the City of New York and the private sector are bearing costs of the program equally.

But there’s much more to NYC’s Office of Strategic Partnerships (OSP) than just this one relevant and timely program. It’s a new division that Mayor de Blasio created to mobilize philanthropic support behind a range of efforts to address inequities in the city. It was also designed to oversee the various funds set up to support city programs, namely the [Mayor’s Fund](#), [Fund for Public Health](#), and [Fund for Public Schools](#).

[Gabrielle Fialkoff](#) has been the woman in charge of this ambitious effort since March 2014. As senior advisor to the Mayor of New York City and the director of OSP, she oversees the activities of these and other city-affiliated nonprofits. The Fund for Public Housing and the Gracie Mansion Conservancy are also on this list.

As well, the Office of Strategic Partnerships recently launched a brand new initiative called [Building Healthy Communities](#) (BHC), so this is another effort to keep an eye on around town. The goal is to improve health outcomes in 12 underserved neighborhoods, and this public-private partnership encompasses things like physical activity, access to healthy food, and public safety in communities notorious for poverty.

The leaders at work on BHC are OSP and the Fund for Public Health, which is doing the grants management and ongoing fundraising. Current funding is coming from the following sources, several of which we cover regularly here at IP: Unilever North America, the Laurie M. Tisch Illumination Fund, New York State Health Foundation, Target, Aetna Foundation, Astoria Energy, Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield HealthPlus, the New York Community Trust, the Durst Organization, Merck Family Fund, Pure Edge, Inc. Success Through Focus, KaBOOM!, New York City FC, the U.S. Soccer Foundation, and Adidas. So far, this effort has at least \$12 million to work with.

The neighborhoods of East Harlem, Brownsville, Canarsie, Mott Haven, Hunts Point, Morrisania, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Central Harlem, Corona, Flushing, Mariners Harbor, and Stapleton were chosen to be part of BHC because of their lack of parks and access to safe public spaces and healthy foods.

There’s so much inter-agency collaboration involved in this effort that it can be difficult to wrap your head around it all at times. For example, BHC funds are paying for five urban farms at developments of the New York City Housing Authority, the building of 50 new soccer fields is underway with the US Soccer Foundation, and BHC is working with the Department of Transportation to improve public

walking paths and signage. Check out this [press release](#) for full details.

Although it's not what we think of as a traditional philanthropic funder, OSP is definitely an entity to watch and get involved with, given its connectedness and impressive influence. NYN Media's [interview](#) with Fialkoff is worth a read to get a sense of her perspective, and the Office of the Mayor's [news page](#) is a good way to keep up with what these partnerships are doing.



From: [Salazar-Rodriguez, Prisca](#)
To: [Hannah Assadi](#)
Cc: [Hayley Prim](#); [Joseph Stiglitz](#); [Almonte, Catherine](#)
Subject: Re: Call between Stiglitz and de Blasio
Date: Friday, November 11, 2016 10:35:54 AM

Hi! I'm out of the office but my colleague Cat can help.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 11, 2016, at 11:07 AM, Hannah Assadi <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thank you Hayley! Prisca, anytime for a call with the Mayor and Prof. Stiglitz today?

On Fri, Nov 11, 2016 at 10:06 AM, Hayley Prim
<hprim@hilltoppublicsolutions.com> wrote:

Hi Hannah,

I actually don't work for the Mayor anymore, but I copying his scheduler Prisca here who can help.

Hope all is well!

Hayley

On Friday, November 11, 2016, Hannah Assadi
<[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Hayley,

I hope you are doing well despite everything this week. Prof. Stiglitz was hoping to speak with the Mayor today if possible. He is home now and can take the call from [REDACTED] at any point or can initiate if preferred.

Best,

Hannah

On Thu, Apr 16, 2015 at 8:04 AM, Hayley Prim
<hprim@hilltoppublicsolutions.com> wrote:

Hi Hannah, this is fine. We will use the dial in number.

Thanks,
Hayley

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 15, 2015, at 5:10 PM, Hannah Assadi
<[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hayley,

Can you check with the Mayor whether it would be okay for Professor Stiglitz' colleagues Dave Palmer and Felicia Wong from the Roosevelt Institute join for the call tomorrow? Professor Stiglitz says it would be quite useful. If so we would use the below conference number.

[REDACTED] Access Code: [REDACTED]

Best,

Hannah

On Wed, Apr 15, 2015 at 12:04 PM, Hayley Prim
<hprim@hilltoppublicsolutions.com> wrote:

Thank you, we will do that!

On Wed, Apr 15, 2015 at 12:03 PM, Hannah Assadi

[REDACTED] > wrote:

Also, if you prefer to call us we are on [REDACTED].

Best,

Hannah

On Wed, Apr 15, 2015 at 12:02 PM, Hannah Assadi

[REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Hayley,

Thanks for your note. Professor Stiglitz is available tomorrow at 5pm. Can you let me know the best number to reach the Mayor?

Thanks,

Hannah

On Wed, Apr 15, 2015 at 11:56 AM, Hayley Prim
<hprim@hilltoppublicsolutions.com> wrote:

Hi Mr. Stiglitz,

Mayor de Blasio asked me to reach out to see if you are available for a call with him tomorrow. He has time between 4pm and 5:30pm EST, and the discussion is regarding his national progressive agenda.

Could you let me know if you're available, and if so the best time and number to reach you?

Thanks so much,

Hayley

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Hannah Lillith Assadi

From: [Tim Tagaris](#)
To: [Kevin O'Brien](#)
Cc: [Michael Whitney](#); [Robin Curran](#); [Kaplan, Jody](#); [David Kieve](#)
Subject: Re: intros/constituent services
Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 7:38:36 PM

Thank you for this. I will keep note.

Jody, very nice to meet you!

Tim

On Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 10:14 AM, Kevin O'Brien [REDACTED] > wrote:
Tim, Michael and Robin, please meet Jody Kaplan, the director of the Mayor's Office of Correspondence.

As the campaign is sending more and more emails, any constituent services requests that arise can be forwarded to her.

Thanks!

From: [Fialkoff, Gabrielle](#)
To: ["nbaldick@hilltoppublicsolutions.com"](mailto:nbaldick@hilltoppublicsolutions.com)
Subject: Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade
Date: Wednesday, November 16, 2016 10:54:50 AM

Dear Nick—

It's that time of year again! We are pleased to be part of the world famous Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

The Mayor's office would like to offer you tickets to this year's parade. The City's viewing area is located on Central Park West and Columbus Circle (please see diagram below)

If you would like to attend, please email Matt Everett at meverett@cityhall.nyc.gov with the number of tickets you are requesting. Please note that there is a limited number available, and tickets must be picked up from the Mayor's Fund offices at 253 Broadway, 6th floor from Thursday, November 17 through Wednesday, November 23.

Wishing you a wonderful Thanksgiving.



IMPORTANT CHECK-IN INSTRUCTIONS

Entry begins at 6:30 AM.

All attendees **MUST** be seated by 8:15 AM.

No admission after 8:15 AM.

DIRECTIONS TO THE BLEACHERS:

Enter at 62ND Street.

All participants must enter the bleacher area via 62nd Street at Columbus Avenue. There is no other entry point to the NYC bleachers.

Gabrielle Fialkoff
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From: [Rebecca Katz](#)
To: [Agarwal, Nisha](#)
Subject: Fwd: California Legislature Takes Immediate Action to Protect Immigrant Communities | Senator Kevin de León
Date: Monday, December 05, 2016 5:57:27 PM

Hey there -

Flagging this in case you haven't seen.

[California Legislature Takes Immediate Action to Protect Immigrant Communities](#)

SACRAMENTO – During today's start of the 2017-2018 legislative session, the California State Assembly and California State Senate joined together to take immediate action that could inoculate the potential impact of President-elect Donald Trump's stated plans to deport up to 3 million undocumented residents.

Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon (D-Paramount) and **Senate President pro Tempore Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles)** led their respective chambers to adopt identical resolutions that ask the President-elect not to employ a mass-deportation strategy. New bills were also introduced to strengthen due process rights and protections for undocumented residents should President-elect Trump pursue overly aggressive immigration enforcement actions.

SB 6 by **Senator Ben Hueso (D-San Diego)** would create a state program to fund legal representation for those facing deportation. AB 3 by **Assemblymember Rob Bonta (D-Oakland)** would create state-funded regional centers to train defense attorneys and public defender's offices on immigration law and the consequences of criminal convictions.

At a press conference Monday to announce the bills, Senator Hueso, Vice-Chair of the Latino Legislative Caucus, said the measures "send a clear message to undocumented Californians that we won't turn our backs on them. We will do everything in our power to protect them from unjustified deportation. In California we embrace people of all walks of life who work hard and contribute to our economy and that won't change now."

Added Assemblymember Bonta, Chair of the Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus: "Immigration is critical for keeping alive the American dream – a dream that the United States is the land of opportunity for people from all over the world. I'm proud to support a package of bills that protect California's immigrant population and challenge our society to end policies of profiling and discrimination based on race or religion."

The resolutions passed by the Assembly, HR 4 and the Senate, SR 7, asked President-elect Trump to abandon his stated plan to deport millions of undocumented immigrants.

"Immigrants are vital to many of California's industries such as technology, health care, agriculture, construction, hospitality, and domestic services," the resolutions state. "Immigrants also represent a large percentage of small business owners and create economy prosperity and needed jobs for everyone."

Undocumented workers make up approximately one-tenth of California's workforce, contribute \$130 billion in the state's gross domestic product and pay billions in state and local taxes, the resolutions state.

"Immigrants are a part of California's history, our culture, and our society," said Speaker Rendon. "They pay taxes, sometimes more than billionaires, and they help drive the engine that makes California the 6th largest economy in the world. With this package of legislation we are telling the next Administration and Congress: if you want to get to them, you have to go through us."

Senate Leader de León warned that President-elect Trump has previously hailed an Eisenhower-era mass deportation program known as "Operation Wetback" and that California would not return to the inhumane immigration policies of the 1950s.

"It is neither humane nor wise to ignore the many contributions of this community to our economy and culture," de León said. "California celebrates diversity. We don't deport it."

Immigrant rights advocates are praising Monday's legislative action.

"We applaud and stand with California's legislative

leadership in declaring proudly and unequivocally that California will continue to be a beacon of hope, inclusion, and justice for immigrant communities," said **Stewart Kwoh, President and Executive Director of Asian Americans Advancing Justice, Los Angeles**. "With the resolution and legislative proposals introduced today in the state legislature, California is sending a message to president-elect Trump that we vigorously oppose his xenophobic and bigoted anti-immigrant agenda and we will do everything in our power to defend and protect immigrants."

Carmen Iguina, staff attorney with the ACLU of Southern California, said California must stand by its "its most cherished values of fairness and due process" and the many immigrants that call California their home. For immigrants facing deportation, having an attorney could mean the difference between being able to stay in the country and being torn from family, community, and the life they have built here."

"MALDEF supports these bills as critical steps toward protecting those hundreds of thousands of immigrants who daily contribute to the growth, prosperity, and future success of the state of California," said **Thomas A. Saenz, MALDEF president and general counsel**. "The proposals can help to prevent the disruption of families, communities, and workplaces caused by enforcement activities that fail to recognize the deep and damaging flaws in our current federal immigration laws."

Added **Rebecca DeLaRosa, Interim Executive Director of Latino Coalition for a Healthy California**: "With the recent increase in hate crime and cloud of uncertainty our community faces, Latino Coalition for a Healthy California stands in strong support with our California leaders to push for an inclusive policy agenda that protects everyone's human right to a healthy life with their family and loved ones. No one should live in fear because of who they are. This is the 21st century." The **Council on American Islamic Relations** also supports the measures, said its Legislative and Government Relations Coordinator Yannina Casillas: "The California Muslim community sees the proposed measures as concrete steps necessary to ensure that the rights of undocumented immigrants and vulnerable immigrant communities are protected."

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<http://sd24.senate.ca.gov/news/2016-12-05-california-legislature-takes-immediate-action-protect-immigrant-communities>

Sent from my iPhone

From: Rebecca Katz <rkatz@hilltoppublicsolutions.com>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 10:47 AM
To: prvs=14795cbd9=TBrown@cityhall.nyc.gov
Subject: Out of the Office Re: Income Inequality in the News - Monday, December 12, 2016

I am out of the office and offline today. For immediate assistance, please contact Kipp Hebert at khebert@hilltoppublicsolutions.com.

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Rebecca Kirsner Katz
(718) 858-7161 — work

[@rebeccakatz](#)

From: Fialkoff, Gabrielle
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2016 5:04 PM
To: 'nbaldick@hilltoppublicsolutions.com'
Subject: A Year of Partnership



**MAYOR'S OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS
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NEW YORK, NY 10007**

Dear Nick—

I hope you and your loved ones are having a wonderful holiday season. As we find ourselves at the end of another successful year, I wanted to share with you some of the partnerships the de Blasio Administration has developed with the private sector to further the Mayor's goals of fighting inequality across the five boroughs. Below are a few highlights; we are especially proud of our success in securing a record number of summer jobs for NYC's young people, the First Lady's continued steadfast leadership on the issue of Mental Health, the expansion of our Building Healthy Communities Initiative, and the early success of Computer Science for All.

None of this would have been possible without the support and commitment of our partners – the companies, foundations, and individuals who are just as dedicated to making this an even better City for all 8.5 million New Yorkers.

Many thanks, and I look forward to continued partnership in 2017.

Happy Holidays,
Gabrielle

Center for Youth Employment: Announced Record Number of Summer Jobs and Employers

- 475 employers participated in Ladders for Leaders internships, double the number from the previous summer.
- Launched Industry Partnerships to support jobs in five of New York's most vital sectors: media and entertainment, real estate, hospitality, business services, and fashion.
- The Summer Youth Employment Program, the nation's largest summer jobs program, enrolled a record 60,113 participants in 2016.
- Created an Employer Best Practices Playbook, to share strategies for businesses to host interns and build a pool of diverse talent.

Fund for Public Schools: 250 Schools Now Have Computer Science Education, with 450 Teachers Trained

- Secured 50% of the private funding needed in the first 12 months for Computer Science for All, a ten-year citywide initiative to create universal computer science education in public schools.
- Training and implementation ahead of schedule in the initiative's first year.

Fund for Public Health: Building Healthy Communities (BHC), 3 Urban Farms Launched – 8000 Pounds of Food

Delivered to NYCHA Residents

- Built 3 urban farms at NYCHA developments in East Harlem, Brownsville, and Canarsie, training and employing NYCHA youth.
- Activated programming to improve health outcomes in the underserved neighborhoods of East Harlem, Hunts Point, Morrisania, Mott Haven, Brownville, Stapleton, Corona, and Flushing.
- Developed and distributed BHC maps and guides for Brownsville and South Bronx to increase knowledge and awareness of key health assets for the community.

City Soccer Initiative: Funded 50 New Soccer Fields and Programming for 10,000 Kids

- \$3-million public-private partnership with NYCFC, adidas, the US Soccer Foundation to build 50 mini-soccer fields and the "Soccer for Success" mentorship programming to 10,000 kids across the five boroughs.

ThriveNYC: Celebrated First Anniversary of First Lady's Mental Health Plan with Major Milestones

- Trained 578 employees at 15 Community-Based Organizations in the first year of Connections to Care, a \$30-million public-private partnership with the White House to train service providers in low-income communities to address clients' mental health needs.
- Launched NYC Well, a free, confidential service to connect New Yorkers to support for mental health and substance use.
- Hosted CitiesThrive, a conference that brought together representatives from over 60 cities to promote mental health policy and action.

Created Fund for Public Housing

- Developed this year to form public-private partnerships to serve the City's 500,000 NYCHA residents, the Fund for Public Housing has raised \$900,000.
- Created youth leadership development opportunities for hundreds of NYCHA teens.
- Provided scholarships to 10 CUNY-City College students who live in public housing.

Gracie Mansion Conservancy: 21,000 New Yorkers Visit the People's House

- Between weekly tours, special events, and heritage receptions, Gracie Mansion welcomed over 21,000 visitors through its doors in 2016.
- The First Lady launched the Gracie Book Club, with its inaugural theme, "Envisioning Distant Neighbors."

From: [Ko, Eunice](#)
To: ["Ross Offinger"](#); [Lorna Brett Howard](#)
Cc: [Josh Gold](#); [SY Hilltop](#); [Noerdlinger, Rachel](#)
Subject: RE: Do we have a call list for Chirlane?
Date: Wednesday, February 05, 2014 10:25:37 AM

+Rachel

From: Ross Offinger [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, February 05, 2014 9:20 AM
To: Lorna Brett Howard
Cc: Josh Gold; SY Hilltop; Ko, Eunice
Subject: Re: Do we have a call list for Chirlane?

[REDACTED]

On Wednesday, February 5, 2014, Lorna Brett Howard < [REDACTED] > wrote:
Yes. Can I call you what number?

Lorna Brett Howard
[REDACTED] c

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 5, 2014, at 9:14 AM, Ross Offinger < [REDACTED] > wrote:

Lorna,

Can you send me the names that you have so far? Happy to help with numbers if I have them. 20 calls will be sufficient for an hour of CT. I can call ahead and have people in stand by to accept the call.

On Wednesday, February 5, 2014, Josh Gold < [REDACTED] > wrote:
+ Ross

Ross - can you and Lorna talk ASAP And can you add some folks. And review the names.

Ross - also need a call time script. Need to get this to city hall before noon.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 5, 2014, at 5:37 AM, Lorna < [REDACTED] > wrote:
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> I have the list and starting plugging in phone numbers, will continue starting....
>> On Feb 4, 2014, at 11:56 PM, SY Hilltop
>> <syazgi@hilltoppublicsolutions.com> wrote:
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>> She might have call time tomorrow from 2-3pm!!

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From: [Lorna](#)
To: [Ko, Eunice](#)
Cc: [Ross Offinger](#); [Josh Gold](#); [SY Hilltop](#); [Noerdlinger, Rachel](#); [Christine Marinoni](#)
Subject: Re: Do we have a call list for Chirlane?
Date: Wednesday, February 05, 2014 10:42:09 AM
Attachments: [UPKNYC Call List Feb 2014.docx](#)

Attached is the call list we have in development. There are 35 names on it however not very many phone numbers — if you can have someone work on that until CMC is ready to start calling and Ross I am sure you have names to add and numbers.

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The annual budget process in Albany has proven that only a dedicated funding stream will provide us with the resources we need to make these programs successful. I am asking you today to join on to the UPK NYC effort. Can we count on you?

IF YES –

Great, we have three asks:

1. Will you sign on publicly as a supporter? We will use your name in a press release along with other prominent business, and philanthropic leaders in the city.
2. We would like you to join us on Feb. 13th for a press conference on the steps of City Hall in support of UPK NYC.
3. On February 26 myself, one of the authors of the UPK NYC plan, and an early childhood expert are speaking at a small, invite only luncheon at a private home. We would love it if you could join.

Ross Offinger on the UPK NYC team will follow up with additional details. Thank You.

A simple point of comparison on what is being proposed:

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Background Talking Points

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*Last year, the Governor included \$25 million in his budget for statewide pre-K

*Now he is increasing it more than 10x – thanks to the Mayor making this an issue

***But that doesn't even cover the need in New York City – and it's supposed to be statewide**

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*They've been promising pre-K funding for over 15 years

*And after promising more education funding after the Campaign for Fiscal Equity lawsuit, Albany underfunded the agreement by over \$5 BILLION

*Advocates and the Mayor will continue pushing over the next three months to ensure that NYC has a dedicated funding stream and enough money to implement universal, high-quality pre-K and after school programs for middle school student

*It's being reported that the Governor is increasing K-12 school funding by 3.1% -- down from the 5% he promised, and down from the 10% education leaders wanted.

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Let me know what else I can to right now to help.

Lorna Brett Howard

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+Rachel

From: Ross Offinger [[mailto: \[REDACTED\]](mailto: [REDACTED])]
Sent: Wednesday, February 05, 2014 9:20 AM
To: Lorna Brett Howard
Cc: Josh Gold; SY Hilltop; Ko, Eunice
Subject: Re: Do we have a call list for Chirlane?

[REDACTED]

On Wednesday, February 5, 2014, Lorna Brett Howard
< [REDACTED] > wrote:

Yes. Can I call you what number?

Lorna Brett Howard

[REDACTED] c

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 5, 2014, at 9:14 AM, Ross Offinger <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Lorna,

Can you send me the names that you have so far? Happy to help with numbers if I have them. 20 calls will be sufficient for an hour of CT. I can call ahead and have people in stand by to accept the call.

On Wednesday, February 5, 2014, Josh Gold

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+ Ross

Ross - can you and Lorna talk ASAP And can you add some folks. And review the names.

Ross - also need a call time script. Need to get this to city hall before noon.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 5, 2014, at 5:37 AM, Lorna <[REDACTED]>
wrote:

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> I have the list and starting plugging in phone numbers, will continue starting....

>> On Feb 4, 2014, at 11:56 PM, SY Hilltop

<syazgi@hilltoppublicsolutions.com> wrote:

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>> She might have call time tomorrow from 2-3pm!!

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Subject: Re: First Lady calls
Date: Monday, February 10, 2014 10:51:37 AM
Attachments: [WOMEN FOR UPNYC LIST.docx](#)

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WOMEN FOR UPKNYC: This list is in formation and still tentative per second outreach effort for full sign on and permission to use names publically. Person who did outreach is noted.

Cynthia Nixon (CN) -- Julianne Moore, actress & activist
CN -- Kathy Najimy actress & activist
CN -- Rose O'Donnell, actress & activist
CN & Martha Baker (MB) -- Gloria Steinem, activist & author
CN -- Sarah Jessica Parker
CN -- Jennifer Raab of Hunter College
CN -- Olivia Wilde, actress & activist
CN -- Cynthia Levie, editor Glamour Magazine (requested call from CMC)

MB -- Monifa Bandele, MomsRising
MB -- Deborah Sale, former VP, Hosp for Special Surgery
MB -- Emily Jane Goodman, NYS Supreme Court Justice (retired)
MB -- Linda Loffredo, Educator
MB -- Debra Cooper- District Leader
MB -- Sherry Leiwant, Co-President, A Better Balance
MB -- Donna Dolan, Executive Director NY Paid Leave Coalition
MB -- Katherine Bodde, New York Civil Liberties Union

MB -- Zenaida Mendez, President National Organization for Women
NYS

MB -- Ana Oliveira

MB -- Nancy Kolben, Executive Director, Center for Children's Initiatives
& UPK Implementation Work Group

Sharon Lerner- Demos

Julie Menin- Former Chairwoman, Community Board 1

QUOTES:

EMILY JANE GOODMAN **APPROVED**

NYS SUPREME COURT JUSTICE (RET)

- I attended NYC public schools from Kindergarten through high school (and then Brooklyn College) and am proud to be part of plan to extend those educational opportunities by starting today's children off a year earlier, with pre-K. emily jane Goodman

Donna Dolan, New York Paid Leave Coalition **APPROVED**

- The New York Paid Leave Coalition supports the Mayor's commitment to provide Universal Pre-K to all NYC's children. The economic future of our City depends on having the best educated, best trained workforce and that starts with UPK. Securing paid leave in New York State will allow parents to bond with and better care for their children and family members.

Gloria Steinem **NEED TO CHECK ON APPROVAL**

- "For the wealthiest New Yorkers to pay a little more tax -- for pre-

kindergarten plus after school programs for middle school students -- is a way better investment for them and the city than the stock market. Such programs create healthier, responsible future New Yorkers, and also provide the regular responsible childcare that single mothers need to stay in regular jobs. What Wall Street investment can make this claim? It's the best deal in town."

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Subject: Re: First Lady calls
Date: Monday, February 10, 2014 11:02:56 AM

This is a silly point, but just want to note that this is 10 people for Chirlane to call, not 12. Numbering got messed up when we took out a couple people.
Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

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RACHEL — The missing phone numbers are plugged in. Lorna

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Subject: Re: First Lady calls
Date: Monday, February 10, 2014 11:19:51 AM

Yes think we need the phone call to happen today to smooth that out
Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

From: Lorna <[REDACTED]>
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2014 11:18:51 -0500
To: Ross Offinger <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Rachel Noerdlinger <rachel@noerdlingermedia.com>; Christine Marinoni <[REDACTED]> Cynthia Nixon <[REDACTED]> Stephanie Yazgi <syazgi@hilltoppublicsolutions.com>; Ko, Eunice <EKo@cityhall.nyc.gov>
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Subject: Re: First Lady calls
Date: Monday, February 10, 2014 11:31:16 AM

Need a quote for Rosie O'Donnell to approve
Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2014 16:10:51 +0000
To: Ross Offinger <[REDACTED]> Lorna Brett Howard <[REDACTED]>
ReplyTo: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Re: First Lady calls
Date: Monday, February 10, 2014 4:35:29 PM

Can we ask her to do 2 or 3 that we have cell phone numbers for and who are a possibility for Thursday?
Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

From: "Ko, Eunice" <EKo@cityhall.nyc.gov>
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 2014 21:30:04 +0000
To: [REDACTED] Stephanie Yazgi <syazgi@hilltoppublicsolutions.com>
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I'm so sorry everyone, but the First Lady is currently in speech prep, and it doesn't appear that it will be over anytime soon. I am finding another time tomorrow for her to make these calls.

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2014 3:16 PM
To: Stephanie Yazgi; Ko, Eunice
Cc: X Marinoni; Lorna Howard; [REDACTED] josh@upknyc.org;
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Better # for Vanessa Williams is [REDACTED]
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Subject: Re: First Lady calls
Date: Monday, February 10, 2014 6:37:42 PM

That's great Rachel. We will have those drafted ASAP.

Lorna Brett Howard

[REDACTED] c

Sent from my iPhone

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The social media can reach people we can't reach. Have a craft a short compelling tweet

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Subject: PUBLIC SCHEDULE FOR MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2016



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: pressoffice@cityhall.nyc.gov, (212) 788-2958

PUBLIC SCHEDULE FOR MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2016

On Friday, Mayor de Blasio and Department of Veterans' Services Commissioner Loree Sutton will host a Veterans Day Breakfast at Gracie Mansion, where the Mayor will deliver remarks. This event is open press. There will be no Q-and-A.

After, the Mayor will attend and deliver remarks at the opening ceremony for the 2016 America's Parade in honor of Veterans Day. Following the ceremony, the Mayor will march in the 2016 America's Parade. This event is open press. There will be no Q-and-A.

In the evening, the Mayor will deliver remarks at the Islamic Society of Mid-Manhattan and the Congregation Beit Simchat Torah. These events are open press. There will be no Q-and-A.

Later, the Mayor will attend the opening reception for Edi Rama's art exhibition at the Marian Goodman Gallery. This event is open press. There will be no Q-and-A.

Press Schedule

8:45 AM – Hosts Veterans Day Breakfast

Gracie Mansion
88th Street and East End Avenue
New York, NY 10128

NYPD press credentials required. Official photos will be available at flickr.com/mycmayorsoffice shortly following the event.

10:00 AM – Attends and Deliver Remarks at the Opening Ceremony for 2016 America's Parade

Madison Square Park
E 23rd Street between 5th & Madison Avenues
New York, NY 10010

Official photos will be available at [flickr.com/nycmayoroffice](https://www.flickr.com/photos/nycmayoroffice/) shortly following the event.

11:00 AM – Marches in America’s Parade

23rd Street and 5th Avenue to 52nd St & 5th Avenue

New York, NY

Official photos will be available at [flickr.com/nycmayoroffice](https://www.flickr.com/photos/nycmayoroffice/) shortly following the event.

Approximately 5:50 PM – Delivers Remarks at Islamic Society of Mid-Manhattan

Islamic Society of Mid-Manhattan

154 E 55th Street

New York, NY 10022

Members of the media are asked to follow the guidelines established by the congregation. This includes wearing long skirts or slacks and long sleeves. *Official photos will be available at [flickr.com/nycmayoroffice](https://www.flickr.com/photos/nycmayoroffice/) shortly following the event.*

Approximately 6:40 PM – Delivers Remarks at Congregation Beit Simchat Torah

130 W 30th Street

New York, NY 10001

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7:30 PM – Attends Edi Rama’s Art Exhibition

Marian Goodman Gallery

24 W 57th Street

New York, NY 10019

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From: Mayor's Press Office
Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2016 5:28 PM
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Subject: PUBLIC SCHEDULE FOR MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2016



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PUBLIC SCHEDULE FOR MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2016

On Wednesday, Mayor de Blasio and Police Commissioner O'Neill will deliver remarks at the NYPD Graduation Ceremony. This event is open press. There will be no Q-and-A.

Later, the Mayor will deliver remarks at the Jewish Institute of Queens' 5th annual dinner. This event is open press. There will be no Q-and-A.

Press Schedule

11:00 AM – Delivers Remarks at NYPD Graduation Ceremony

Madison Square Garden – The Theater

4 Pennsylvania Plaza

New York, NY 10001

NYPD credentials required. Members of the media must be in place by 10:30 AM. Footage will be provided by NYC Media and will be available shortly following the event on Encompass Port CTY- 4205. Official photos will be available at [flickr.com/nycmayorsoffice](https://www.flickr.com/photos/nycmayorsoffice/) shortly following the event.

8:30 PM – Delivers Remarks at Jewish Institute of Queens' 5th Annual Dinner

Royal Elite Palace

69-02 Garfield Avenue

Queens, NY 11377

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From: Mayor's Press Office
Sent: Monday, December 26, 2016 9:21 PM
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PUBLIC SCHEDULE FOR MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2016

Mayor de Blasio will be in New York City. There are no public events scheduled.

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From: Mayor's Press Office
Sent: Sunday, December 25, 2016 7:19 PM
To: Mayor's Press Office
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Sent: Friday, December 23, 2016 4:26 PM
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PUBLIC SCHEDULE FOR MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2016

On Saturday, Mayor de Blasio will deliver remarks at the National Action Network's annual Christmas Day Toy Give-Away & Community Meal for the Hungry. This event is open press. There will be no Q-and-A.

Press Schedule

11:00 AM – Delivers Remarks at National Action Network's Annual Christmas Day Toy Give-Away & Community Meal for the Hungry

House of Justice
106 W. 145th Street
New York, NY 10039

Official photos will be available at [flickr.com/nycmayorsoffice](https://www.flickr.com/photos/nycmayorsoffice/) shortly following the event.

PUBLIC SCHEDULE FOR MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2016

On Sunday, Mayor de Blasio will be in New York City. There are no public events scheduled.

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From: Mayor's Press Office
Sent: Friday, December 23, 2016 1:39 PM
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TRANSCRIPT: MAYOR DE BLASIO APPEARS LIVE ON WNYC

Brian Lehrer: It's the Brian Lehrer show on WNYC. Good morning, everyone. And we begin today with our weekly Ask the Mayor segment with Mayor Bill de Blasio. Mr. Mayor, welcome back to WNYC. Merry Christmas.

Mayor Bill de Blasio: Merry Christmas, Brian, and Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all of your listeners as well.

Lehrer: Do you have any favorite personal Christmas traditions for yourself or your family?

Mayor: We have a lovely time on Christmas morning and just a kind of classic everyone wakes up, gathers around the tree, opens up the presents together. We're big into Christmas stockings filled with little idiosyncratic gifts and kind of seeing who can come up with the most creative thing each year, so it's a very sweet family moment.

Lehrer: I'll let you give one example if you dare reveal that part of your private life.

Mayor: I – you know – I have to think about what is the right, you know, part of private life to reveal.

[Laughter]

But a lot of it emphasizing irreverent humor. I'll try to get you a good example.

Lehrer: Okay, and listeners our Ask the Mayor segment means our lines are open for anything you want to ask the Mayor today – 212-433-WNYC, 433-9692, and on to business. After the Berlin Christmas market attack, is the NYPD doing anything different to protect shoppers, and should the public do anything different?

Mayor: The answer is yes and yes. We take this situation very seriously. This time of year, Brian, we are on intensive alert to being with because we've seen a lot of threats – you know general threats – from ISIS all over the world and other terrorist groups from the time basically Thanksgiving all the way to New Year's. So we are very alert this time of year. Specifically NYPD has reinforced different holiday markets around the city, so you're going to see a lot of presence from our expanded anti-terrorism forces – our Critical Response Command and our Strategic Response Group. That's the additional officers we've added over the last few years particularly to prevent terrorism, and also the common phrase we use – “if you see something, say something” – it really needs to take life for people. It's not just if you see an unattended package on the subway. It also is if you see someone acting in a manner that makes you concerned, tell a police officer. If you see a package, if you see anything that worries you, it's better to tell a police officer.

Lehrer: Before we move off this topic, I see one of our callers wants to ask about one of the ways that the Chelsea bombing was handled this year, so let's let Camille in Manhattan ask that question.

Hello, Camille, you're on WNYC.

Question: Good morning. I was driving on the West Side Highway as a passenger in a car on the night that Chelsea was bombed. I was going from the Upper West Side to Greenwich Village on the West Side Highway. The traffic was stopped bluntly at around 29th street or something. And then the cars were just forced to go down 24th street towards 6th avenue and then turn further South on like 7th or something like that. I just can't understand why. It would've been so much safer to keep people going south, flowing in that traffic towards Brooklyn instead of putting everybody into harm's way. I have written several e-mails through 3-1-1 to all the people involved in this. I never got an answer. I still have a tracking number for three of those e-mails. Nobody ever got back to me, and I'm really upset. I don't understand why the traffic was put right in harm's way.

Lehrer: Mr. Mayor, are you familiar with that detail of what happened that night?

Mayor: No, Brian, I'm not, and Camille, I'm certainly going to look into this because it concerns me, but I also think it was a very intense moment for the city. I think the NYPD handled it extremely well overall. I don't know about this specific situation, but I give the NYPD and our partners at the FBI and our other partners tremendous credit for how they handled that crisis and thank god no one was ultimately harmed because of anything involving traffic certainly. So I'll look into it, but I would just say if you look at the overall situation, I think it was an extraordinary example of what the NYPD was capable of in a very, very tough moment for this city.

Lehrer: With all of the back and forth on what to do to prevent terrorism, I see President Obama will dismantle the so called NSEERS program, a kind of registry of people from many Muslim majority countries considered to have a lot of terrorists that President Bush used during the Iraq War, but which hasn't been used since 2010. The Trump administration is considering a similar registry maybe within the NSEERS framework as something that already exists that they can just plug into and says they're not launching anything new. The Obama folks say it created a lot of paperwork by registering so many people, but it never stopped a terrorist attack. And I see you've commented on this. Did NSEERS affect New York one way or another?

Mayor: You know, I'm not an expert on the history of it, but I do know plenty about the notion of any kind of “special registry” quote-unquote. We have found a number of the steps taken in the past to treat people all as a group, particularly to treat Muslims in a discriminatory fashion as totally counter-productive. The goal here – and this is something I've talked to the head of the FBI about, I've talked to the Homeland Security secretary about. The goal is to create a real unity between our government – national, state, local – and our Muslim communities, so that we are all working together respectfully to fight crime and to fight terrorism. When you single people out and you treat a whole class of people as if they're suspect it's very similar to the overuse of stop and frisk in this city. When you treat people like suspects when they haven't done anything wrong and are

loyal citizens it alienates people. So I think the Department of Homeland Security did the right thing here to finish this program off once and forever. It should not be brought back, and the way forwards is to create respect and unity with the Muslim communities of this city and of this country. That's how we actually stay safe.

Lehrer: Also in response to Trump I see you've been encouraging people to sign up for Obamacare health insurance. Are you aiming for strength in numbers?

Mayor: Absolutely. Look there's several reasons why it's so important, and we have this new initiative called GetCoveredNYC and anyone who needs health insurance and doesn't have it – there's almost half a million New Yorkers who qualify under the Affordable Care Act and don't have insurance. A lot of them don't realize how easy it is to sign up and how inexpensive the policies can be, and what an incredible sense of peace of mind to have health insurance rather than not. I got to meet people earlier this week who were signing up New Yorkers on the spot. It literally takes minutes to find out if someone is eligible and then start the sign up process, but it is about, Brian – one, we just want as many as possible to have health insurance. That's morally right. Two, it's very important for this city. Our public hospitals are going to serve anyone and everyone regardless of their ability to pay, but the more people who have insurance the better it is for the health and wellbeing of our public hospital system which serves everyone. And three – we're going to have a big fight in this country over Obamacare. I think what's going to happen if a lot of people, including people who supported Donald Trump, are going to say 'wait a minute, I don't want my health insurance taken away. I don't want to lose the opportunity for health insurance when I have a pre-existing medical condition. I don't want to lose the ability to have my kids on my health insurance up until 26.' They're going to want to keep those things. And the more people who are enrolled under Obamacare the harder it is to take away. That's just basic political common sense. The more popular and the more involved - the more people involved in the program, the more popular it is, the harder it is to take away.

Lehrer: You know how Trump can get more oppositional when there's a challenge in his face, right? Like this morning he said on Russia and nuclear weapons, "Let it be an arms race, we will outmatch them at every pass," according to MSNBC. And I don't even think Putin was trying to bait him. That's going to be our next topic after you. But, could you be encouraging him to get even more determined to dismantle the ACA, because you kind of represent something.

Mayor: You know, Brian, I don't see it that way. First of all – again, it is our moral responsibility to sign as many people up for health insurance as possible and [inaudible] good for the City of New York and our Health and Hospitals Corporation, our public hospitals. But no - it doesn't make sense to me to say we shouldn't challenge him because he might lash back. He says all sorts of things. We will see how many of them come true. We will see how many of them he doesn't flip flop on. The bottom line is people have to stand up. If we are going to protect the Affordable Care Act, we have to stand up for it, we have to fight for it, we have to show how much it means in people's lives. So I don't care about this notion of he's going to take offense. That's like we are talking about an emperor. I don't think of it that way. This is a democratic reality [inaudible] democratic reality. The more people who demand that we keep the Affordable Care Act, the greater the chance that it will survive.

Lehrer: Jane in Bell Harbor, you are on WNYC with the Mayor. Hi Jane.

Question: Hi, how are you? Hi- Mayor de Blasio, I have a major complaint here. I live in Rockaway Bell Harbor and there two establishments, main establishments. There's lots of them that serve minors and I repeatedly called to the precinct to try to make it – as a matter of fact I've been on the phone since 9 o'clock this morning. And I repeatedly try to call the precinct to get nowhere. They tell me they dispatch cars. I have a videotape of some of the police cars outside of the establishment not doing anything. So I then tried to call the liquor authority, which they kept putting me back into the tree and around – whatever, to make a complaint then

they told me I have to go up to Harlem to the State Liquor Authority on Lennox Avenue to make a complaint. There's nobody – there's nobody that's doing anything. Hello –

Lehrer: Jane is that you? Is the noise on your end Jane?

Question: No there is no noise now.

Lehrer: Mr. Mayor tell those security people to leave you alone. I'm just kidding.

[Laughter]

So Mr. Mayor, you hear Jane's problem. There is a bar in her neighborhood that is serving to minors – two bars, and she can't get anybody to do anything about it.

Mayor: Jane I hear you loud and clear. I'm concerned because we absolutely want to crack down on any establishment that's serving to minors so I am going to personally follow up and find out what the precinct is doing. I am very glad you are reporting this and we are going to let the precinct commander know that this has to be handled.

Lehrer: And as we do when these kinds of calls come in Jane, if you want, we will take your contact number off the air.

Question: What I'd like to leave is the two names of the establishment because I know that they go into liquor stores and I know that they do like a sting operation and they give them a fine. So I don't understand why these establishments, they are 15, 16, 17 year olds and there's no fine being given and they repeatedly continue to serve to minors.

Mayor: What are the names?

Question: The names are the Jameson's Pub on 129 Street and the other name is the Community House and I believe that's on Rockaway Beach Boulevard and 108 Street or what is that street over there? 101 Rockaway Beach Boulevard –

Lehrer: We'll take that off the air and obviously you know we can't verify that any establishment is doing something wrong that an individual says just because she said. But, there are the names that she says and so Mr. Mayor you have it and I guess your people will follow up and see what's going on. And Jane if you want to leave your contact information you can and we'll make sure that there's a response.

Let's go to Sharice in Manhattan. You're on WNYC. Hello Sharice.

Question: Yes, good morning. So my [inaudible] received subsidy from the government, which is [inaudible]. I'm living in a studio apartment with two kids and I tried to move out. First of all, there is smoke coming in under the door of the people smoking. The second thing, my kids they have a breathing problem right now. I'm seeing a specialist. And most of the time there is no heat. I tried to move with [Inaudible]. I have to have an emergency whether domestic abuse or life endangered. I'm stuck. It's like I have to put my kids in the apartment building.

Lehrer: This is conditions that your landlord is foisting upon you and not doing anything about it sounds like, yes?

Question: Definitely, definitely and the other thing is we grew out of the apartment. It's a studio apartment with two kids.

Mayor: Okay. Sharice I'm concerned obviously about this. I'm glad you're raising it. We don't want anyone in situations that aren't appropriate. We do have a huge problem with finding appropriate space for people who need it. So sometimes people are in more cramped space that they wanted to be in but the most important thing is get a room over your head and good conditions. So Sharice, leave your information please with WNYC and I'm going to have our folks in our Department of Social Services follow up with you.

Lehrer: Yes this is another one where we should follow up with individual contact information. Sharice we'll put you on hold and you can give the details to our producer thank you.

Mr. Mayor, let's talk re-election politics for a few minutes. You now have your first challenger in the Democratic primary for mayor in 2017, as you know. State Senator Tony Avella of Queens – we had him on the show this week – and he called Vision Zero a failure and backed up his claim by tweeting us a number of newspaper articles afterwards. For example, as of November, there were more pedestrian deaths this year than last – 126 compared to 120 last year. Vision 126? Why has it stalled?

Mayor: It hasn't stalled. I think that's absolutely a misunderstanding of what's going on here. Vision Zero is a long-term plan. It is a very ambitious tough mission – to go out there and fundamentally change the safety dynamics of this city. You know a few years ago, before I took office, the number of traffic deaths in this city each year was approaching the number of deaths by homicide. And we took that down immediately when we started Vision Zero. We got to in 2014; we had the lowest number of pedestrian fatalities in 100-plus years. In 2015, we surpassed it. We're continuing that this year. And that's just something that people have to understand. We're going to keep building, and building, and building. There will be more and more situations where you'll have safer streets because of protected bike lanes; because we're re-designing intersections; because we're enforcing – and this is crucial – NYPD is enforcing the law on speeding, on failure to yield to pedestrians, much more aggressively, and the numbers show it – many more summonses given for those dangerous behaviors, more checkpoints, particularly around the holidays to stop drunk driving. This is all continuing to build. And every year we've shown progress.

Lehrer: Every year you've shown progress, but – and I don't have the numbers from the last month. But as of November, according to the newspaper reports, 126 pedestrian deaths compared to 120 last year. So can you say that's progress and continuing to build?

Mayor: Brian, respectfully, you know I have immense respect for you, but when you say according to newspapers, and you quote information from November, I would really be cautious about that, respectfully. Deaths are down this year. NYPD has been reporting this regularly. A new approach was put into place late in October to focus on the late afternoon, early evening hours where we identified a specific problem, and they put precision policing tactics to work. We did a whole press conference with Commissioner O'Neill. I would urge your researchers to check that out. Deaths are down again. And this is an initiative that is growing. It's not static. It is growing and it will produce greater results.

Lehrer: Here's a clip of Avella this week on aspects of it that he thinks could be better.

[State Senator Tony Avella: "And I've said this to the Mayor's people time and time again, it's not just about putting a bike lane, and again, without community input. It's not putting in a pedestrian plaza, against – in a lot of cases – against community input. What about trying to get an always stop, or a traffic light in a neighborhood? It takes almost like an act of God to get those controls. And the City keeps relying on federal guidelines. And it's – if you really want to increase pedestrian safety and improve safety in neighborhoods, why

are we not doing more to involve local communities in – hey, I’ve got a dangerous intersection here; I want an always stop? Okay, let’s take it seriously; let’s do it.”]

How would you respond to that, Mr. Mayor?

Mayor: First of all, we work very closely with communities to determine what will make things safer. This is part of why we’re doing so many redesigns of intersections. We listen to communities all the time, and we take that input, and we also have to bring to bear what we know factually works to keep people safe. Something like a speed camera around a school for example, may not always win the popularity contest, but it sure protects kids. And so we’re going to keep doing that. There are definitely places where we need more traffic lights and stop signs. And I talk to my fellow New Yorkers all the time who make those requests. Some of them make a lot of sense. And sometimes, Department of Transportation needs to work quicker to get them done. Others don’t necessarily make so much sense. But it’s part of the bigger puzzle. What really works – we’ve reduced the speed limit in many parts of the city, we’ve put in the speed cameras around schools, we’re changing the traffic designs in intersections, and putting in a lot of traffic calming measures, and especially that intensive NYPD enforcement – that’s what really changes the situation in terms of safety. And again, we have three years of data to prove it, Brian.

Lehrer: And there’s also Comptroller Scott Stringer, considered another possible challenger, who has released figures on the deaths of children who had been under the watch of the Administration for Children’s Services. His report said in the three months before the death that’s been in the news – six-year-old Zymere Perkins – in the prior three months, ten other kids died who had been in households with at least four other previous cases of abuse or neglect on file with the ACS. I know you dispute some of the numbers in his report but what about the main thrust about deaths on repeated instances where kids are on the radar?

Mayor: I care very deeply about this matter and I feel that as a parent, I feel that as a public servant. I spent eight years as the chairman of the committee that works to reduce child abuse in New York City. And a very important thing for your listeners to know is that over the last five years – that’s the Bloomberg administration and mine – the number of cases that have been substantiated as potential child abuse has gone down steadily in this city because a lot of reforms were put in place previously and we’d added additional reforms, additional personnel, additional training.

But here’s what’s wrong with Scott Stringer’s letter. It is blatantly inaccurate – blatantly inaccurate. What he did – Scott Stringer teamed up with the New York Post to create fake news. We’ve been talking about fake news a lot lately. Here’s a real example. I’m holding the New York Post from yesterday and it has this screaming headline. And if you look at the first paragraph, it says these things happened “in the weeks leading up to the slaying of little Zymere Perkins.” Zymere Perkins was an absolute tragedy and many people who played a role in terms of not doing their jobs effectively have been either disciplined or fired or demoted. And we will be relentless about changing anything we need to change in that agency.

But here’s the problem with the decision by Scott Stringer to work with the New York Post, which is a very conscious decision, to create what is a false understanding of what happened here. He is literally denigrating the work of all the people at ACS who protect children. They have between 50,000 and 60,000 cases a year – the vast majority of them, they do a great job protecting kids. None of that is discussed in his letter.

But here’s four cases of the ten he raises, Brian, where he says these cases were “opened” in the weeks of this last summer. Well, one was of death tragically from 2008, one was a death from 2011, another was from 2011, yet another was from 2013. His facts are entirely wrong. He’s got two deaths in here which were because parents, unfortunately, were in an unsafe sleeping position with their children. It had nothing to do with ACS whatsoever. You have two where kids died in a tragic fire where there was no indication that ACS had any

warning of anything like that happening. You had one where there was a child abuse fatality – a family not known to ACS to begin with.

This is just blatantly false and it's not appropriate and it doesn't a service to anyone. It denigrates the work of the hardworking people at ACS who save lives every day and it misinforms the public. It's not appropriate.

Lehrer: Well, we will follow up with Comptroller Stringer and get his response to that response. But on this topic, we have a caller – Janet in Flushing, you're on WNYC. Hello, Janet.

Question: Hello, I'm calling because I'm a retired school social worker and it occurred to me throughout my education – not really the education so much as the practice of having been a teacher and then a social worker – it occurred to me that very often, we're not really accessing information from the children who are the point of contact of abuse, and also who do not have, many, many times, have absolutely no ideas of what their rights are as the children of the parents who are caring for them. I don't see the parents as loving to hurt their children and I don't, at all, see children as liking to be abused. But I really think that we're not utilizing the point of contact daily in the school system well enough – to join up with the ACS workers in a way that would make a much better safety net –

Lehrer: How, for example, could they, Janet? Because aren't already school personnel mandatory reporters if they see something that indicates child abuse? They have to report it to the City?

Question: Yes, absolutely. But I do also remember in my practice of social work in the school system that everybody – the teachers and everybody who works in the school is very busy with a lot of different things and not everybody pays so much attention to looking for abuse. I remember as a social worker up in Washington Heights, that I was given a paper that showed children with a black eye or a broken arm or something like that. It was a tiny little picture of what might happen to children. It made me also remember that as a beginning teacher in South Jamaica, I have a picture of a boy who had a black eye on picture taking day, it didn't occur to me that somebody at home had possibly done or most likely done it –

Lehrer: So, what's your question for the Mayor? What can the City do better?

Question: Well, I would like to see some kind of a – in attempting to broaden the picture of what goes on in schools because so much is going on every day, not everybody sees or is looking into this problem every day. Okay. So, then the attendance workers collection information on how many days a kid is absent and that's very valuable in detecting – when you're taking a look at abuse. I know that teachers and everybody in the school system can't be following kids around trying to find out if they're abused but we could have a much better educational program within that is not isolated from the problem –

Lehrer: Janet, thank you, let me get a response from the Mayor. Mr. Mayor –

Mayor: Well, I appreciate Janet's point and I appreciate the work she did. Look, one of the areas – I think Janet is onto something here but I do believe it's being addressed more and more. First, the big picture. The big picture is, again, ACS has between 50,000 and 60,000 cases a year it works on. And thank God, the vast majority of the situations, the kids are safe in the end including in many situations where ACS wants to remove a child from the family and a judge may not agree. And that has to be – we talked about on this on your last show – that's a really important part of this equation that ACS often wants to be more aggressive then a judge will allow it to be.

But in terms of the schools – this goes back to Nixzmary Brown in 2006 when I was Chair of the General Welfare Committee in the City Council. And one of the missing links there was that the murderer, in fact, was at a meeting in the school before the murder occurred and there was a chance there – and this is why it was such

a gripping and horrible case for the City – there was a chance to stop that right then if the communication between the school, the police, and ACS had been stronger –

Lehrer: And wasn't lack of attention to Zymere Perkins – repeated absences –

Mayor: That's where I'm going next, yes. After 2006, real reforms were made and I worked on them with the Bloomberg administration. They were important to connect ACS and schools and police more tightly. There's been progress. But what we found in the Zymere Perkins case – and this is now leading to an additional set of reforms that are already being implemented – is that the attendance point, the point that Janet made, attendance has to be watched much more carefully and there need to be much more stringent signals that were sent if there was a dip or change in attendance depending on the situation of the family. That DOE and ACS had to have a much tighter communication. Those changes have been made in made in many cases. Others are about to be made because I want more early [inaudible] warning of these situations.

So, I think Janet's right. A lot is going on in schools but I also think one of the problems in the past was we didn't have the kind of tight communication between the schools and ACS. This new set of reforms, I think, is going to substantially fix that.

Lehrer: We had a guest yesterday who said they need more social workers in ACS not just caseworkers who aren't nearly as well trained.

Mayor: Look, I won't comment specifically because I feel that we have added a lot to ACS in terms of both the number of employees and the amount of training. So, I don't – and the reason I'm not commenting is I don't want to go out of my depth. I think it's a fair question. I think what we are still responding to here is a reality where there was real disinvestment in ACS for years and there wasn't the kind of training that caseworkers and others needed to be as effective as possible. Those reforms are now in place and that's going to make a difference. But I think it's a fair question which I'm happy to look into – whether additional social workers would help as well.

Lehrer: Shari in Chelsea, you're on WNYC with the Mayor. Hello, Shari.

Question: Good morning, nice to speak with you – and Happy Holidays.

Lehrer: You too.

Lehrer: My problem right now is with City bureaucracy. We are having some difficulties – my employers and I, as their representative – getting in touch with the proper City employees and agencies to accomplish things. And to give you an example, I actually received a notice in the mail from the City yesterday. It was dated December 20th for a payment that was due November 22nd which is a little odd – time warped there. And I was unable to contact any City agency to ask a question about that. I call 3-1-1 four times. Nobody could give me a working number to the Department of Finance to ask a question about it –

Mayor: So, let me ask you this – because I want to understand – when you call 3-1-1 and said here's my problem because what you're saying is a totally logical problem – "I got a bill that's already passed the due date," what did the folks at 3-1-1 say to you.

Question: They looked and looked and looked and could not find a phone number for – one 3-1-1 representative gave me a phone number that was supposed to be for the Department of Finance. When I called it, no one answered.

Mayor: But did they offer to do anything more to try and address the issue for you rather than just give you a phone number?

Question: No, because there's really nothing they could do about it.

Mayor: Okay. That's not the way it's supposed to go. So, I'm glad you're calling. We're supposed to – and I will go deal with the folks who are on 3-1-1 – they're supposed to help you get resolution on your issue not just pass you a number to nowhere. So, you're right, that there is still real bureaucratic issues we're trying to work through in every agency. It's the history of bureaucracy going back to the Roman Empire. But I will say 3-1-1 in many cases has helped to cut through that and a lot of the other things we're doing now where we provide, you know, much more user-friendly, customer-friendly approaches. We did this with pre-K and we're doing it our GetCovered initiative around health insurance where we get a real human being to help you settle your problem rather than be sent out into the ether.

So, let me found out – if you'll give the information to WNYC – let me find out why this happened. And it should not have happened. First, let's fix your specific issue. Let's get it resolved. But second we will work to get 3-1-1 to recognize they can't leave people hanging like that.

Lehrer: Alright, Shari, thank you. We'll take your contact information off the air and some of those details. And we are out of time for today and this week's Ask the Mayor. Mr. Mayor, as always, thanks a lot. And again, Merry Christmas.

Mayor: Merry Christmas, Brian. Be well.

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Secret Snowflake, a holiday initiative spearheaded by NYC Service in partnership with four City agencies, will provide gifts for children and youth served by NYC Family Justice Centers, foster care or the shelter system.

NEW YORK—The de Blasio Administration today announced that it is supporting more than 1,300 children and youth with crucial necessities and toys this holiday season through the Secret Snowflake initiative.

In 2016, Secret Snowflake mobilized 900 City and private sector employees to answer 1,300 hand written letters from children and youth in need and provide them with gifts this holiday season, doubling the number of children served through letters last year. In addition, 10 organizations, including Greenlight Bookstore and Eeboo Toys, contributed over 2,000 in kind donations such as books, toys and school supplies. These donations are distributed to City agency partners to supplement letters and serve additional children.

“The holidays are a great time for us as New Yorkers to count our blessings and share our gratitude with others,” said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. “The Secret Snowflake Holiday initiative is making this season brighter for hundreds of children and youth across our City, and it reminds us of how powerful we are when we work together. I want to thank the hundreds of New Yorkers who answered letters this year and the many organizations that have contributed in-kind donations to make this possible.”

“Sharing the joy of the holiday season with children around New York City is one of the ultimate highlights of this time of year,” said **Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito**. “Through the Secret Snowflake program, hundreds of young people throughout the five boroughs will have their celebrations brightened by our dedicated civil servants and contributors. The work of the Office of Mayor de Blasio, NYC Service and partner

organizations serves as a model for the giving spirit this festive month should instill in all of us, and I thank them for their commitment to even the youngest of New Yorkers.”

“By leveraging the spirit of service during the holidays, Secret Snowflake brings New Yorkers together to support hundreds of children and youth in need,” said **Chief Service Officer Paula Gavin**. “NYC Service is so honored to continue leading this initiative and we are grateful for the partnership and support from our City agencies, businesses and every day New Yorkers across the City that helped make this the most successful year of Secret Snowflake yet.”

The Secret Snowflake is led by NYC Service in partnership with the Administration for Children’s Services, the Department of Homeless Services, Department of Social Services and the Mayor’s Office to Combat Domestic Violence.

Additionally, NYC Service coordinates with City employees, including the Mayor’s Office for International Affairs, which engages the diplomatic community in service. This year, participants included representatives from the Consulates General of Australia, Belarus, Denmark, Germany, Lebanon, Singapore, Sweden, Thailand and the United Arab Emirates. Representatives from the Permanent Missions of Chile, France, Germany, Kuwait, Singapore, Switzerland, the United States, the Delegation of the European Union as well as staff from across the United Nations also participated.

Through the Secret Snowflake Holiday initiative, NYC Service actively recruits corporate partners such as Brookfield, HBO, The New York Times and Yelp to answer hand written letters from children in need.

NYC Service also uses the holiday season to involve local businesses in Secret Snowflake. Greenlight Bookstore in Brooklyn joined the initiative this year and engaged their customers and publishers in a holiday book drive that raised nearly 500 books that will supplement answered letters and serve additional children.

Over the last three holiday seasons, Secret Snowflake has mobilized a total of 1,548 New Yorkers to answer letters and provide gifts for over 2,200 children and youth. The initiative has also helped collect over 3,000 in-kind donations from organizations across the City to supplement letters and serve additional children.

2016 Corporate Partners (Employees Answered Letters)

- Brookfield
- HBO
- Maggie Vision Productions
- New York City Football Club
- The New York Times
- Yelp

2016 In-Kind Donors

- Akashic Books
- Eeboo Toys
- Europa Editions
- Greenlight Bookstore
- Harper Collins
- HBO
- Mayor’s Office of International Affairs
- Penguin Random House

- Soho Press/Soho Crime

“The holidays are a great opportunity to show our generosity to hundreds of children in foster care and their families,” said **Commissioner of the NYC Administration for Children’s Services Gladys Carrión**. “Secret Snowflake encourages New Yorkers to take the time to make a child feel special. I am proud to partner with NYC Service and other City and private agencies in giving back to our youth in care.”

“NYC Service’s ‘Secret Snowflake’ is instrumental in connecting donations made in the spirit of the season to New Yorkers who need it most,” said **Commissioner to the Department of Social Services Steven Banks**. “We thank NYC Service for its commitment to work with us to improve the lives of homeless New Yorkers.”

“The Mayor’s Office to Combat Domestic Violence is proud to take part in Secret Snowflake,” said **Commissioner of the Mayor’s Office to Combat Domestic Violence Cecile Noel**. “This program embodies the best values of New Yorkers and is a shining display of generosity around the holidays. We are grateful to the many donors throughout the City who have helped bring gifts and smiles to hundreds of underserved children whose lives have been affected by domestic violence. The families at the NYC Family Justice Centers that benefit from Secret Snowflake are very grateful for the kindness they receive, and more importantly, to be able to bring joy to their children during this festive season.”

“I commend NYC Service for providing this special opportunity to give back and assist families and children in need,” said **Commissioner of the Mayor’s Office for International Affairs Penny Abeywardena**. “My office is especially thrilled to be able to partner with NYC’s diplomatic and consular community in this year’s Secret Snowflake, giving over 250 gifts to children and families throughout the five boroughs. It is an honor to engage the diplomatic community in the City in which they live and to collaborate with our City agency partners.”

“With tremendous support from our employees, HBO proudly partnered with NYC Service and the staff of the Alice Branch Plaza family shelter to expand upon the Secret Snowflake initiative and give back in a deeper, more meaningful way,” said **HBO Corporate Social Responsibility Vice President Dennis Williams**.

“Together, we renovated vital recreational areas of the shelter, just in time for the holidays. We are especially proud to have support from our friends at Sesame Street who infused creativity and imagination into a space that will now be used as an Early Childhood Learning room. The combined efforts of the Department of Homeless Services, the Mayor’s Office and numerous HBO volunteers, reminds us of what we can accomplish when we mobilize our resources to help and serve others.”

“Greenlight welcomed the opportunity to work with NYC Service on Secret Snowflake to give back to our city as a small business and to engage our customers in giving back as well,” said **Greenlight Bookstore owners Jessica Bagnulo and Rebecca Fitting**. “We invited our customers to purchase carefully selected books from Greenlight at a deep discount to be donated to the city’s young readers through NYC Service and the Mayor’s Office; we worked with our publisher friends and brought our own expertise to bear on selecting just twelve perfect titles. The response from our customers was enormous and warm-hearted: they donated 434 books and a total of almost \$5,800, in addition to Greenlight’s own donations. It was a wonderful way for us to be able to highlight great books and authors, and give our book-loving customers the chance to share the gift of literacy, which matters so much to them and to us, with the kids of our great city.”

Council Member Mathieu Eugene said, “The Secret Snowflake program is a wonderful opportunity for New Yorkers to lend a helping hand and make children in foster care feel special. During the holiday season, it is important for all of us as a community to use our resources to help those in need. Through this special act of generosity by our city, we can put a smile on the faces of our city’s homeless youth.”

Council Member Stephen Levin said, “Secret Snowflake is a fantastic program to channel New Yorkers’ generosity and compassion to grant the wishes of hundreds of our City’s kids. We must carry the spirit of the

holiday into 2017 to ensure that homeless families and children and youth in foster care have access to the services and resources they need throughout the year."

"Initiatives such as Secret Snowflake are instrumental in providing essential items to young people during the holidays and bringing joy to families throughout the city. From books to toys to other necessities, Secret Snowflake fills a critical void. We applaud this program, the Mayor's Office and all the companies, organizations and individuals invested in this wonderful effort," said **Heather Butts, co-Founder of HEALTH for Youths**.

"There are many people who are experiencing trying times during the holiday season. The Secret Snowflake initiative helps to lighten the burden. The Secret Snowflake initiative is a great one! Thank you Mayor de Blasio," said **Nikki Lucas, Female District Leader of the 60th Assembly District in Brooklyn**.

"Our strongest partnership at City Mission has been working with the Mayor's Office and the Department of Homeless Services, addressing the marginalized individuals, families and communities in New York City. We are so encouraged by the Secret Snowflake initiative as it inspires other New Yorkers to show love in action to those in need. More than ever, we all have a role in furthering civility, community services and social justice," said **Lester Lin, Founder and Board President of City Mission**.

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On Friday, Mayor de Blasio will appear live on WNYC's Brian Lehrer Show. The Mayor will be taking questions from listeners.

Press Schedule

10:00 AM – Appears Live on WNYC

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NEW YORK—Mayor Bill de Blasio and Department of Veterans' Services Commissioner Loree Sutton today announced that 16 formerly homeless veterans have moved into 16 units of affordable housing just in time for the holidays. Members of the community lined the streets to greet the veterans holding welcome signs while also spreading some holiday cheer. The Mayor and members of the Administration helped the veterans settle into their new homes by providing home goods and moving some of their belongings in their apartments.

"Today, 16 formerly homeless veterans who have dedicated their lives to serving our nation have received a home just in time for the holidays," said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. "Our veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice in life should not be living on the streets or in shelters, which is why we've made it our mission to do the proper outreach to ensure veterans get the services they deserve. I want to thank the Department of Veterans' Services and the Department of Housing Preservation and Development for working closely to help end veteran homelessness."

"With warm, safe, beautiful and affordable new homes, these veterans and their families can celebrate the holidays with the peace of mind that stability offers and plan for a truly prosperous new year," said **Deputy Mayor for Strategic Policy Initiatives Richard Buery**, who oversees the Department of Veterans' Services. "I commend the Department of Veterans' Services and the Department of Housing Preservation and Development for providing this essential service and for making monumental progress in curbing veteran homelessness this year."

Loree Sutton, Commissioner of the Department of Veterans' Services, said, "We couldn't be prouder of everyone involved in finding these veterans permanent, affordable housing. In the last year alone, over 1,600 homeless veterans have been housed, an incredible accomplishment that could not have happened with just one

agency or one funding stream. Today is the perfect example of the interagency collaboration, resource allocation and the sheer determination by my hardworking staff and colleagues that has led us to this point of nearly ending veteran homelessness in the City.”

HPD Commissioner Vicki Been said, “No one who has sacrificed for our country should find themselves out of a home. That is why HPD has made housing our City’s veterans such a top priority. We appreciate the efforts of our partners at the City, State and Federal levels, as well as Omni, Samaritan Village and so many others who brought 655 Morris Avenue online and provided our veterans with housing and the support they deserve. We are pleased to welcome these 16 veterans home for the holidays.”

Steven Banks, Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, said, “The City’s success in ending chronic veterans’ homelessness and substantially reducing veterans homelessness overall shows how effective cooperation between the City and the federal government can be. The Human Resources Administration and the Department of Homeless Services are proud to be part of this continuing effort to provide homes for those who have served their country.”

This brand-new, 176-unit building, located at 655 Morris Avenue, was financed by HPD, HDC and Bank of America, but to make a project like this work it also needs subsidies. To that end, the veterans are coming in with a combination of City and Federal rent subsidies, household donations and furniture allowances from both the City and private donors. As with all homeless veterans in the City, each veteran moving in today had the support of a DVS Veteran Peer Coordinator or shelter case manager as well as countless people behind the scenes at DSS, NYCHA, HPD, VA, DVS and the shelter provider, Institute for Community Living.

The 16 apartments being provided to veterans represent two of Mayor Bill de Blasio’s top priorities: to preserve or develop 200,000 units of affordable housing for New Yorkers and to effectively end veteran homelessness in the City. The City has already ended chronic veteran homelessness, an effort recognized by President Barack Obama last December.

Since Mayor de Blasio’s 2015 State of the City commitment to effectively end veteran homelessness in the City, the Administration and its partners have housed 2,533 homeless veterans, a 64 percent reduction in veteran homelessness. In addition, the City had reduced veteran homelessness by nearly 90 percent in the past five years. The national average is 47 percent during this time period.

About the Veterans

Samuel Rosado is a 68 year old disabled veteran who served in the military for 30 years. Born and raised in Puerto Rico, Samuel joined the Army in 1968 when he was 19 years old, serving in the Army, National Guard and the Reserves in many roles, including paratrooper, infantryman, scout, mortarman, combat engineer and communications specialist. He was medically retired in 1998 and returned to his wife and daughters in Puerto Rico, remaining with them until his wife passed away after 33 years of marriage.

He since moved to New York to be close to his young son. Yet without a stable job or savings, he found he was unable to afford rent and was shocked to find himself living in a shelter.

“I never lived in a shelter in my life. I’ve always worked. I was always the first person to volunteer for any job, no matter how crazy it seemed. But I had to be here in New York City to see my son – I want him to be raised to be a good man, put him in a good school. I want to raise him right,” said **Samuel Rosado**.

After living in a shelter, Samuel will move into permanent, affordable housing.

“I am happy to move into such a beautiful place, and I want to thank the city for my new home,” said **Samuel Rosado**.

John Carothers is also moving in to 655 Morris Ave. He is a disabled Vietnam veteran, who served from 1964 to 1966 in the Army Medical Corps. Following his time in the Army, he spent a career in medical services, working primarily as a radiologist. He entered the shelter system after his home was foreclosed in 2015.

"I am so grateful to DVS for helping to steer me through this process. This is a beautiful apartment in a brand new building and in an ideal location. I am very much looking forward to moving in," said **John Carothers**.

Michael Scanlon is another one of the veterans moving in today. After a very difficult few years he couldn't be happier about his new apartment.

"I was in the US Navy from 1981 to 1996 serving in many roles, from the Brooklyn Navy Yard to Maine working on submarines. I left the service as a single parent to three children and worked on tug boats and as a taxi driver. I was also forced to rely on odd jobs for work," said **Michael Scanlon**. "Eventually, I couldn't afford rent anymore and had to couch surf. I ended up sleeping in the garage I used to work at. It got to be too much, and I entered the shelter system and finally began taking advantage of some of the programs available to me as a veteran. I am so happy and grateful for the services and programs made available to me by the City, and especially thankful for the help putting a roof over my head."

The individual apartments have a bedroom, full bathroom, living room with a kitchen and two to three closets. All units are equipped with a dishwasher, heater and air conditioning.

The units were made available through an affordable housing real estate development company, Omni New York LLC (Omni), co-founded by Maurice "Mo" Vaughn, a former Mets player. Vaughn co-founded Omni to revitalize and develop various neighborhoods in New York City, and it now owns and manages over 13,000 affordable housing units in 10 states. The veterans are the first group of tenants to move into this new 176-unit development at 655 Morris Avenue in the Bronx, which will be managed by Omni affiliate, Reliant Realty Services, LLC with social services provided by Samaritan Village.

Mo Vaughn, co-Founder of Omni New York, LLC, said, "This is our first new building in New York City, and we couldn't be more excited to have a group of Veterans as our very first tenants. This is especially meaningful to our company, as Omni and its affiliated companies have a long history of employing Veterans and former NYC Police Officers. Reliant's Managing Director, Mathew Holladay, is a West Point graduate and Army Veteran, and its CEO Fermin Garcia served in the Navy."

"Samaritan Daytop Village is delighted to partner with the City and Omni Development to provide support services to the deserving veterans and their families who will be moving into new, high quality apartments today and in the coming weeks. We are grateful for Mayor de Blasio and his commitment to increasing affordable housing. We are also thankful for the sacrifices our veterans have made, and honored to do our part," said **Tino Hernandez, President and CEO of Samaritan Daytop Village**.

"I applaud Mayor de Blasio for his efforts to house 16 of our City's homeless veterans. These individuals deserve this assistance, and more, out of respect for their service to all of us," said **Assembly Member Andrew D. Hevesi**.

"When a veteran is in need, it's essential that we honor their service by providing them with the highest quality of housing and care. I applaud this interagency effort and the Mayor's ongoing and nationally-recognized efforts to end veteran homelessness," said **Council Member Stephen Levin, Chair of the Committee on General Welfare**. "I look forward to continuing to work with the City to find innovative ways to shelter and meet the needs of all homeless New Yorkers."

“I’m overjoyed that we are able to move these veterans into new homes right before the holidays,” said **Council Member Rafael Salamanca, Jr.** “I have toured this building and believe is a great example of the type of new, quality and affordable housing our community deserves.”

“Veterans deserve to have the promises that were made to them kept. These men and women risked their health and lives so they can answer the call to service at the request of the United States government. The least we can do is make sure that when they return home, they do not have to fight for a job or for a quality place to live. I commend the Administration for helping these formerly homeless veterans find affordable housing. It is our responsibility to protect them and provide them with support,” said **Council Member Jumaane D. Williams.**

“Islamic Leadership Council has supported Mayor de Blasio's progressive affordable housing program from the very beginning and we continue to support it. I personally have been following the program and been listening to related public comments. Critics say the program does not go far enough to provide all New Yorkers affordable homes and shelters. However, Mayor de Blasio's affordable housing program is far better than his predecessors and deserves our full support. The Mayor has already financed over 40,000 apartments and we are gratified to hear that this plan has served 1,600 homeless veterans. Providing these 16 additional veterans with homes will go far, especially during the holiday season,” said **Cheikh Ahmed Mbareck, Executive Director of Majlis Ash Shura (Islamic Leadership Council) of New York.**

For more information about NYC’s Department of Veterans Services, visit nyc.gov/vets, contact press@veterans.nyc.gov, or call 212-416-5250.

If you are landlord or broker interested in providing a rental apartment, please call the Mayor’s Home Support Unit at 929-252-7244 to speak with a Home Support specialist.

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Forgiving Fines: The New York City Amnesty Program collects more debt in three months than the City collected in all of FY2014

NEW YORK—Mayor Bill de Blasio today announced the resolution of more than \$150 million in debt from violations issued by city agencies – the result of a three-month Department of Finance amnesty program, run in conjunction with the New York City Council. As part of the program, 120,000 violations were processed, resulting in collection of \$43 million of outstanding debt to the City – more than the city collected for all of Fiscal Year 2014 – and the waiving of more than \$106 million in penalties and interest for home- and business-owners. This was the first amnesty program since 2009.

“Any time we can help New Yorkers save, while simultaneously collecting owed debt, we are doing right by the city,” said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. “This year’s amnesty program, the first under this administration, saved New Yorkers over \$150 million – money that we hope will provide a little comfort this holiday season.”

“The New York City Amnesty Program has had a significant impact on many communities across our City,” said **Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito**. “This important initiative has helped save New Yorkers their hard-earned money, while at the same time also improving efficiency by clearing up hundreds of violations. The New York City Council is proud to have worked with the Mayor’s administration and other City agencies to make this happen.”

“The Amnesty Program was a very big success. We not only saved taxpayers money, we doubled our collection goal of 22.5 million,” said **Finance Commissioner Jacques Jiha**. “The last penalty relief program was in 2009, where the City collected only \$14 million. We are very pleased that New Yorkers were able to take advantage of millions of dollars in savings as well as the opportunity to clear their debt with the City.”

"The Fine Forgiveness program was created to bring relief to struggling businesses and property owners while helping the City quickly raise its revenue and eliminate the amount owed in ECB fines. The amnesty program exceeded our expectation, and I am very pleased with these results and the outreach conducted by the Department of Finance. I look forward to continuing my work with DOF to reduce the amount owed to the City in ways that are beneficial to all New Yorkers," said **Council Member Julissa Ferreras-Copeland, Chair of the Committee on Finance**.

"Businesses and homeowners get a break on unpaid fines, and the city gets more revenue with less effort: everyone wins," said **Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer**. "This is the kind of initiative that helps government work better for everyone."

Forgiving Fines: The New York City Amnesty Program ran from September 12 through December 12 and covered unpaid violations that were in judgment. For those who failed to attend a hearing for their violation, the Amnesty Program waived 100 percent of the default penalty, as well as the interest on their judgment. Those who attended hearings, were required to pay only 75 percent of the base fine and had 100 percent of their interest forgiven.

New Yorkers with compliance violations (typically issued by the Department of Buildings or the FDNY) have six months to fix the underlying conditions and pay the base fee.

The amnesty program did not cover parking tickets. Some of the most common violations the city collected debt on include improper disposal of trash or recyclables; working without a permit; failure to conduct required building inspections and tests; failure to clear snow, ice or dirt from the sidewalk; and illegal posting of handbill or notice.

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**MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO SIGNS LEGISLATION TO CREATE A NEIGHBORHOOD
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Also signs package of legislation to reform campaign finance

NEW YORK—Mayor Bill de Blasio today held public hearings for and signed 29 pieces of legislation into law – Intros. 1132-A and 1182-A, in relation to creating a public list of City planning commitments and creating a process for the modification or removal of certain deed restrictions; Intros. 980-A, 985-A, 986-A, 987-A, 988-A, 990-A, 1001-A, 1002-A, 1349-A, 1350-A, 1351-A, 1352-A, 1353-A, 1354-A, 1355-A, 1356, 1358, 1361, 1362-A, 1363-A, and 1364-A, in relation to legislation that reforms the City of New York's campaign finance system; Intro. 1345-A, in relation to a bill that regulates contributions to organizations affiliated with elected officials; Intros. 1260-A, 1261-A and 1262-A, in relation to the Department of Correction's practices around transporting inmates, waiving cash bail fees and provision of non-uniforms for inmate court appearances; and Intros. 1099-A and 1193-A, in relation to reporting by the Department of Education on career programs and computer science education in New York schools, respectively.

"With this tracker, we are using technology to be more transparent about progress on our commitments," said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. "Delivering on promised public investments to support projects like affordable housing is good policy and shows New Yorkers that they can count on the City's word. I would like to thank the bill's sponsors, Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, Council Member Rafael Espinal and Public Advocate Letitia James. I also would like to thank the rest of the City Council for passing this piece of legislation."

"This package of reforms to the New York City campaign finance system is the product of months of discussions with stakeholders," said **Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito**. "It addresses issues both large and small, from improving voter guides to reducing the influence of money from persons doing business with the City. These reforms close loopholes and level the playing field to ensure a transparent campaign finance

process for all New Yorkers. I commend Mayor de Blasio for signing this package into law, and thank my colleagues at the City Council for their diligent work in developing this essential legislation.”

The first bill, Intro. 1132-A, creates a neighborhood commitment tracker. A year ago, the City committed to approaching capital planning in a more robust and integrated way for neighborhoods that are being rezoned. The City also committed to increasing transparency and accountability around the commitments made to neighborhoods. With Intro. 1132-A, the public will have an accessible and searchable online list of land-use commitments.

“Promises made must be promises kept, particularly for communities facing the major changes of rezoning,” said **Public Advocate Letitia James**. “By tracking commitments like job creation, building and renovating local parks, or redeveloping subway stations, this law will hold the government accountable for its pledges to communities. I am proud to partner with Speaker Mark-Viverito and Council Member Espinal on this bill to make our communities stronger and more successful.”

“For decades dozens of major city capital projects have gone unfinished and government commitments have not been kept,” said **Council Member Rafael Espinal**. “As abandoned properties have been left underutilized and opportunities have been missed, our communities were left in the dark without any transparency or awareness of the status of government plans. With the enactment of Intro. 1132, today we gain a major tool to ensure accountability and restore faith in a government that follows through on its promises to New Yorkers. I applaud Mayor de Blasio for his leadership on this issue and thank my colleagues, Public Advocate James and Speaker Mark-Viverito for their partnership.”

The second bill, Intro. 1182-A, relates to the modification and removal of certain deed restrictions. This bill sets forth a process for the removal or modification of a deed restriction by the Department of Citywide Administrative Services. The process includes obtaining appraisals, seeking public input and conducting an extensive review prior to approving any change. Under the new process, requests will also be reviewed by a committee as well as the Mayor or the Mayor’s designee for a final determination as to whether the modification or removal is appropriate and furthers the best interests of the City. In his remarks, the Mayor thanked the bill’s sponsor, Council Member Margaret Chin.

“By enacting this bill, we’re ensuring that there will never be a repeat of what happened to Rivington House, and the city will finally start keeping track of deed-restricted properties responsibly, in a public database,” said **Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer**. “I thank Council Member Chin for partnering with me on this bill, Speaker Mark-Viverito for championing it, and Mayor de Blasio for working with all of us to craft a substantial reform package that will have the permanence of law.”

Council Member Margaret Chin said, “Our city is not a playground for powerful real estate interests. Every transaction that involves properties set aside for the good of the people of our City, such as Rivington House, needs to be subject to the greatest amount of public input, transparency, and accountability as possible. Our legislation, which creates a public database of deed restrictions, requires notification of elected and community officials of transactions involving deed restrictions, and demands Mayoral sign-off for any deed restriction removal, achieves that goal. Today we are united with a simple message: No more Rivington Houses, not on this Mayor’s or any other Mayor’s watch. I am proud to join Borough President Brewer and Speaker Mark-Viverito in solidarity with the Lower East Side residents who woke up one morning to find a cherished, community asset taken from them.”

The third bill, Intro. 980-A, sets limits on contribution amounts for transition and inauguration entities for local office at the same level as the campaign contribution limits for that office. This bill will help clarify what a candidate can raise and spend during the transition period. In his remarks, the Mayor thanked the bill’s sponsor, Council Member Fernando Cabrera.

The fourth bill, Intro. 985-A, eliminates the matching of public funds for contributions that are bundled by people who are doing business with the City. This bill will ensure that lobbyists and those doing business with the City will not be able to match any public funds for any contributions to a candidate. In his remarks, the Mayor thanked the bill's sponsor, Council Member Ben Kallos.

"Matching of small contributions with tax dollars should only amplify the voices of New Yorkers, not lobbyists," said **Council Member Ben Kallos**. "Special interests who bundle campaign cash will no longer see that multiplied with tax dollars. This legislation gives the people's individual small dollar contributions more power and deals a blow to special interest money and influence. Thank you to Mayor Bill de Blasio for his support in making this legislation into law."

The fifth bill, Intro. 986-A, allows for the disbursement of limited amounts of public matching money to qualifying candidates at an earlier stage in the elections. This bill moves this date closer to the completion of the qualifying process. In his remarks, the Mayor thanked the bill's sponsor, Council Member Ben Kallos.

The sixth bill, Intro. 987-A, modifies the standard for contributions raised and spent by candidates who participate in the City's public funding program to determine their eligibility to participate in the first debate. The new modifications require candidates to have spent 2.5 percent of their expenditure limit for such office. In his remarks, the Mayor thanked the bill's sponsor, Council Member Ben Kallos.

The seventh bill, Intro. 988-A, allows voters to opt-out of receiving a printed copy of CFB's Voter Guide. This bill also requires the CFB to produce a Voter Guide for state and federal election races. In his remarks, the Mayor thanked the bill's sponsor, Council Member Ben Kallos.

The eighth bill, Intro. 990-A, extends prohibitions for contributions from non-registered political committees to candidates who are not participating in the City's public matching program. In his remarks, the Mayor thanked the bill's sponsor, Council Member Andy King.

The ninth bill, Intro. 1001-A, requires disclosure of entities that own entities that do business with the City. In his remarks, the Mayor thanked the bill's sponsor, Council Member Jumaane Williams.

The tenth bill, Intro. 1002-A, requires the COIB to keep records of compliance with the annual conflict of interest law for those candidates who participate in the public matching campaign program. These records would be provided to the CFB upon any request. In his remarks, the Mayor thanked the bill's sponsor, Council Member Jumaane Williams.

The eleventh bill, Intro. 1349-A, strengthens the requirements that the CFB's software be compatible with the State Board of Election software. This bill also requires that the CFB be fully compatible with state laws. In his remarks, the Mayor thanked the bill's sponsor, Council Member Daniel Garodnick.

The twelfth bill, Intro. 1350-A, gives the candidates the right to select a hearing before a tribunal of OATH for alleged violations and proposed penalties. This would allow both the CFB and the candidate to bring forward cases to the CFB. In his remarks, the Mayor thanked the bill's sponsor, Council Member Daniel Garodnick.

The thirteenth bill, Intro. 1351-A, extends the time that contributions can be deposited, from 10 to 20 business days. However, cash contributions would have to be delivered within 10 business days of receipt. In his remarks, the Mayor thanked the bill's sponsor, Council Member David Greenfield.

The fourteenth bill, Intro. 1352, repeals the requirement that inquiries be made of each contributor whether they do business with the City. Additionally, this bill requires that only candidates or campaigns have a form that

sets forth the doing business limits. In his remarks, the Mayor thanked the bill's sponsor, Council Member David Greenfield.

The fifteenth bill, Intro. 1353, allows candidates to return certain campaign contributions at any point in order to protect a reputational interest. In his remarks, the Mayor thanked the bill's sponsor, Council Member David Greenfield.

The sixteenth bill, Intro. 1354-A, requires the CFB to provide a review of all disclosure statements 30 days after report is due. This will allow campaigns to make corrections as needed. In his remarks, the Mayor thanked the bill's sponsor, Council Member David Greenfield.

The seventeenth bill, Intro. 1355-A, specifies what documentation is necessary for making contributions. This bill additionally allows campaigns to fill out a required contribution card as long as the donor signs the card completed card. In his remarks, the Mayor thanked the bill's sponsor, Council Member David Greenfield.

The eighteenth bill, Intro. 1356, treats participating and non-participating candidates the same in permitting transfers of contributions from any authorized committee filing disclosure statements with the CFB to the candidate's principal committee. In his remarks, the Mayor thanked the bill's sponsor, Council Member Rory Lancman.

The nineteenth bill, Intro. 1358, permits the use of campaign funds for activities related to holding office, such as purchasing food for a meeting. This bill also stipulates that funding from public funding cannot be used for this purpose. In his remarks, the Mayor thanked the bill's sponsor, Council Member Brad Lander.

The twentieth bill, Intro. 1361, requires that the "doing business database" provide the dates the person on the list is considered "doing business." This bill also states that those who have been removed from this list over the last five years must be posted in the city's website. In his remarks, the Mayor thanked the bill's sponsor, Council Member Rafael Salamanca.

The twenty-first bill, Intro. 1362-A, requires that contributions in a special election be counted the same as contributions in the primary or general election. In his remarks, the Mayor thanked the bill's sponsor, Council Member Rafael Salamanca.

The twenty-second bill, Intro. 1363-A, allows candidates to rescind their written certification of participation in the matching funds programs. This bill gives candidates until the ninth Monday preceding the primary election or until they have received public funding, whichever comes first, to rescind their written certification. In his remarks, the Mayor thanked the bill's sponsor, Council Member Rafael Salamanca.

The twenty-third bill, Intro. 1364-A, prohibits CFB staff from attending executive sessions of the Board. This bill will only allow an independent counsel hired for the specific purpose to attend these executive sessions. In his remarks, the Mayor thanked the bill's sponsor, Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer.

The twenty-fourth bill, Intro. 1345-A, sets forth certain reporting requirements for non-profits that are affiliated with an elected official or their agent, with limited exceptions for specified entities. This information would be available on the website of the Conflicts of Interest Board, which would be responsible for administering the law. For affiliated non-profits that spend or expect to spend 10 percent or more of their expenditures on public-facing communications involving the elected official, this bill would prohibit donations above \$400 per year from anyone other than a natural person, or from any person doing business with the City as defined in the bill. In his remarks, the Mayor thanked the bill's sponsor, Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito.

The twenty-fifth bill, Intro. 1260-A, requires that the Department of Custody to determine whether an inmate has pending court appearances for any case and ensure that the inmate is transported to those additional appearances. In his remarks, the Mayor thanked the bill's sponsor, Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito.

The twenty-sixth bill, Intro. 1261-A, authorizes the Department of Finance to waive fees from the collection of cash bails. This bill would mean fees of up to three percent, which are currently collected under cash bail, would be waived. In his remarks, the Mayor thanked the bill's sponsor, Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito.

The twenty-seventh bill, Intro. 1262-A, regulates the use of uniforms by the Department of Correction for court appearances. This bill allows inmates who are appearing before trial or grand jury to access their clothing prior to being brought to their court appearance. In his remarks, the Mayor thanked the bill's sponsor, Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito.

The twenty-eighth bill, Intro. 1099-A, requires the Department of Education to report information on Career and Technical Education programs in New York city schools. This report must be submitted annually and will include the number of CTE schools and programs available to students; graduation rates from CTE-designated high schools; and the number of students who applied to and enrolled in a CTE-designated high school. In his remarks, the Mayor thanked the bill's sponsor, Council Member Mark Treyger.

The twenty-ninth bill, Intro. 1193-A, requires the DOE to report information on computer science education in New York City schools. This report must include the number of Computer Science programs being offered in each school, the number of students who are enrolled in these programs and the number of STEM certified teachers in each school. In his remarks, the Mayor thanked the bill's sponsor, Council Member Mark Levine.

“Although a growing number of students are pursuing four-year degrees, it is our responsibility in government to ensure that we support the educational goals of those students who may not see four-year postsecondary education in their immediate future, particularly as costs for four-year options continue to rise. As a former high school educator, I have seen firsthand how CTE schools and programs provide valuable vocational training and help galvanize students. This legislation gives us valuable insight about the status of the CTE programs across the city. It will serve as a starting point for further advocacy which we can use to augment and improve these programs so that our students can better compete for high-wage, in-demand jobs. I thank Mayor de Blasio, Speaker Mark-Viverito and Education Committee Chair Dromm for their leadership in moving this legislation forward,” said **Council Member Mark Treyger**.

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**STATEMENT FROM MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO ON OBAMA ADMINISTRATION DECISION TO
DISMANTLE NSEERS**

"I commend President Obama for his decision to dismantle the National Security Entry-Exist Registration (NSEERS). The program was a failed counterterrorism tool, was highly discriminatory, and led to widespread fear and needless dislocation of families across the United States. New York City is proudly home to one of the largest Muslim communities in the country. If NSEERS were reinstated, roughly 28,000 New Yorkers would likely be required to register, with devastating consequences for immigrant families and other members of our community who would face greater fear, uncertainty and exclusion. The Department of Homeland Security took important steps to end the program in 2011, and now the President will finish the job."

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Subject: PUBLIC SCHEDULE FOR MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2016



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PUBLIC SCHEDULE FOR MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2016

On Thursday, Mayor de Blasio will hold public hearings for and sign 29 pieces of legislation into law – Intros. 1132-A and 1182-A, in relation to creating a public list of City planning commitments and creating a process for the modification or removal of certain deed restrictions; Intros. 980-A, 985-A, 986-A, 987-A, 988-A, 990-A, 1001-A, 1002-A, 1349-A, 1350-A, 1351-A, 1352-A, 1353-A, 1354-A, 1355-A, 1356, 1358, 1361, 1362-A, 1363-A, and 1364-A, in relation to legislation that reforms the City of New York's campaign finance system; Intro. 1345-A, in relation to a bill that regulates contributions to organizations affiliated with elected officials; Intros. 1260-A, 1261-A and 1262-A, in relation to the Department of Correction's practices around transporting inmates, waiving cash bail fees and provision of non-uniforms for inmate court appearances; and Intros. 1099-A and 1193-A, in relation to reporting by the Department of Education on career programs and computer science education in New York schools, respectively. This event is open press. There will be no Q-and-A.

After, the Mayor and Department of Veterans' Services Commissioner Loree Sutton will help 16 formerly homeless veterans move into affordable, safe and permanent homes just before the holidays. This event is open press. There will be no Q-and-A.

Press Schedule

1:30 PM – Holds Public Hearings For and Signs Intros. 1132-A, 1182-A, 980-A, 985-A, 986-A, 987-A, 988-A, 990-A, 1001-A, 1002-A, 1349-A, 1350-A, 1351-A, 1352-A, 1353-A, 1354-A, 1355-A, 1356, 1358, 1361, 1362-A, 1363-A, 1364-A, 1345-A, 1260-A, 1261-A, 1262-A, 1099-A and Intro. 1193-A.

Blue Room

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The event will also be live-streamed on NYC.gov, and a live feed will be available on Encompass Port CTY-4205. Official photos will be available at flickr.com/nycmayorsoffice shortly following the event.

3:45 PM – Helps 16 Formerly Homeless Veterans Move into Affordable Homes

655 Morris Avenue

Bronx, NY 10451

A press van will depart the east gate of City Hall by 1:50 PM. A second van will depart the east gate of City Hall at 2:15 PM. Members of the media interested in viewing and filming the new apartments must arrive by 2:45 PM. Footage will be provided by NYC Media and will be available shortly following the event on Encompass Port CTY- 4205. Official photos will be available at [flickr.com/nycmayorsoffice](https://www.flickr.com/photos/nycmayorsoffice/) shortly following the event.

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HOME-STAT INITIATIVE HOUSES ALMOST 700 FORMERLY STREET HOMELESS NEW YORKERS

NEW YORK—Since the launch of HOME-STAT in March 2016 through October, the new initiative has helped 690 street homeless individuals transition from the streets through connecting them to permanent housing or transitional housing options, such as safe havens. HOME-STAT remains the most comprehensive street homeless outreach initiative in any major national city. It has doubled the number of street homeless outreach staff members working to connect individuals to the resources they need to place them in housing, and has expanded outreach services into indoor spaces such as libraries and hospitals.

“HOME-STAT has already proven to be an essential lifeline for connecting individuals living on the street, and the hidden homeless who have historically evaded outreach, to the housing and services they need,” said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. “We will continue to generate innovative solutions and make strategic investments to improve our ability to identify and serve homeless New Yorkers.”

Increasing staff members and resources has meant that street homeless outreach workers can connect with more individuals living on the street and offer expanded, personalized case management services:

- The City’s by-name list of street homeless or formerly street homeless clients is now at 2,976.
- The list includes 1,373 people with whom HOME-STAT outreach workers are still working to bring off the street, an increase of 512 since March.
- The remaining 1,603 were formerly street homeless and are now in either permanent or transitional housing or still receiving care to help them stay off of the street and in housing.

HOME-STAT is based on the premise that homelessness is a citywide problem that requires a citywide solution – a one-size-fits-all approach is insufficient as individuals that are living on the street present complex challenges. Many have fallen through available safety nets, and experienced trauma that may make outreach

more complicated. HOME-STAT focuses on connecting with each individual living on the street to begin establishing trust and building relationships that will help nonprofit service providers bring them indoors. It also provides aftercare services, continuing to work with individuals who receive placements to ensure they receive the support they need and stay off of the street.

Other HOME-STAT accomplishments include:

- Increasing the number of street outreach workers from 191 to 387 (a 103 percent increase). They do the hard work of talking to street homeless individuals and gaining their trust.
- Expanding case management services to now provide this help to anyone living on the street, rather than first requiring individuals to be homeless for a certain number of months to be eligible for these critical services.
- Bringing street homeless outreach indoors by forming partnerships with libraries and hospitals to connect with homeless individuals who have historically evaded street homeless outreach workers by using indoor public spaces as de facto shelters.
- Creating continuity for the homeless individuals on the streets and public accountability for the City agencies that serve them through a new citywide case-management and case-conferencing model.
- Increasing the tools outreach workers need to bring homeless individuals off the streets, including 284 Safe Havens already opened or in process for a new total of 813.
- Using the daily canvassing of key areas and the most extensive quarterly count in the country to help make sure as many people on the street as possible are identified and offered services.
- Publishing daily and monthly dashboards online for the public, alongside other data quality and transparency measures.

“HOME-STAT recognizes that each individual living on the street has a story and faces unique challenges, and it uses targeted resources to help meet these individuals where they are. It takes an average of almost five months of intensive contact by outreach workers to bring street homeless individuals into transitional housing and more than a year for permanent housing,” said **Department of Social Services Commissioner Steven Banks**.

“HOME-STAT offers a first-ever opportunity to pull the camera back for a wider angle on who is on the street and how best to meet their needs,” said **Mayor’s Office of Operations Director Mindy Tarlow**. “HOME-STAT allows outreach workers to expand their engagement with individuals before they become chronically homeless, and broadens the participation of multiple agencies in providing services and bringing systemic solutions to the table.”

As part of HOME-STAT, the City has committed to bringing on 500 additional safe haven beds, 284 of which have already been secured, bringing the current total to 813. According to the most recent daily data report, 717 of these beds are currently in use. Safe Havens are an essential tool for helping outreach workers bring people in from the streets and can be used as a stepping stone to help clients get from the street to shelter or transitional or permanent housing.

Through new partnerships with 35 public library branches and nine hospitals across the city, HOME-STAT helps street homeless outreach staff members locate and provide services to the hidden homeless. Historically, many street homeless individuals have used these public locations as de facto shelters, evading outreach workers who respond to individuals on the street. Based on their initial success, the City will work to continue to grow these partnerships.

HOME-STAT has also increased transparency on homelessness in New York City through the publication of an online dashboard containing figures updated daily, monthly and quarterly. HOME-STAT quarterly counts and

the City’s annual HOPE count data indicate there are about 2,700 people living on New York City streets. HOME-STAT’s outreach teams continue to engage these individuals and work to bring them onto their caseloads. The HOME-STAT daily and monthly dashboards are available through the NYC Mayor’s Office of Operations website.

| 2016 Quarterly Counts | Number of People Located |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Winter (HOPE) | 2,794 |
| Spring | 2,535 |
| Summer | 2,746 |
| Fall | 2,738 |

“While HOME-STAT has provided immediate impact in terms of additional funding for staffing and resources, its long-term affect will be most felt in the individualized approach it promotes for the clients we serve,” said **BronxWorks Homeless Outreach Team Program Director Juan Rivera**. “HOME-STAT has heightened accountability and improved outcomes. The additional resources maximize the chances of success of every individual we work with. The initiative promotes collaboration between City agencies and not-for-profit partners that reduce obstacles and improve service delivery to our clients. No one wants to be homeless, especially when the temperature dips. HOME-STAT connects our clients to essential resources and permanent housing.”

"We appreciate the City and State's collaborative efforts to help unsheltered New Yorkers, and we ask that all New Yorkers work with us to help the people we serve come in from the cold," said **BRC Executive Director Muzzy Rosenblatt**.

“The City’s HOME-STAT initiative drove a major expansion of Breaking Ground’s street outreach programs, allowing us to reach even more people living on the streets and connect them with critical services, with the ultimate goal of moving them into permanent supportive housing. Thanks to HOME-STAT, we nearly tripled our outreach teams. Our tireless and dedicated staff are covering more ground every day, 24/7, to serve the homeless which is especially important in these cold winter months when they are extremely vulnerable,” said **Brenda Rosen, President and CEO of Breaking Ground**

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Subject: MAYOR DE BLASIO, COUNCIL MEMBER RAFAEL ESPINAL, HPD COMMISSIONER BEEN, DCP CHAIR WEISBROD ANNOUNCE RFP FOR EAST NEW YORK'S DINSMORE-CHESTNUT SITE



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After significant community engagement, City seeks environmentally-friendly, mixed-use affordable housing development proposals; project to offer as many as 200 homes for extremely low-income families.

NEW YORK—Mayor Bill de Blasio, Council Member Rafael Espinal, Department of Housing Preservation and Development Commissioner Vicki Been and Department of City Planning Chair Carl Weisbrod today announced the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to develop the City-owned Dinsmore-Chestnut site in the East New York neighborhood of Brooklyn. The site is a cornerstone of the East New York Neighborhood Plan and comes with \$267 million in investments for the neighborhood. In addition to the thousands of housing units that will be built under the plan, a Workforce1 jobs center has already opened and planning has begun for a state-of-the-art multipurpose community center as well as a new 1,000 seat public school.

“Working together, we have seen significant progress under the East New York plan. As we continue to deliver affordable housing, jobs, parks, roads and schools, we are following up on our promises and fighting every day to make our City fairer and stronger,” said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**.

“The City-owned lot at Dinsmore-Chestnut has been vacant for decades: a tragic and all-too familiar symbol of previously unfulfilled promises and a lack of investment in East New York,” said **Council Member Rafael Espinal**. “With the East New York Neighborhood Plan that passed the City Council a mere 8 months ago, and the de Blasio Administration’s commitment to building affordable housing, this site is finally being put to effective use. The issuance of an RFP for this major cornerstone of the ENY Plan, is a crucial step toward the realization of our goals and the sustained growth of our community. I look forward to viewing the creative proposals and taking part in the upcoming process.”

"We have made significant progress towards achieving the goals outlined in the East New York plan, and today marks a major milestone. Using this site for affordable housing and community facilities is part of our larger affordable housing commitment in East New York. Our work is just beginning, and I want to thank Council Member Rafael Espinal and our colleagues in City Planning for their partnership in this important effort. I look forward to the continued revitalization of East New York as we work to achieve the vision the community laid out," said **HPD Commissioner Vicki Been**.

City Planning Commission Chair Carl Weisbrod said, "Thanks to Council Member Espinal and the East New York community, we have created a comprehensive plan, including not just zoning, but also essential public investments to improve the quality of life for current and future neighborhood residents, enhance economic opportunities and foster a thriving community. Today's RFP to transform a vacant major site along Atlantic Avenue should reinforce to the people of East New York and to residents of all neighborhoods that work with us to increase residential capacity and affordable housing, that the City keeps its commitments and will remain alongside them to realize their vision for the future.

The Dinsmore-Chestnut parcel is approximately 28,540 square feet and is located at Brooklyn Block 4142, on part of Lot 32. The development site is bordered by Dinsmore Place, Chestnut Street and Atlantic Avenue. Proposals must include up to 200 affordable housing units that meet the income needs of the neighborhood. The inclusion of quality commercial and community use is encouraged. Proposals should also include open space and environmentally friendly features. Many job opportunities affiliated with the Dinsmore-Chestnut site will be filled through [HireNYC](#), the largest targeted hiring program in the nation, to help New Yorkers access training and jobs through the City's purchases and investments.

The site is one of the last remaining large plots of vacant City-owned land in the City. Plans for the development of this site were shaped by community input through HPD's Community Visioning Workshop series in June 2016. Applicants are strongly encouraged to refer to [the report](#) summarizing community visions. The site is being developed under Mayor Bill de Blasio's [Housing New York: A Five-Borough, 10-Year Housing Plan](#) to create and preserve 200,000 units of affordable housing.

Approved by the City Council in April 2016, the [East New York Neighborhood Plan](#) is a multi-agency coordinated initiative to promote the creation of affordable housing, foster economic growth, encourage pedestrian-friendly streets and invest in community resources for the enrichment of the neighborhood. The Administration has made significant progress towards the East New York plans goals. In addition to today's release of the Dinsmore-Chestnut RFP:

- The New York City School Construction Authority is developing a 1,000-seat public school adjacent to the Dinsmore-Chestnut affordable housing site.
- Job opportunity assistance is now available to the community through the new East New York Workforce1 Center located at 2619 Atlantic Avenue, opened Mon-Fri 8:30 AM- 5:00 PM. For more information on this center and others across the city, visit the Department of Small Business Services' (SBS) contact [Workforce 1](#) webpage.
- The Administration is working with Phipps Houses on the development of 100 percent affordable housing with extensive public space on the former Chloe Foods private site. Demolition of the existing structure is underway to make way for development.
- In the coming weeks, the East New York Homeowner Help Desk will be launching to help homeowners in the East New York neighborhood. This Help Desk, run by the Center for New York City Neighborhoods in collaboration with the Office of Council Member Rafael Espinal and their partners, will offer a range of services, including advice and assistance with foreclosure prevention, guidance on scam avoidance, advice on home repair and other programs like weatherization loans and assistance with addressing scams.

- Community Retrofit NYC is also underway in East New York. This is a free program by the City of New York to support small and mid-size building owners in Central Brooklyn and Southern Queens to pursue energy and water upgrades. The team works with owners through every step of a retrofit process, from identifying opportunities for saving, to connecting to incentives, to helping select a contractor for a project. They will also introduce new low-cost City financing to cover the costs of the retrofit. This is a key part of Mayor de Blasio's OneNYC plan to build a more sustainable, resilient and equitable NYC.

For more information on the overall goals and progress of the East New York Neighborhood plan, visit the New York City Department of City Planning's (DCP) Plans/Studies page [PLACES: East New York Neighborhood Plan](#).

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PUBLIC SCHEDULE FOR MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2016

On Wednesday, Mayor de Blasio will host a holiday open house at Gracie Mansion. This event is open to members of the media who have RSVP'd. For more information and to RSVP, members of the media must contact Jessica Ramos at JRamos@cityhall.nyc.gov. There will be no Q-and-A.

In the evening, the Mayor and First Lady will host a holiday party for the City Hall press corps. This event is off the record.

Press Schedule

4:15 PM – Hosts Holiday Open House

Gracie Mansion
88th Street and East End Avenue
New York, NY 10028

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Mayor Bill de Blasio: Thank you very much.

[Applause]

Wellington Pellerano: Thank you for having me.

Mayor: Wellington, I want to thank you. Aimee, thank you. You both provide very powerful, personal testimony to why this matters so much, why it's so important to protect the Affordable Care Act, and also to make sure that every New Yorker who's eligible is signed up for health insurance. Their stories are so straightforward – the difference it makes when people don't have insurance, what it means in their life; the fear, the vulnerability when you don't have insurance; the danger of a health problem that creates a catastrophic impact on your household budget, and obviously the horrible danger as Wellington has described of needing care and not being able to get it, especially with a serious illness. One of the most powerful things about the Affordable Care Act, and I give President Obama so much credit for this, was that it responded to decades of concern among New Yorkers and among all Americans that we couldn't get coverage if we had pre-existing condition. That was the norm in this country. We're the greatest country in the world, but if you had a pre-existing condition – God help you. And for millions of people that stymied their ability to get the healthcare they needed and created massive costs for families, often, again, debilitating costs. With the stroke of a pen, President Obama liberated this country from decades and decades of pain and families from that fear.

All of that is now up for grabs. All of that is hanging in the balance, and so many other good elements of the Affordable Care Act. And we need to think about this in very human terms. We need to think about people who are striving to do the right thing. We have two hard working New Yorkers to my left here, contributing to this city, striving to do all they can. And if it weren't for the Affordable Care Act, they would not have health

insurance period. And in Wellington's case his life would be in danger for lack of care. It's as simple as that. Wellington, I want to particularly thank you for being willing to tell your story because people need to hear – one, they should come forward when they have a problem, and people are there to help them like Kizzy.

Where is Kizzy? Okay, come forward, Kizzy so we can see you and thank you. This is the – come up here for a moment – you're way too shy. Because this is an example of someone who made a difference by making sure that a person in need actually got their insurance. Let's give Kizzy a round of applause. Thank you. Thank you very much.

[Applause]

Just that one phone call changed Wellington's life, and that's what all of the good people in our Get Covered initiative are doing. They're reaching out all over the city to make sure people have the help they need. You know I was just in the van outside watching this, and it really made me proud as a New Yorker to see people who work for this City and care so deeply enrolling people on the spot. It's just amazing to watch. I was there with two really talented folks – Sheila Glover who's an enroller for MetroPlus and Christopher [inaudible], also an enroller for MetroPlus. Sheila and Christopher were there talking to people and showing them how easy it was to enroll.

Sheila's talking to a man named Andre who had not had insurance for over a year, and she explained to me that once she got the information, it only took 15 minutes to confirm eligibility. So she was going to ask Andre to stay, get confirmation he was eligible, and then take the next step right away – immediately – to get him on insurance, and that he could have coverage within 72 hours. Here's a guy who has not had health insurance for over a year and can get coverage within the next 72 hours. Christopher was talking to [inaudible] and Marcos. They're a couple who have serious health issues and unfortunately just experienced unemployment in the last few weeks – just lost a job and the health insurance that went with it. So these enrollers are doing amazing things for people right here and now, and the Get Covered initiative is making a huge difference in people's lives.

You know, let's be honest about the moment we're in. There's a lot of fear. There's a lot of fear about the potential loss of the Affordable Care Act, and President-elect Trump has made very clear he intends to repeal it. Many in the Congress have said the same. For all the people like Amy and Wellington, like Andre and Marcos and [inaudible] out in the van – all of these people are depending on the Affordable Care act right this minute, and they're hearing a sworn commitment to destroy it. Well we can't take that lying down. We as New Yorkers need to fight back, and right now one of the best ways to fight back is to sign up the maximum number of people for health insurance under the Affordable Care Act. And this is something that we're doing here in New York City, and it's something that people are doing all over the country as we speak – signing up the maximum number of people, first, of course, because we want everyone to get health insurance, and that's going to help them right now. And by any measure that insurance is going to last for a meaningful amount of time even as this fight over the future of ACA continues. But there is nothing more important than the facts on the ground. The more and more Americans that sign up for the ACA, the harder it is to take it away.

It is also an act of strength. It is sending a message that this City is going to stand by its people, and not let a single election change who we are. We believe people deserve health insurance. We're going to fight income inequality. If we're going to deal with the affordability crisis in this city, we have to go at all of the things that create a burden in people's lives. And the lack of health insurance creates a huge danger, both health-wise and economically. Or, as Aimee described, if the only way you can get insurance is to pay a very high premium, then you're making a choice between rent, healthcare, food – the basics. So we have to keep working to get every single person enrolled right now. And it's everyone's business. When I gave my speech at Cooper Union, I said to all New Yorkers – if you know someone who is not enrolled, help them. Tell them that they can get

insurance right now – encourage them, support them, help them get linked to our GetCovered campaign. That can happen right now. The folks in the van are signing up as we speak. It's straightforward; it's simple; it's fast.

The impact of Obamacare in this state and this city is extraordinary. In New York City alone, since the Affordable Care Act came into play, 1.6 million New York City residents have signed up for health insurance – 1.6 million people have health insurance in this city because of the Affordable Care Act. You know, for decades, we talked about the 40 million New Yorkers – excuse me, 40 million Americans – 40 million Americans who had no coverage. Well, 1.6 million of them were right here in our city, and now they have it. That's what we're fighting for.

People are understandably fearful, as I said. But there is something they can do. Don't be discouraged. Get active. Take a stand. Get covered. Get your friends covered; get your family covered. Make a difference.

And we have started a major outreach effort. That's what we want to tell you about today. We are mounting an effort to sign New Yorkers up for health insurance under the Affordable Care Act, such as never has been seen in this city since this new insurance came into play. This is going to be the single most concentrated outreach effort we've ever had. It started in just the last two weeks, and in two weeks alone, there have been 20,000 calls and door knocks made – 20,000 folks who don't have insurance have been reached out to already. Of them, 1,000 already have appointments scheduled to get insurance, like you could see right out there in the van. The goal for this next year is to enroll 50,000 more New Yorkers in health insurance under the ACA – 50,000 more in the course of the next 12 months.

Now we have a particularly important deadline coming up on January 31st. That's when this current enrollment period ends. So we're really blitzing to get as many in by January 31st as possible. And then we'll continue to the next open enrollment period next November. This will be an ongoing effort.

I want to thank everyone who is a part of this effort, everyone who is supporting it and making it happen. From my administration, Dr. Mary Bassett, our Health Commissioner; Stan Brezenoff, our Interim President and CEO at Health + Hospitals; and Regina Schwartz, the Director of the Public Engagement Unit, which is doing this extraordinary outreach effort. I also want to thank our good allies: Kevin Collins, the Executive Director of the Doctors Council; Andrew Hoan, the President and CEO of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce; and Dr. Arnold Saperstein, President and CEO of MetroPlus. Thanks to all of them for their dedicated efforts in helping us to build this outreach effort and change people's lives.

Realize that when people have insurance, they go and get care. They don't put off taking care of problems. It means problems get solved. Their health is protected; it doesn't deteriorate. People have insurance, they're proactive; they accept preventative care. When people have insurance, they know that God forbid they get ill, it will not destroy their household budget, make it impossible to pay their rent. There are so many options, as Aimee said, where people can get insurance for very, very little money. There are plans as low as \$20.00 a month. That means that anyone can find a plan that works for them. And anyone who is not reached by the GetCovered outreach team immediately, can simply call 3-1-1 and get connected to someone who will help them enroll. It's as simple as a phone call to 3-1-1.

So please, remember that this is something we can do here and now. People come up to me all the time, and they say they're worried, they say they don't know what's going to happen in the future. They're uncertain – what can we do? Well, my message to all New Yorkers is there is something you can do right now – get everyone you know signed up for health insurance. Dial 3-1-1. When we say always New York, when we say we are going to stick to our values, we are not going to let an election change us, here's a real live example of it – something we can do to protect our own people. A few words in Spanish –

[Mayor de Blasio speaks in Spanish.]

Now I want to turn to someone who for decades has been one of the strongest voices for protecting New Yorkers who deserved health insurance and deserved the basics in life – the President and CEO of the Community Service Society, David Jones.

[Applause]

[...]

Mayor: That's what we can do to fight back and make people's lives better this holiday season.

Let's take questions on GetCovered and insurance issues and then we'll go to other topics after. Yes –

Question: Mayor just to clarify, you are trying to enroll 50,000 people before January 31st?

Mayor: Fifty-thousand people over the next 12 months; the most possible by January 31st.

Question: So what's the number of people that you have out there that would qualify? I guess it's more than 50,000. I mean if you get that number 50,000 enrolled, how much money is that going to save the Health and Hospitals Corporation?

Mayor: I'll start and then my colleagues Stan Brezenoff and Mary Bassett, Regina Schwartz can jump in, in turn. Broadly – and these are broad figures – broadly there are almost half a million New Yorkers who are eligible and don't have insurance. They are eligible under the Affordable Care Act and they don't have insurance. So we've got a lot of people that we're trying to reach and we have a lot of information about them so that's why those first 20,000 calls and door knocks are going right to people that we know are not enrolled, but are eligible.

And again, to have a thousand appointments made in just two weeks' time says that there's a real hunger for this and we are reaching people effectively. We are going to keep blitzing over these next weeks to reach more and more people. The effort over the next year will cost – between the advertising we'll do for the GetCovered initiative and the actual workers who will go out and enroll people – that's about eight million dollars. We expect to make that money back many times over in terms of savings at the Health + Hospitals Corporation. So Stan, Mary, you want to jump in?

Interim President and CEO Stanley Brezenoff, Health + Hospitals: So that number of 50,000 people, are coming to us to be treated and in their current status, uncovered, we absorbed the entire costs of the treatment. So, depending on the levels of expenditures and the continuing care that they might get, we have an estimate of around \$40 million that this could work.

Question: Are you ready for the potential blowback from the President-elect and his team about your comments today? And also for NYC Well, can you give us some statistics about how many people called in [inaudible]?

Mayor: Am I ready? I was born ready.

[Laughter]

[Applause]

There is no choice but to fight here, and what I said at Cooper Union I was trying to lay out a game plan for the people of this city. Of course we are going to fight. What's the alternative? To let our people have their

insurance taken away from them – 1.6 million people robbed of their health insurance? We would never accept that. We're not going to let people go without healthcare. We have to stand and fight, but we are going to do it the smart way. Not just with words, with deeds. So every additional person who signs up for the Affordable Care Act – again, it creates momentum to keep it in place. You know, these right-wing Republicans who think it's going to repeal it, guess what? A lot of people have voted for Donald Trump. When asked – and I've seen the survey information – when asked, how do you feel about not getting health care because of preexisting conditions? No, wait a minute. I didn't mean I wanted that taken away. Well, how do you feel about your kids not being able to get insurance on your plan up until the age of 26? They'll say – wait a minute; I didn't think we meant that.

It turns out – and of course, the tens of millions of people who – because of the Affordable Care Act have health insurance who didn't have it a few years ago in red states and blue states both. They don't want to get that phone call saying, "Oh by the way, we just cancelled your policy because of an act of Congress."

So, I think this is going to get real complicated real quick for the Republicans. And we want to make it even more complicated by increasing the number of people who are signed up. So, this is one of those moments, where sort of the human – as Corey said – the moral imperative of signing people and getting them insurance combines with the strategic imperative of doing everything we can to defend the strength of the Affordable Care Act. They both go together.

If – what are they going to do to us? They're trying to take away health insurance for 1.6 million people. What's worse than that? Right?

We have to stand and fight. And by the way, if they try and penalize us further, I think it will undermine everything they're trying to do. They're trying to penalize a city that's trying to insure its own people and help its own people? I don't think that'll fly.

David.

Question: Just curious. How many – you're trying to get 50,000 people to sign up in this coming year. How many signed up in 2016? I mean we've had, obviously, far more than 50,000 signing up thus far.

Mayor: Right. So, the original – and I think Mary knows some of this history – obviously, there was huge momentum in the beginning when it was new and a lot of people signed up. It's been important to try and build on that momentum. So, we think this is a realistic goal over the next year. But you can speak to what's happened so far.

Commissioner Mary Bassett, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene: Sure. So, the number that the Mayor gave, that covered three enrollment periods. So, over three enrollment periods, 1.6 million New Yorkers signed up for health insurance through the exchange. So, that's the kind of momentum that we've had. In setting a targeted 50,000, the GetCovered initiative is increasing by 20,000 our previous targets which were at about 30,000 people newly signed up over a year.

Mayor: Right. And what's been a problem, David – the nagging problem for a while is this last half-a-million people. And again, my colleagues can speak to this more in detail. But the last half-million people we have not seen the kind of movement we wanted and that's why we needed to do a much more aggressive outreach effort. There's a lot of people who are eligible, don't know they're eligible, who think it's cumbersome to sign up, who think that it will be more difficult or costly than it is. So, there's been a lag. There's been a group of people that the previous, sort of, more general outreach efforts haven't reached. So, we're doing the community organizing approach which Regina is leading. We're going to their doors. We're calling them on the phone and engaging them very, very personally.

Question: [Inaudible] more information about this half-a-million people? Like, whether you have done surveys or any kind of research to figure out what the major limiting factors are? And also what was the genesis of this particular added initiative? Was it Trump? Was it also the HHC budget –

Mayor: Okay, you're good at multi-faceted questions. Let's take the first one. And we'll come to the second one. Okay, so, the first was –

Question: If you had research on –

Mayor: On the half-million eligible. Okay, who wants to speak to that?

Unknown: [Inaudible]

Mayor: Go ahead. Don't all speak at once.

[Laughter]

Commissioner Bassett: Why don't I start? So, these are people who we don't know who they are. We have – our estimates are based on surveys that the Health Department does among others. The State also does surveys. Before Obamacare began there were 21 percent of New Yorkers who lacked health insurance. Our most recent estimate, which is from 2015, shows that there are 12.6 percent of New Yorkers who lack health insurance. That's a 40 percent decline. So, we use those numbers to estimate the number of people who lack health insurance in the city. Now, some people who lack health insurance aren't eligible for it – principally people who are undocumented. So, that's how we have an estimate and it is an estimate that about 500,000 people or more have not got health insurance and are eligible for it. We also can make some estimates based on our survey work on what neighborhoods these individuals are in. And they are, not surprisingly, neighborhoods that are served by the 11 hospitals the – our public hospital system. Neighborhoods like Sunset Park, like Bushwick, like West Queens, like the South Bronx – neighborhoods in our city that are low-income neighborhoods are where we have an excess of people who are uninsured. And that's why this outreach effort that's not just dependent on a public media campaign which is also ongoing – covers the subways and so on – but actually is reaching out to people with a boots-on-the-ground, door-to-door, leafleting on sidewalks. It's focusing on neighborhoods that are in the catchment areas of our public hospitals.

Director Regina Schwartz, Public Engagement Unit: Right, so we have a –

Mayor: Hold on, David then – no you go ahead then Regina.

President and CEO David Jones, Community Service Society of NYC: Okay, just to echo what's been said. We do a survey every year called the Unheard Third which has about 1,700 respondents – telephone and cell phone – and it concentrates on low-income New Yorkers. And we've been asking health questions for a while. And it echoes what the Commissioner said. We're finding that people don't do it, some out of fear of government involvement which is one of the things we have to recognize is one of the dangerous problems that's emerging in the Trump administration of trying to terrorize people in terms of saying, "You better not come to government."

And Stan and I remember the first act in our former lives at HHC was to promise people who came in that we're respective of their status and they were going to get treatment. So, all of these things mixed together – we have trouble with the undocumented or people who are in various stages of getting documentation, and we get the poor who just are afraid of government generally.

So, there's a lot of work to be done here and it really is going to take a concentrated effort, perhaps more so now against some of the fears that are out there.

Mayor: Regina.

Director Schwartz: So, for our GetCovered initiative we have a [inaudible] list of folks who have used the Health + Hospitals system and we are going to their doors and making phone calls to them and then case managing them to enroll appointments. After they become enrolled, we then schedule them for a preventative care visit at Health + Hospitals. We're making sure they're getting the service that comes with the enrollment. So, we're starting those boots-on-the-ground around Lincoln, Woodhull, and Elmhurst Hospitals as well as other areas citywide. But as everyone before have said, it's mostly low-income. It's focused in those areas for now but we're also taking community intakes, partnering with elected official's offices across the city, and doing work to catch those individuals who are eligible but haven't had the time or the knowledge of the paperwork or the ability to schedule that enrollment appointment, and we hold their hands through the process and then make sure they're using the resources that they now have available to them.

Mayor: And we – I know you had another part of your question. Corey and then we'll go to other part of your question.

Councilman Corey Johnson: I just want to say one thing which is I think it's important – and it was mentioned earlier – that language access is one of the biggest barriers. And I think the most demographic, statistics are that nearly 40 percent of New Yorkers were not born in the United States of America which means many of them – English is not their first language. And so as I'm sure Regina's team is doing and as Lisa said with public health solutions – you know, if you're going to go into the Bengali community, you need someone that speaks Bengali. If you're going to go to Sunset Park and do outreach to the Chinese-American community, you need someone that speaks Mandarin and Cantonese. And so one of the major factors is making sure that you have certified application counselors that do this type of work that are culturally competent to let people get that access.

And then lastly, I would say this GetCovered initiative is not new. The City has done it every time there's been an open enrollment period. I think it's just sort of a relaunch for this enrollment period. But the City has been very successful in the past in the previous GetCovered iterations.

Mayor: Actually, friendly amendment to that – Regina can speak to it. There's been an initiative in the past but not with this kind of door knocking, phone banking, you know, classic community organizing effort to really blitz and blanket areas to get to people. That's part of what we think is a big difference here. It's that we're going to be much more hands-on. We certainly found this with the pre-K initiative as well – that more hands-on engagement with people because a lot of the folks whose kids ended in pre-k initially were concerned they couldn't find the right location or it was going to be difficult to navigate. They got an enrollment specialist who saw them through to the right site. We want to take that same approach and do that to get people in the health insurance. And given how many people are not enrolled, it is even more urgent in this case to get to people quickly and get their families covered.

What was your second part?

Question: Just the genesis of this particular new push. I don't – GetCovered NYC [inaudible] that's new or no?

Mayor: Regina, why don't you talk –

Director Schwartz: Yeah, the boots-on-the-ground portion of it that are proactively engaging folks that we believe are eligible but uninsured at their doors and at the phone – and then that case management of them to

the enrollment appointment with the certified enroller – that part is new. There have been folks previously in community-based organizations and in hospitals and DOHMH and HRA and MetroPlus and some of the same GetCovered messaging that has happened before but you have never seen folks out at doors with the GetCovered sweatshirts and making phone calls. And our team that is of course incredibly multilingual, making sure that we are giving people services in the languages that they need.

Question: And then [inaudible] looking at the HHC budget and thinking about – or looking at HHC –

Interim CEO Brezenoff: It's an example of two parallel goods. This is critically important as has been described for New Yorkers and it makes a tremendous difference in people's lives to not rely on emergency rooms and episodic care and so on, and has implications for their economic lives – their ability to hold a job. And it's good news for the HHC budget and that's a very good thing too.

Mayor: Right. And we – as you know from our vision of how to address the Health + Hospitals dynamic, getting more people covered was important already before November 8th. One of them we were already going to do a major outreach effort. One of the things that has put this, sort of, into a supercharged dynamic is that we do not want people to shy away from coverage under the Affordable Care Act because they think it's not going to be there. Again, this is another dangerous element of the moment we're in. That people who need help are going to say, "Why should I bother, it's going to be repealed."

We have to show them, not only will they get health insurance for a meaningful period of time under any scenario but one of the best ways to save it is to sign up.

Question: You alluded to it just now saying you don't want people to shy away from it. You've talked about this as kind of a way to block [inaudible] but, I mean, are you worried about the implications of encouraging people to sign up for something that they might then abruptly lose just as far as how it will affect them personally?

Mayor: Fair question but consider the alternative which is people continue without insurance which is the most unacceptable state of affairs. Our vision is that from everything we understand of even the most draconian approaches to repeal, you're still talking a year or more before anything could actually be implemented. So, anyone who gets health insurance for a full year – their family has health insurance for a full year, that's a huge human impact to begin with.

As I mentioned, I think it's going to be a lot harder for the Republicans to repeal this than they think. So, we don't want to bet on failure. We want to bet on success that there's going to be a huge fight. This is going to be one of the most dramatic fights in the new presidency to save what was, I think, President Obama's number one accomplishment which has massive support in this country. And every public opinion poll shows it.

So, I think the winning strategy is to say let's believe we're going to save this. Let's get people enrolled as part of saving it but even under the worst case scenarios people will have insurance for a meaningful amount of time. And then God forbid it was gone, we at least have them working with us so we can help them find other alternatives.

Yeah.

Question: Can folks who are not here legally sign up for this? And second, how much does that cost HHC, serving those people?

Mayor: Yeah, that's a big challenge. So, Stan and Mary, you want to speak to that?

Interim CEO Brezenoff: Well, the – those who are not here legally cannot sign up for Medicaid or use the exchange. What does it cost? Well, the cost to the Health + Hospitals Corporations – since we serve everyone without regard to their ability to pay, that's a big chunk of what we lose every year against our bottom line.

Question: Do you have an estimate of what that chunk is?

Mayor: We can get you that but I want to say that piece, although there are some things we can do to mitigate, this is the area where we have much more impact, more opportunity to reduce the burden by getting the almost half-a-million who are eligible. It's you know, very roughly two half-million people populations – almost a half-million undocumented New Yorkers, almost a half-million people who are legal, eligible, not getting insurance. That second group is the one where we can really make an impact on reducing cost.

Question: And just to follow up – is there some health program for folks who are not here legally who need health services –

Mayor: Mary, you want to speak to that?

Commissioner Bassett: Yes, we're – as you probably know, there's a program called Action Health NYC which is a demonstration project that's based – actually this is one of the sites here – Gouverneur Hospital. It involves several federally qualified health centers as well as two public hospitals – the other one being in Queens. And that's trying out the idea. Now, we should all be clear that because we have this public hospital system in New York everyone can get care. They just can't get care in the way that we want to see people get it which is care where they have an assigned doctor and regular, continuous care by a name provider. And that's what Action Health NYC is doing. It's piloting with philanthropic support the idea of giving people case management on top of their access to these facilities with a fixed fee scale. And the enrollment is complete and we are looking forward to being able to talk about what we've found from it.

Mayor: Just – let me – let me just add real quick that this is the classic conundrum of American healthcare. If people don't have insurance, it is the guaranteed way to make sure they get their health care through the emergency room which is the most inefficient; when it's already too late, when someone's really sick – it's the most expensive. Everything in American healthcare is trying to [inaudible] the idea of the ACA, reorient people to preventative care. You know having that primary care relationship with a doctor or a clinic. So, it is imperative that we move everybody onto insurance so we can actually get them to get health care the right way.

What's your last follow up?

Question: What is case management?

Commissioner Bassett: Oh, it means that there is somebody who helps you to coordinate your care, who follows up and reminds you to keep your appointments, helps to navigate the healthcare delivery system. So, it applies to a whole range of potential activities but in this case it's to make sure that you get your appointments, to help you keep your appointments.

Mayor: Okay, back there. Yeah.

Question: Mr. Mayor, Dr. Bassett – does the City have a contingency plans in place in case Obamacare is repealed or portions of it are dismantled?

Mayor: As I said, we – by everything that we understand at this point even on the worst scenario there's still a substantial play out here where the existing insurance policies will continue. So, we would have time to build that contingency. Right now, the focus is on never ending up in that situation. And I really believe it's a simple

thing – the more people sign up, the harder it is to get away with repealing it by the Republicans. And we also have an obligation – just get as many people covered right now because of the virtues of getting covered right now.

So, we'll have time to see how this plays out and attempt contingencies. I got to be honest with you – they are not easy contingencies.

You want to speak?

CEO Jones: Yeah. There's just one, sort of, ray of hope here – a recent Georgetown study indicates that the worst impacts will be in red states among voters – I think this has been brought up – who may have voted for Trump but never had any idea how bad this could be for them. So, there are going to be pushbacks as the Mayor said because this is not going to be focused solely on New York.

Mayor: To say the least. Mara?

Question: Two questions. The \$40 million in savings to HHC with the enrollment of 50,000 New Yorkers – is that recurring or is that a one time savings?

Mayor: I'll start and then Stan can jump in. The basic reality is once you sign people up, although they have to go through a re-up process and these guys can speak to how that works. So, it's not like they're signed up for the rest of their life. They do have to regularly re-up over the years. But once someone is signed up you have a much greater chance of them sticking with insurance and therefore the reimbursement to HHC is great. So, basically, the simplest way I could say it is – you get them the first time, you have a very high likelihood of keeping them, and then that means more and more reimbursement for HHC.

Interim CEO Brezenoff: So, it's an estimated figure –

Mayor: Wait, turn on your microphone.

Interim CEO Brezenoff: It's an estimated figure that's predicated on the fact that we're not getting reimbursed for services to these individuals. These are individuals who are presenting themselves for services and are then, while being served, they're being referred for enrollment. So, the getting them enrolled means the services that we're providing for them at that point and on a continuing basis will be reimbursed. So, it's a combination of – its more revenue than it is reduced expenses. These enrollment periods are for a year anyways in most cases and we will be working with our patients to ensure that they continue to be enrolled. But there's every reason to believe that enrolling individuals in insurance programs means that we're going to get revenue streams from them for their care.

Mayor: Okay, yeah?

Question: [Inaudible] so, how much has Health + Hospitals saved or made in revenue based on the 1.6 million New Yorkers –

Interim CEO Brezenoff: Well, I don't know that we've tracked it in exactly that way but – and not all of the people who have been enrolled over the years have gotten their services at the Health + Hospitals Corporations.

Mayor: Yeah, so, what we have to do – which we can get you is how many do we know got H+H coverage meaning that's where they went for their care on a regular basis. We can get you that.

Question: Do you have the numbers for how many people have enrolled during enrollment period that began in November?

Mayor: Regina, do you happen to know that or we can get it to him?

Director Schwartz: We can get it.

Mayor: We can get it to you. Yeah?

Question: Am I hearing correctly that people who live around the public hospitals are using them for emergency care but not getting signed up for the ACA. Is that what that means?

Mayor: I think you hit the nail on the head there, right?

Yes.

[Laughter]

Question: [Inaudible] when they come into the hospital, the ER, why aren't they getting – I mean if you can do it out in the van in 15 minutes, why aren't they getting signed up? The language thing –

Commissioner Bassett: I'm not sure – one thing about the uninsured in this city is that we don't have, generally, a list of people by name. Once somebody signs up for health insurance then we have a name for them and a phone number which may work a lot of the time, an address. So, that's the way – that's the brilliance of the system that you've heard described as a boots-on-the-ground that it uses the H+H individuals who, by name, who were seen and were not reimbursed – they had a non-reimbursable visit. So, you're right that we need to make it easier for people to get signed up. But no one who walks through the doors will be turned away because they don't have health insurance.

Mayor: And stating the obvious – I think there's – we're always looking for, whenever we come in contact with someone, taking full advantage of the moment to do all we can do. In the middle of an emergency room visit, it's kind of a double edge sword. Sometimes that might be a good time. Sometimes that might be a really bad time to do it. People's minds are going to be elsewhere. But, you know, we're going use every approach we can. I think the other differentiation here with this new approach which again parallels with what we learned from pre-K is the first contact begins the process – seeing them through to enrollment, keeping them enrolled is about direct, human contact and that's where this very hands-on approach makes a huge difference, and then ultimately saves us a lot of money too.

Let's see – last call if there's questions. Yeah?

Question: [Inaudible] the first one is – the word the use today to encourage people to register sounds very similar to the words that [inaudible] was launched. They said, oh, you should just apply. The more people apply, it will be harder for the future president to repeal it. But now people are in fear. So, are there any possible negative impacts on people who are registered if the program –

Mayor: I think it's a fair question. But I would argue, obviously, very different realities. DACA was about people who lacked documentation but as you heard earlier with the answer, the only who can sign up for insurance under the Affordable Care Act have to have documentation. So, I think there's not a direct parallel. But even in the case of DACA, I would argue – and it was very striking, as I mentioned after I met with the President-elect I brought up the issue of DACA and the human cost of an effort to deport the Dreamers who came here not by their own choice. It was one of the more powerful moments in the meeting. And you – not

because of that meeting I think a lot of people have said it to him since – you noticed a week or two ago, he started to change some of his language about DACA.

So, I do think, again, this fundamental human and political idea – the facts on the ground matters a lot. I think the more that trying to move a policy that's going to hurt a lot of people and those people are going to be vocal, and their families are going to be vocal and their friends are going to be local – it gets a lot harder to keep one of these militant promises when you stare down the reality.

And the point that David made is really important in this. The – you could make a really strong argument that a number of red states are particularly dependent on Obamacare and we can say with certitude there will not be an alternative offer that will be anywhere near as inclusive. I think you're going to see a backlash and I think you're going to see a lot of senators and Congress people start to get cold feet when their constituents understand what it means. I think the same is true on DACA.

Question: [Inaudible] there are a lot of scams in the immigrant communities. So, when the City specialists go to knock their door to talk about Obamacare, how do they tell whether these are the real ones or the scammers?

Mayor: Regina, you want to speak to that?

Director Schwartz: Well, we have our City IDs which we always show. We are not taking their information from them directly. We are talking to them about what they need in order to enroll and then we are scheduling them for an appointment with a certified enroller. And we are making sure that they are then paired, that they go to the certified enroller that we accompany them if they need help with a specific language or a specific setup. So, everything that we are doing is formalized and it's going through the certified enroller process.

Mayor: Okay, last call on this topic. We'll go to other topics in a moment. Last call on GetCovered. Going once, going twice – that was like a half-hand there. Let me offer to everyone else – I know you have other things to do, so, feel free to do other good things.

Mayor: Okay. Almost ready? Because you have such a fast hand, you get to quick draw there, all right. Okay, fire away.

Question: So, [inaudible] –

Mayor: Yep.

Question: [Inaudible] specific threats any specific measure by the [inaudible].

Mayor: No specific threats and definitely specific measures. NYPD is re-enforcing the Christmas market locations around the city. Critical Response Command and Strategic Response Group are deployed right now and happened within just an hour or two after the attack in Berlin. And we will continue that as long as we deem necessary. Further, there's been a special outreach effort to truck rental agencies to deepen the dialogue. This is something the NYPD had developed a long time ago as a general outreach to make sure there was a deep connection to those companies, so they knew if they saw anything suspicious that they could report it in right away. Went back and went to a number of companies – NYPD went back to a number of companies in the last 24 hours to check in and to check for anything suspicious. Obviously, so far, nothing has been brought up – so no specific threat, but they'll be a lot of re-enforcement of the Christmas markets – a lot of vigilance. Definitely another opportunity to say – if you see something, say something. If you anything, if any New Yorker sees anything suspicious around one of these Christmas markets, we need to know right away. Yeah?

Question: [Inaudible] I was wondering if any update on the timeline on the [inaudible].

Mayor: We will – I will get you that. I don't know the exact time. I'll get you that. Go ahead.

Question: [Inaudible] Basically Governor Cuomo has taken a [inaudible] in the MTA [inaudible] and touting his efforts on the Second Avenue subway line. Do think this bodes well for the future of State funding for the MTA or the State really taking ownership of –

Mayor: It could. I mean – look, first of all, I always appreciate it when you remind your many viewers, listeners, and readers that the MTA is controlled by the State of New York, and that the people of this city should make their concerns known to the State of New York. I think what's happening with the Second Avenue subway is great. It has been a long journey – everyone knows that. But if it gets done, it's going to be a great thing for this city. And yeah, of course the more energy the Governor puts into the MTA, the better – particularly to what the MTA does in the five boroughs. So I think it is an encouraging sign. In the back?

Question: The State says that [inaudible] may be re-inspected because workers for a contractor likely cheated on certification tests. Con Ed, National Grid, and the State are all investigating. Have you been briefed on this? And what's your reaction to what is the City doing?

Mayor: Have not been briefed, but we can get you a reaction today. Yeah, Erin?

Question: Tony Avella announced his campaign against you [inaudible] this weekend. And he chose to do it at the site of the proposed homeless shelter, now being used to house homeless families in Maspeth. You've been very critical of that group of protesters. I just wondered what you think of that strategy and seizing on that issue as [inaudible].

Mayor: Don't have much to say about it. You know we are going to keep doing the work we need to do to get people off the streets with our HOME-STAT initiative, which is really starting to bear fruit. And you'll be hearing more on that shortly. And to reduce the number of people in shelter. We've already gotten 45,000 people out of shelter and into permanent housing. We're going to be deepening those efforts as we go forward.

Question: Mr. Mayor, following up on Erin, Senator Avella was just on the Brian Lehrer Show this morning. In this particular exchange, it was over Vision Zero – and he seemed to sort of suggest that he didn't believe the information coming out of the administration that Vision Zero had made progress, had made pedestrians safer. He said he didn't believe the data coming out of City Hall. What does that say to you about the tone of this campaign?

Mayor: I'm not going to prejudge a campaign that's just beginning. The data comes from the NYPD. So, I think people who question the NYPD don't end up being proven right. I think this an age-old thing – we've seen it for years now – people questioning the NYPD's statistics as it has continued to drive down crime, and now played a crucial role in reducing fatalities because of traffic incidents. This is a good thing for the city. And people should celebrate it and help us deepen it. But you know, anyone who wants to question the NYPD's statistics, I think will be proven wrong.

Question: Mr. Mayor, when Phil Walzak [inaudible] City Hall for the campaign, I asked you if you'd replace him, you said we'll stick with the group we have. But now you're bringing in a new communications director. I'm wondering what changed, and why you felt like you needed to bolster?

Mayor: Well, at the time, we just didn't have an immediate plan for change. But as we saw an opportunity, we went with it. I think Andrea Hagelgans is the right person to pick up the role that Phil had and Peter Ragone had before that. And Mike Casca brings a whole new capacity to this team that I think is really wonderful. And it just made sense – we saw the right package and we put it together. Yeah, please?

Question: Last year, at the – I think it was right around this date, you did a roundtable for the press at City Hall and talked about sort of the end of the year and how your term is going. And are you going to do that again this year?

Mayor: I don't think we've thought about that yet. So we'll think about that. Juliet?

Question: Yes, Mr. Mayor. Back to the safety and security issue – other than the outdoor markets, you know, there are areas where there are a lot of people on tours – Fifth Avenue, Rockefeller Center, [inaudible] in our area. What if anything is being done in those locations where there are people on ground level, on streets and sidewalks?

Mayor: Oh, that's something. First of all, a lot of those sites are well protected all ready. But, clearly, when we have any kind of international incident, we look at the specific nature of the incident and that informs where we re-enforce. But we also double back on the most prominent locations in the city and the highest activity points in the city. So places like Rockefeller, places like Times Square, World Trade Center – of course we're going to have extra presence there. You know this is – we know this time of year. This is not – I think it's a very sad reality, but it's not new to us. Around the holidays, from Thanksgiving to New Year's Eve, we're at a heightened state of alert on top of our already high state of alert, and we move our assets constantly to keep locations safe. Please?

Question: And Berlin was closing down these outdoor markets. Any thoughts given to that here?

Mayor: No. We, first of all – the constant reality we deal with, with terrorism. We are not going to let terrorists intimidate us. We're not going to let them change our way of life. We have extraordinary capacity here to protect our own people. And we are vigilant against such attacks. So it is very important that we continue to go about our lives here in New York City. Yeah?

Question: Following up on that, security around Trump Tower with traffic moving down Fifth Avenue – the idea that a truck – I know there are police barricades, but they don't seem sufficient to stop a truck.

Mayor: There's a lot of restrictions in place and a whole lot of personnel to back them up. So I don't know all of the details of what happened in Berlin. I've seen mostly what you've seen. But we can safely say there were not restrictions and huge amounts of armed personnel to stop that from happening. The situation is the exact opposite around Trump Tower. There's truck restrictions well before you get to Trump Tower. There's an extraordinary number of officers, including with long guns. They would be in a position to stop anything if there was evil intent.

Question: Mr. Mayor, payroll records show that there's a significant percentage of the ACS workforce that is comprised of managers as opposed to let's say caseworkers. I'm just wondering if you have any concerns about the agency perhaps being a little too top-heavy with managers and whether that might be something that you'd like to take a look at.

Mayor: We'll keep looking at everything we can do to strengthen ACS. Again, I remind you and everyone that this is an agency that has between 50,000 and 60,000 cases a year. And in the vast majority of cases, protects children very effectively. And again, you don't hear about it. You don't hear about it when they succeed. You hear about the small number of tragedies that we are going to move Heaven and Earth to stop because again, I think it's so important to understand – this is an agency I ask for perfection from. I don't believe that's very doable in human life in general, but that's the mandate to ACS – to literally save every child. And we'll keep providing them the resources, and the personnel, and the reforms – whatever it takes. I think, to your question, we've worked to reduce caseloads over the years. Some of that started in the previous administration, we've

deepened that. But I think another important point is you do need a substantial amount of supervisory talent because these are very complicated cases. And it's important that higher level people get eyes on them. So, as part of all the reviews that we're doing now, we'll have more to say on that. But I don't think it's as simple as saying you don't want a lot of high-level talent. I think you do need a very substantial amount of high-level talent. Okay, go ahead?

Go ahead.

Question: Mr. Mayor, you were on Errol's show last night talking about the Campaign for One New York and MIH as a priority and you implored reporters to look at the foes of those fights. I've looked at MIH and the only foes I find are the construction unions and New York Communities for Change, the affordability advocates like [inaudible]. Who are the powerful foes of MIH in your mind?

Mayor: I think all those folks, obviously. I think there were – as you remember – a lot of opposition locally, on, unfortunately, mistaken assumptions about what it would do. And when we started that fight – and I think a lot of you were predicting we would lose; I remember it vividly. And so it was – you know, I was convinced, I remember during the Bloomberg years many, many advocates said, you know, one of the biggest change makers would be to have mandatory inclusionary housing. And, of course, the Bloomberg administration would never even entertain mandatory requirements for developers. So, when we started to move on it there were organized forces and there was obviously some of the classic New York City nimbyism at play as well. But it was a tough fight and we had to reinforce it.

Question: Did you feel like you were fighting the real estate developers on it?

Mayor: I think there were some developers that didn't like it for sure, but I think it was all of the above is the answer. There were elements of real estate community; there were all the individual organizations you mentioned, and there were a lot of folks locally. But what was to me most distressing was this is something to put new requirements on developers and maximize affordable housing and a lot of people were not getting that message. They were getting a very different message about what it was and we had to set the record straight.

In the back.

Question: Mr. Mayor, there were repeated emails to the Department of Homeless Services –

Mayor: Speak up a little, I'm sorry.

Question: There were repeated emails to the Department of Homeless Services regarding the Bushwick Economic Development Corporation. This is the nonprofit that oversaw the apartment where the two infants were killed by steam a couple weeks ago. Have you talked to DHS about the fact that they received repeated warnings about the conditions of the apartment that the Bushwick –

Mayor: I have not seen the emails you're referring to, so I can't comment. We'll certainly get you a comment, but I don't know specifically what you're referring to.

Question: Are you at all concerned though that DHS received warnings about the conditions of these –

Mayor: Again, until I see what they are I can't comment. I am obviously concerned; this was a tragedy, as you know, I went there and saw it with my own eyes. And it is very, very painful, but I want us to be very careful about understanding the difference between what folks involved knew and didn't know. And so far, I have not seen anything that suggests to me that there was a way to know anything like this could happen and it was unprecedented unto itself.

Question: This is a time of year for reflection, for looking back – I’m wondering – looking back over the last year what would you say is the biggest mistake that you made this year?

Mayor: Look, I think – I’m not going to give you a snap answer on that. I feel – looking back on the year in general – I feel very satisfied with the year because on the big things we came here to do; pre-k and continuing to increase the graduation rate, the test scores I feel good about that, I feel good about the reduction of crime, and the fact that we are continuing reform in the police department. You know, the big things – I think there is a lot of good news in this city – obviously, the 60 million tourists is a very good piece of news for this city. You know, I continue to be very concerned that we have to find new ways to address the homelessness issue and better solutions, but I think some of those are starting to really take hold. So, I don’t have a simple answer for you. I’ll give that some thought.

Question: Anything you would have done differently?

Mayor: I didn’t say that at all. I said I don’t have a simple answer for you.

Question: I want to ask about [inaudible] Tony Shorris had come under some criticism before. People were questioning whether he was overextended in his vast [inaudible] is the appointment of [inaudible] a way to address – I mean are you trying to help him out; take some of the duties he has off his plate?

Mayor: I think it is a way of just making the team stronger. She’s a real proven leader, tremendous experience particularly at the State level. And, you know, Tony has a huge portfolio – and again a lot of the successes I just referred to are part of that portfolio. I think he has done a fantastic job, but it gives us the ability to – you know – support his work more effectively. It is as simple as that.

Back there.

Question: As of late last week –

Mayor: A little bit louder.

Question: As of late last week, [inaudible] no one from City Hall has been called to testify for a federal or State grand jury. Has it changed since then?

Mayor: The lawyers can give you updates on anything that is going on with that. I don’t want to speak about stuff I am not sure about.

Question: During the extreme cold how was the homeless outreach?

Mayor: The homeless outreach was very strong. I don’t have my handy numbers that I often have when we’re in the middle of one of those extended periods, but I feel very good about what I am seeing; in terms of the HomeStat apparatus getting out there and working very closely with the NYPD and EMS and getting people in. And so, I think that is working really well. Obviously, the vast majority of people come in voluntarily, but when we do need to act involuntarily we do.

Alright, thanks everyone.

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MAYOR DE BLASIO LAUNCHES GETCOVEREDNYC INITIATIVE TO ENROLL MORE NEW YORKERS IN HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAMS

Goal to enroll 50,000 New Yorkers through 2017; open enrollment period ends Jan 31, 2017

NEW YORK—Mayor Bill de Blasio was today joined by Health + Hospitals Interim CEO Stan Brezenoff, Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T Bassett, Community Service Society President and CEO David R. Jones and Public Health Solutions President and CEO Lisa David at Health + Hospital/Gouverneur to launch the GetCoveredNYC campaign focused on enrolling more New Yorkers in health insurance and providing them with access to primary and preventive care at public Health + Hospitals facilities. The campaign's goal is to enroll 50,000 New Yorkers through 2017 who are eligible for health insurance but are not taking advantage of existing enrollment options.

The Mayor's Office has partnered with Health + Hospitals, the Human Resources Administration, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and MetroPlus to launch this ambitious campaign. On December 10, the City hosted five enrollment events focused on engaging potential youth applicants and assisting them in applying for coverage.

"We don't know the future of the Affordable Care Act, but we do know that Obamacare and Medicaid expansion are helping New Yorkers every day," said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. "We must continue to enroll eligible residents in these vital programs, paying special attention to those most appealing to low-income residents, such as Medicaid and the Essential plan."

Throughout the campaign, GetCoveredNYC outreach teams will proactively engage uninsured New Yorkers who have visited Health + Hospitals facilities. In order to reach the maximum number of New Yorkers, the campaign will include at-home outreach as well as office hours at community partner or elected officials' offices, providing direct access to in-person assistance from outreach specialists. Specialists will schedule

individuals for an enrollment appointment and case-manage each applicant through the entire process. **The open enrollment period will end on January 31, 2017.**

Depending on income and other criteria, applicants may be eligible for Medicaid at no cost. Those whose earnings exceed Medicaid limits may be eligible for the Essential Plan, which also offers a comprehensive coverage package for either \$20 monthly premium or no cost, depending on income. Those earning more – between 200 and 400 percent of the federal poverty level – may be eligible for Qualified Health Plan coverage, offered by MetroPlus and others, with public subsidies on a sliding scale reflecting income. All the plans cover inpatient and outpatient care, physician services, diagnostic services, mental healthcare and prescription drugs.

While NYC Health + Hospitals makes care available to all New Yorkers, regardless of ability to pay, the public health system emphasizes the importance of insurance enrollment as a tool to best engage patients in their healthcare – as opposed to waiting until health issues reach critical levels and require emergency room or inpatient care, the most expensive care for the system. Further, to address its financial challenges, Health + Hospitals needs more of its patient population to gain access to insurance to help close its growing budget gap.

“Our national healthcare landscape has changed, and much as we’ve had to re-imagine ways to more effectively deliver care, we’ve also had to think creatively as to how that care will be paid for,” said **Health + Hospitals Interim President and CEO Stan Brezenoff**. “Increasing healthcare enrollment is the best thing for New Yorkers in need, and the best thing for our essential healthcare network.”

“Health insurance makes it easier to see a primary care physician regularly and catch health problems early,” said **Health Commissioner Mary T. Bassett**. “As we work to address health disparities among New Yorkers, the Health Department encourages everyone to apply before the January 31st deadline. Health insurance is a right, not a privilege.”

“The public service professionals AFSCME represents in H+H facilities work hard every day to keep New Yorkers healthy and safe. At a time when some are eager to take health care away from 30 million Americans, we need more leaders like Mayor de Blasio who stand up for working families and fight to give them access to quality, affordable health coverage,” said **AFSCME President Lee Saunders**.

“This critical initiative will help even more New Yorkers access the health care they need and deserve,” said **Center for American Progress President and CEO Neera Tanden**. “As President-elect Trump and Republicans in Congress plan to strip coverage from millions of Americans, Mayor de Blasio is showing them what true leadership looks like.”

“Medical coverage can be an enormous expense for New York’s working families and it is vital we collaborate at all levels of government to expand access to insurance and healthcare,” said **Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez**. GetCoveredNYC is critical to helping spread the word and inform New Yorkers about the resources available to them. I look forward to working with the Mayor to ensure more New York residents are able to secure quality coverage and care.”

“New York City has done an admirable job of signing people up for health insurance through the Affordable Care Act,” said **Congressman Eliot Engel**. “Though more Americans are now covered than ever before, there are still many who are eligible for coverage that have yet to enroll. GetCoveredNYC is a wonderful campaign that will help raise awareness about the current open enrollment period and the health care options available to New Yorkers. I encourage all those who have yet to get covered to sign-up before the enrollment period ends on January 31st, 2017.”

Congressman Joe Crowley said, “Since the enactment of the Affordable Care Act, millions of previously uninsured Americans have finally secured health insurance, but the effort to cover every single New Yorker

continues. The GetCoveredNYC campaign will work to make every enrollment option easily accessible and readily available. I thank the Mayor's office for its commitment to making sure everyone, especially our vulnerable communities, has quality and affordable healthcare."

"I'm glad the Mayor has made enrolling New Yorkers in health insurance plans a priority," said **Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer**. "New Yorkers' health, financial well-being and the future of our safety net and public hospitals all depend on it."

"All New Yorkers should have the information and support they need to get the best healthcare plan they can," said **State Senator Daniel Squadron**. "As we continue to push for stronger healthcare policies on the state level, I encourage all eligible New Yorkers to access needed information on how to make the best healthcare decisions. Thank you to the City, HHC, HRA, DOHMH, MetroPlus and my colleagues for helping spread the word."

"It's important that Mayor de Blasio is helping to get the word out that we have extra time for enrolling in the Affordable Care Act. For millions of working people in New York, the coverage is free or very low cost, under the ACA, New York's Essential Plan or Medicaid," said **Assembly Member Richard N. Gottfried, Chair of the Committee on Health**. "Whatever happens in Washington down the road, it's important to get signed up now."

"I applaud Mayor de Blasio's efforts to enroll more New Yorkers in health insurance. Especially as we enter the dark days of the Trump Era, it is more important than ever that we do everything possible to make sure as many people as possible have access to primary and preventative care," said **Assembly Member Jeffrey Dinowitz**.

"By enrolling more New Yorkers in affordable healthcare plans, we provide New Yorkers with increased access to primary and preventive care," said **Assembly Member David Weprin**. "With the future of the Affordable Care Act up in the air, I am glad to see that Mayor Bill de Blasio has taken this step to increase insurance coverage in New York City. By identifying potential applicants and assisting with applications, Get Covered NYC will help many New Yorkers gain access to health insurance."

"Though the future course of our federal government's healthcare policy remains in doubt, one thing is clear: every New Yorker, especially those in our low-income and immigrant communities, needs to get covered," said **Council Member Margaret S. Chin**. "By engaging in this important outreach effort, we are helping to improve the health of thousands of uninsured New Yorkers, as well as the healthcare network they rely on."

Council Member Mathieu Eugene said, "The GetCoveredNYC outreach program is vital to the wellbeing of New Yorkers who require health insurance, but may not be aware of their eligibility. This important initiative addresses an ongoing issue within our community, and I encourage all residents who are in need of specific medical resources to take part in this program."

"The federal health reform law works no place better than New York. But with the promise of health coverage under attack, it is imperative that those still uninsured in our state get insured, and in doing so send a clear message to our leaders in Washington that they value the safety and security of health coverage more than ever," said **David R. Jones, President and CEO of the Community Service Society**.

"As the Affordable Care Act Navigators for Kings County – with five staff members speaking six languages and working in locations across Brooklyn – we know how crucial it is for every eligible resident to have health insurance. GetCoveredNYC is a terrific approach to increasing enrollment, and the Brooklyn Chamber looks forward to participating in the campaign and helping as many New Yorkers as possible get coverage," said **Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce CEO Andrew Hoan**. "Congratulations to Mayor Bill de Blasio,

Health and Hospitals Interim CEO Stan Brezenoff and Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Commissioner Mary Bassett on this wonderful initiative.”

“We applaud the Mayor’s Office’s expansion of GetCoveredNYC. It literally ‘takes a village’ to do this work,” said **Lisa David, President and CEO of Public Health Solutions**. “There are many supporting organizations doing great work reaching different populations. PHS, for instance, provides enrollment in 20 different languages. In addition, we use a co-location model that allows families to access Navigator services at locations where they go for other services like PHS’ Neighborhood WIC sites.”

"Doctors working in New York City's public hospital system – the City's safety net hospitals – serve the most at-risk and vulnerable New Yorkers. Often these patients come to our hospitals already quite sick. The frontline doctors have a pulse on the communities we serve and we know that access to comprehensive insurance coverage, as well as timely primary and preventive care, will lower health care costs and improve health outcomes for our patients and communities," said **Dr. Frank Proscia, President, Doctors Council SEIU**. "Our hospitals, especially public institutions, which serve large numbers of uninsured New Yorkers will be stronger and more viable with greater numbers of insured patients."

“Every day, uninsured New Yorkers are forced to make the decision to go without care because of prohibitive costs,” said **Donovan Purrier, Licensed Practical Nurse at Metropolitan Hospital and member, 1199SEIU**. “Through the Mayor’s GetCoveredNYC program, more people from across the five boroughs would no longer have to choose between seeing the doctor and putting food on the table. Our City’s public Health + Hospital facilities are ready to continue providing the quality care every New Yorker deserves.”

"The Asian American Federation applauds Mayor de Blasio for his GetCoveredNYC Initiative, which will help low-income Asian New Yorkers enroll in affordable/no-cost healthcare," said **Jo-Ann Yoo, Executive Director of the Asian American Federation**. "With more than 1 in 8 Asian New Yorkers lacking health insurance – the majority of whom are foreign-born, with particularly high uninsured rates in the Korean community – this program will be crucial in providing the uninsured self-employed and seniors and children living in poverty in our community access to healthcare."

"Make the Road New York applauds Mayor Bill De Blasio, Health + Hospitals and the Human Resources Administration for their increased efforts to inform New Yorkers of health insurance options currently available to them, and to encourage them to apply. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) has had an enormous impact on the lives of New Yorkers and it is essential that the ACA is protected so these individuals can continue to access quality, low cost health insurance options," said **Becca Telzak, Director of Health Programs at Make the Road New York**.

Barbara Bowen, President of PSC/CUNY, said, "We in New York City cannot control everything that will happen at the federal level, but we must do what we can to protect the rights of all New Yorkers. And no right is more fundamental than the right to healthcare. I applaud Mayor de Blasio for taking this important step to identify and enroll New Yorkers in need of health coverage. It is exactly the kind of initiative that is needed now."

Ron Pollack, Executive Director of Families U.S.A., said, “While some in Washington look backwards, we should look forwards to adding life-saving health coverage to New Yorkers so they can get good, affordable care to keep their families healthy. Families U.S.A. applauds the efforts Mayor de Blasio and his Administration have taken to launch GetCovered NYC at this important time.”

"We've seen a huge surge in enrollment following National Youth Enrollment Day, so we're thrilled to see Mayor de Blasio and others working hard to sustain this momentum and help more young people get covered

and take advantage of the financial help they are guaranteed under the ACA," said **Kevin Stump, Northeast Director of Young Invincibles**.

"We applaud Mayor de Blasio for launching GetCoveredNYC to keep New Yorkers of all ages healthy. We are also pleased to work with several City agencies to ensure that older New Yorkers have access to Medicaid and other benefits," said **Allison Nickerson, Executive Director of LiveOn NY**.

"As a patient navigator for the Affordable Care Act, The Center knows first-hand how crucial it is for LGBT community members to be able to access affordable insurance coverage and quality care," said **Glennnda Testone, Executive Director of NYC's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center**. "We applaud Mayor de Blasio for introducing the GetCoveredNYC initiative and demonstrating the City's commitment to caring for its community in these uncertain times."

"We know just how critical it is for vulnerable communities to have access to affordable, affirming and appropriate care," said **Wendy Stark, Executive Director of Callen-Lorde Community Health Center**, which has provided LGBTQ-centric health care in New York City for nearly 50 years. "Since the inception of the Affordable Care Act, the percentage of our uninsured patients dropped from 37 percent to 26 percent, which means more New Yorkers have access to the care they need. We applaud the Mayor and his administration for promoting open enrollment through the GetCoveredNYC initiative."

"We commend Mayor de Blasio for taking action and creating the GetCoveredNYC initiative within the Public Engagement Unit, utilizing person to person outreach tactics and in-person enrollers to ensure every New Yorker knows what is available to them under the Affordable Care Act," said **Rachel Linstead Goldsmith, State Assistance Director of the Eastern Region at Enroll America**.

"I applaud the Mayor for this new initiative to help New Yorkers learn about free and low-cost health insurance available to them," said **Rabbi David Niederman of the United Jewish Organizations of Williamsburg and North Brooklyn**. "After helping thousands enroll in the various health insurance plans, we know firsthand the importance of increasing outreach and assistance with enrollment, so that people don't lack health coverage and don't hesitate to schedule medical appointments or seek treatment. This new initiative will reduce the number of uninsured and will help make New Yorkers healthier."

"Health care coverage plays a key role in reducing costs and improving outcomes for serious and life-threatening conditions, including HIV and AIDS. For that reason, GMHC has patient care navigators on staff to assist and advise our clients who are seeking enrollment. Thank you Mayor de Blasio for launching this critical initiative that seeks to increase enrollment rates and expand access to affordable health care," said **Kelsey Louie, CEO of GMHC**.

"It's about time all New Yorkers get covered with health insurance. I fully support this worthwhile effort. Thank you Mayor de Blasio," said **Dorothy Turano, District Manager of Community Board 18 in Brooklyn, NY**

"This is wonderful! I applaud The Mayor for creating GetCoveredNYC. Let's get New Yorkers enrolled," said **Viola Greene-Walker, District Manager of Community Board 16 in Brooklyn, NY**

"It is imperative that the administration raise awareness to all New Yorkers the options that are available within the healthcare system," said **NYS Committeewoman Dorita Clarke**. "It is a great advantage that young people up to the age of 26 are able to remain on their parents health insurance. I am confident that through GetCoveredNYC campaign, the number of enrollment will increase."

"For the past three years, American Muslim Health Professionals (AMHP) has been at the forefront of connecting Muslims to healthcare coverage. We recognize the value of person-to-person outreach effort and thank Mayor Bill de Blasio for taking the initiative to launch GetCoveredNYC to increase enrollment," said **Madiha Shahid, co-Founder and President of NY/NJ Chapter of American Muslim Health Professionals.**

New Yorkers may connect with free in-person GetCoveredNYC enrollment assistance near them through calling 311 or texting CoveredNYC to 877-877.

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NYC COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS ANNOUNCES SUBWAY OUTREACH AND OTHER EFFORTS TO INFORM PEOPLE OF LEGAL PROTECTIONS AGAINST DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT

NYC Commission on Human Rights, in conjunction with the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, Community Affairs Unit, Public Engagement Unit, the Department of Consumer Affairs, and elected officials, conducts a 5-borough subway outreach and launches digital and mobile transit app ads on December 20th to inform New Yorkers of legal protections against discrimination and harassment

Commission announces expanded Infoline at 718-722-3131 to field questions about discrimination and harassment

Commission creates "Bias Response Team" to monitor incidents of discriminatory harassment citywide and respond with resources for victim and affected communities

NEW YORK – The NYC Commission on Human Rights announces today a series of actions to provide New Yorkers with tools to report incidents of discrimination and harassment, as well as information for immigrant communities.

Following a spate of bias attacks near public transit, the NYC Commission on Human Rights, with support from the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, Community Affairs Unit, Public Engagement Unit, the Department of Consumer Affairs, are informing New Yorkers today about legal protections against religious discrimination and discriminatory harassment under the NYC Human Rights Law outside subway stations in all five boroughs.

Assemblywoman Alicia Hyndman and Council Members Brad Lander, Rosie Mendez, and Annabel Palma will also join in the outreach. The Commission, which has increased outreach to vulnerable communities since Election Day, will also run ads on social media, mobile apps, and ethnic newspapers to reinforce anti-discrimination protections under the Law.

The NYC Commission on Human Rights also announces today the expansion of its Infoline (718-722-3131), adding additional operators who can help victims of discrimination file claims, inform them of protections under the Law, and answer and refer questions on immigration matters following training from the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs. The Commission is also announcing a new "Bias Response Team" which is reaching out to victims of bias-based incidents to address the incidents, inform them of their rights, and provide affected communities with know-your-rights information and resources.

"New York City will not stand for discrimination or harassment of any kind," said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. "NYC has been and always will be a welcoming city for all, regardless of who you are or what you believe and we intend to keep it that way. We will continue to fight hate and bigotry in all its forms and protect the most vulnerable among us, which is why we are reinforcing programs and support structures so everyone knows they are fully protected by New York City and knows what to do if they are the victims of hate or discrimination. NYC will not let bias-incidents and hate crimes go unaddressed and will continue to stand firm against those who would divide us."

"No one in this city should feel unsafe or threatened for being who they are," said **Commissioner and Chair of the NYC Commission on Human Rights Carmelyn P. Malalis**. "The NYC Commission on Human Rights is here to protect all New Yorkers from discrimination and harassment by enforcing the City's Human Rights Law, one of the strongest anti-discrimination laws in the nation. We are using every resource at our disposal to inform people of their rights and encourage them to report acts of bias and discrimination. The Commission works every day to hold violators accountable and get justice for victims under the law. If anyone believes they have been the victim of discrimination, we urge them to call the Commission and report it."

"The Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs is pleased to partner with the Commission on Human Rights in a steadfast commitment to protecting the human rights of all New Yorkers," said **Commissioner of the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs Nisha Agarwal**. "While we are shocked by recent reports of bias and discrimination in our City, we will continue working with the Commission to double down on outreach efforts to impacted communities. Through a multitude of efforts such as the new expanded Infoline, bias response team and ongoing awareness-building, the City is putting action to words in fighting hate."

"In a city where one in three of us were born in another country, it is our differences that make us stronger," said **Commissioner of the Department of Consumer Affairs Lorelei Salas**. "We cannot let anyone who believes otherwise divide us, which is why the Department of Consumer Affairs is proud to join the Commission to let New Yorkers and the world know that the City will serve, protect, and defend all New Yorkers. New York City has been and will continue to be a safe haven for all and a place where discrimination will not be tolerated."

"It's important that all New Yorkers feel safe in their communities and know how to access the resources that are in place to protect them," said **Senior Advisor for the Mayor's Public Engagement Unit Regina Schwartz**. "That's why we're proud to be joining the NYC Commission on Human Rights for this Day of Action, engaging thousands of New Yorkers at subway stops across the city to provide information about how to report acts of bias and discrimination."

Complaints of discrimination based on race, religion, national origin and citizenship and alienage status filed at the Commission have increased by more than 30 percent in 2016. In fact, Commission investigations into

discrimination in these categories have more than doubled over the last two years. The Commission is currently investigating more than 400 complaints of discrimination in these areas.

Hate crimes, which are investigated by the New York Police Department, have also increased by more than 30 percent in 2016 according to the NYPD, particularly against Muslims, Jews, people of color, and LGBTQ communities.

Following the election, vulnerable communities continue to reach out to the City to report incidents of discrimination and bias. For example, one woman who was speaking Albanian to her friend while waiting for the bus in Staten Island was approached by a man who repeatedly shouted, “You illegal aliens, you should all go back to your own country!” Another woman with a Spanish accent was told over the phone by a service person, “I am sick of these stupid Mexicans. Trump is right to get them all out! They are a pile of garbage.” Members of the Muslim community have also expressed fears, including one woman who reported being afraid to walk outside in her hijab. Another person in the LGBT community asked, “Is it safe to go outside?”

These are just some of the reports the City is hearing from concerned community members. The NYC Commission on Human Rights is responding by taking several actions to inform people of their rights and get them the resources and information they need to address their fears and concerns.

Subway Outreach

Since many reports of discrimination and hate have occurred in or near transit stations, the NYC Commission on Human Rights, with support from the Mayor’s Offices of Immigrant Affairs, Community Affairs Unit, Public Engagement Unit, and the Department of Consumer Affairs, are distributing information on [religious protections](#) under the NYC Human Rights Law as well as a new bilingual English-Spanish fact sheet on [discriminatory harassment](#) at eight subway stations across all five boroughs on Tuesday, December 20, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., including outside the Union Square and 168th Street stations in Manhattan, the Barclays Center station in Brooklyn, the 149th Street/Grand Concourse and Parkchester stations in the Bronx, the Jamaica Center and Roosevelt Avenue stations in Queens, and the St. George station on Staten Island. Staff will be joined by Assembly Member Alicia Hyndman, and Council Members Rosie Mendez, Brad Lander, Annabel Palma, and staff from Ydanis Rodriguez’s office.

The Commission is also launching today anti-discrimination ads on transit apps, such as Transit Tracker New York, MyTransit NYC, QuickStop NYC, NYC NextBus, TransitTracker MTA, NYC Maps, as well as Google and Facebook, urging people to contact the Commission if they witness or experience harassment in the subway, on the bus, at a bus shelter or any other public space. Additionally, the Commission will run multilingual ads in ethnic newspapers next month, including *Allewaa Alarabi*, *Weekly Bengalee*, *Queens Latino*, *Sing Tao Daily*, *Korean Central Daily News*, *News India Times* and *Haitian Times*.

Expanded Infoline

The NYC Commission on Human Rights, with the support of the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs, has also expanded staff and technology capacity of its existing Infoline (718-722-3131) to take reports and answer questions on discrimination and harassment as well to make appropriate referrals regarding IDNYC, ThriveNYC, and notario fraud protections. The Commission typically receives 30-50 calls a day and has seen a slight uptick in calls following the election. People can also report discrimination on the Commission’s website [here](#).

Bias Response Team

The NYC Commission on Human Rights also created a “Bias Response Team” with staff members who are responding to incidents of bias and discrimination across the city, receiving information from callers, reports/tips from advocates and city agencies, such as the NYPD Hate Crimes Task Force, and from news media and social media reports. When a Bias Response Team member learns of a bias-related incident, they reach out to victims to address the incident and gather information and provide resources and know-your-rights information to affected communities so they know how to report discrimination and file a complaint. Bias Response Team members are stationed in every borough.

Additional Outreach Efforts

The Commission continues to strengthen additional outreach efforts to inform concerned communities about legal protections under the Law, including:

- **Hosting listening sessions (Dec. 12 to mid-January)** for community and legal advocates, including those that work with the LGBT and immigrant communities, racial justice groups, worker’s rights groups, and interfaith leaders to understand their fears and concerns.
- **Launching a cultural sensitivity workshop called “Understanding Muslim Experiences and Combatting Islamophobia”** with community leaders and the Islamic Center at NYU to help City employees and public and private employers better understand the Islamic faith and dispel common myths. The NYC Commission on Human Rights will launch the program in the weeks ahead.
- **Developing a citywide anti-xenophobia media campaign** to launch in 2017 to educate New Yorkers on combatting xenophobia and embracing cultural, ethnic and religious diversity.
- **Participating in “Know Your Rights” events** across the city, including Town Hall and public safety forums with elected officials and community members, so people understand their rights and know what to do if they are the victims of discrimination or harassment.
- **Participated in a “Know Your Rights” Phone-a-Thon (Dec. 6-8):** The Commission joined Univision New York, El Diario, Radio WADO, New York Immigration Coalition, Catholic Charities, the NY State Office for New Americans for a 3-day phone-a-thon to answer questions about issues impacting the city’s diverse communities, especially immigrants, and inform concerned New Yorkers about their rights under the NYC Human Rights Law. More than 1,000 calls were received.
- **Created a new resource page** (www.nyc.gov/NYCVvalues) for quick access to relevant information (in multiple languages) for vulnerable communities, including information on [religious protections](#), [immigration protections](#), [sexual orientation protections](#), and protections against [discriminatory harassment](#). People can also report discrimination on our website [here](#).
- **Launched a #IAmMuslimNYC [digital ad campaign](#)** prior to the election to promote respect and understanding of the Muslim community and underscore anti-discrimination protections under the NYC Human Rights Law. Ads appeared on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter and were seen by millions.

If you or someone you know is the victim of discrimination or bias, please call the 311 and ask for Human Rights or call the Commission’s expanded Infoline directly at 718-722-3131.

ABOUT THE NYC HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

The NYC Human Rights Law, one of the strongest laws of its kind in the nation, protects people from discrimination in the workplace, housing, and public accommodations across 22 broad categories, including

race, color, religion/creed, age, national origin, alienage or citizenship status, gender (including sexual harassment), gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, pregnancy, marital status, and partnership status, among others.

The law also prohibits retaliation, bias-based profiling, and discriminatory harassment, which is defined as threats, intimidation, harassment, coercion or violence that interferes with a person's civil or constitutional rights and is motivated in part by that person's actual or perceived protected status such as race, religion, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, or immigration status. Learn more about the Law [here](#).

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“What makes New York City great is its diversity,” said **Assemblywoman Alicia Hyndman**. “No one should feel threatened because of who they are, which is why my office has partnered with the NYC Commission on Human Rights to help report and address instances of discrimination. We are a nation of immigrants, myself included and we must work together to keep New York safe.”

“These new outreach efforts will safeguard NYC's most vulnerable communities from hate,” said **Council Member Daniel Dromm** (D-Jackson Heights, Elmhurst). “My district is home to one of the largest immigrant, LGBTQ, and Muslim populations in the state. I am pleased that the City is doubling down on its endeavors to protect these groups from harassment, discrimination, and violence. I will continue to work alongside the administration to ensure that NYC remains a safe haven for all people.”

“New York has a proud history of welcoming all. That's not going away anytime soon, and we're going to make sure every New Yorker knows it,” said **Council Member Brad Lander**. “We've got some of the strongest anti-discrimination and harassment laws in the country, and some of the most dedicated public servants to enforce them. We're also doing all that we can in the City Council to strengthen and embolden these laws even further. Thank you to Mayor de Blasio and Commissioner Malalis for standing strongly against discrimination and working to make sure every New Yorker knows they are fully protected.”

“In New York City, we are proud of our multi-ethnic and multi-racial communities,” said **Councilwoman Rosie Mendez, Chair of the NYC Council LGBT Caucus**. “Here, we embrace the characteristics that make individuals different, including our diverse socioeconomic backgrounds, religious beliefs, sexual orientations and gender identities. Since the presidential election, there has been a 115% increase in hate crimes in City of New York. Hate crimes and discrimination will not be tolerated in our great City. The NYC Commission on Human Rights continues to reach out to individuals who are subjected to discriminatory behavior or bias-related attacks. I will join the Commission in that outreach at the Union Square Subway Station in my district to inform New Yorkers of what to do when, and if, confronted with bias related incident either at the workplace and/or in their personal life. I am proud to be a part of this great City that will stand up against discrimination and harassment.”

“New York City has long been a cosmopolitan haven for inclusion and diversity,” said **Council Member Annabel Palma**. “That is why it is vital that incidents of discrimination and harassment based on perceived differences be vigilantly combated. As an ardent supporter of a culture of acceptance, I am wholly committed to backing the NYC Commission on Human Rights initiative to expand their platform for outreach toward marginalized groups, such as immigrant communities. Only through a collective effort, can we strive to achieve a climate free of hate and bias.”

“The uptick in hate crimes we've seen in New York City since election day are unacceptable and we as New Yorkers are better than that,” said **Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez**. “The important outreach underway by the NYC Commission on Human Rights reminds New Yorkers that if they ever feel under threat, there are

places they can turn to for support. We are demonstrating our true New York values through these efforts, that we are one city, one nation, and we cannot be divided by hate.”

“At time where there has been an uptick of hate crimes in our city, I applaud Commissioner Malalis and the Commission for Human Rights for their outreach and advocacy work from the subway ads to hate crime hotline to educate and protect the most vulnerable in our city,” said **President of the Muslim Community Network Debbie Almontaser**.

“The New York City Anti-Violence Project applauds the New York City Commission on Human Rights on the steps they are taking to inform New Yorkers of legal protections against discrimination and harassment through their citywide subway outreach efforts,” said **Shelby Chestnut, Director of Community Organizing and Public Advocacy at the New York City Anti-Violence Project**. “As this country grapples with responding to an increased visibility of violence and hate-speech targeting the most vulnerable populations, it is heartening to see the Commission take a stand to protect its diverse city, especially LGBTQ New Yorkers who are subject to violence on a continual basis for their actual or perceived gender identity and/or sexual orientation.”

“We commend the Commission on Human Rights for stepping up efforts to ensure that New Yorkers are supported in the event of discriminatory harassment,” said **Steven Choi, executive director of New York Immigration Coalition**. “With the recent rise in hate crimes, the Commission's expanded hotline, Bias Response Team, and outreach efforts is an active commitment to our city's residents, including immigrants, that the City has their backs. We look forward to working with the Commission in the upcoming year to continue to protect our communities.”

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Subject: PUBLIC SCHEDULE FOR MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2016



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PUBLIC SCHEDULE FOR MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2016

On Tuesday, Mayor de Blasio will host a press conference to discuss the GetCoveredNYC initiative and enrollment in healthcare insurance programs. This event is open press. There will be on- and off-topic Q-and-A.

Later, the Mayor will deliver remarks at the United Federation of Teachers' holiday party. This event is closed press.

Press Schedule

10:00 AM – Hosts Press Conference

Gouverneur Health
227 Madison Street
New York, NY 10002

Footage will be provided by NYC Media and will be available shortly following the event on Encompass Port CTY- 4205. Official photos will be available at [flickr.com/nycmayorsoffice](https://www.flickr.com/photos/nycmayorsoffice/) shortly following the event.

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From: Mayor's Press Office
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2016 11:11 AM
To: Mayor's Press Office
Subject: DE BLASIO ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES KICK-OFF OF "PARKNYC," A NEW MOBILE PAYMENT SYSTEM FOR ON-STREET PARKING



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DE BLASIO ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES KICK-OFF OF "PARKNYC," A NEW MOBILE PAYMENT SYSTEM FOR ON-STREET PARKING

Starting in midtown Manhattan, system will be phased in Citywide, coming to all 85,000 parking spots served by DOT Muni-Meters by Summer 2017

NEW YORK—The de Blasio Administration today announced the introduction of ParkNYC, a new and convenient way to pay for on-street parking in New York City. Implemented by DOT and operated by Parkmobile, LLC, a private vendor, ParkNYC allows motorists to remotely pay for parking using an online system that links registered license plate numbers to NYPD traffic enforcement agents' handheld devices that confirm payment. Using a smartphone, Commissioner Polly Trottenberg of the Department of Transportation demonstrated ParkNYC at a metered spot in the Kips Bay neighborhood of Manhattan.

"Parking in New York City can be a challenge, but ParkNYC will make it just a bit easier," said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. "With no paper receipt and the ability to quickly get on your way, this new pay-by-cell tool fulfills our commitment – made in this year's State of the City address – that we would help save New Yorkers the most precious of resources: their time."

"With ParkNYC, drivers no longer have to scramble for change or even walk to a Muni-Meter to get a receipt for their dashboard," said **DOT Commissioner Polly Trottenberg**. "With no added fees, mobile alerts that let you know when your parking session is ending, and the ability to extend a session without returning to your car, ParkNYC offers a great convenience to New York drivers. We are excited that ParkNYC will be available at every metered parking space in every borough by the end of next summer."

The process for using ParkNYC is very simple:

1. **Download** the ParkNYC app or go to www.parknyc.org to register an account.

2. **Enter personal information** including phone number and email; create a password.
3. **Provide a license plate number** for the account and set alert/notification preferences.
4. **Load your wallet.** A ParkNYC wallet works like EZPass, and can be reloaded in increments as low as \$25. Once registered, drivers may use the mobile app, internet or a toll-free number to pay for parking.
5. **Park.** After parking, enter the unique zone number for block and length of time. After confirmation, the driver is set!
6. **Extend.** If time is running out and maximum time has not already been reached, parking time can be extended without returning to the car.

Commissioner Trottenberg noted that ParkNYC was a new option for parking payment and underscored that DOT Muni-Meters would continue to accept coins and credit/debit cards for payment for customers who don't wish to use the new service. Parking rates and time limits are block-side-specific and will remain unchanged for all payment methods.

The ParkNYC mobile app went live on Friday, December 16, and is available for download at no cost for iPhones in the App Store and for Android at Google Play. It can be used as zones are phased in Citywide on a rolling basis through next summer. The website www.parknyc.org includes more information about registration and FAQs and can also be used for remote payment without downloading the ParkNYC app. Transactions can also be made by voice call to an automated phone system.

Beginning this month, ParkNYC zone numbers will roll out on signs and decals on the sides of Muni-Meters in Manhattan between 14th and 59th Streets. The new signs and decals identify each block-side with a distinctive six-digit zone code.

"ParkNYC is a major customer service win," said **NYPD Chief of Transportation Thomas Chan**.

"Technology is providing the public with an excellent alternative payment option, and in my opinion a more convenient option, to ease their busy days. In the old days you usually needed a bunch of quarters and you had to watch the meter. Now all you need is ParkNYC and your mobile device."

"With ParkNYC, drivers will have the ease of paying for parking in New York City right in their pocket," said **Jacques Jiha, Commissioner of the Department of Finance**, which collects parking fines and adjudicates violations. "This app will eliminate some of the hassle, and perhaps some of the fines, that can occur when time runs out on a parking meter."

"The work of modernizing government services is endless, but this is another good step forward," said **Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer**. "Programs like DOT's ParkNYC make our urban environment itself more user-friendly, reducing New Yorkers' everyday hassles. I'm sure anyone who's struggled with broken muni-meters will be thrilled as this program becomes available on New Yorkers' streets and cell phones."

"New Yorkers don't want to get tickets when parking meters expire, or carry a roll of quarters or run back and forth to their cars in order to avoid them," said **Assembly Member Richard N. Gottfried**. "Now that the de Blasio Administration has launched the ParkNYC mobile payment system, they won't have to."

"Like most New York City drivers, I've spent too much time worried about feeding the meter," said **Assembly Member Daniel Quart**. "Whether they drive or use transit, I don't know any New Yorkers who likes to waste time, so I'm glad to see our city use technology to make the streets more efficient for everyone. ParkNYC will provide a great new option for paying for parking, and I'm excited to see what New York does with our extra time!"

"It's great to see that NYC, led by the DOT is bringing our parking systems into the 21st Century," said **Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez, Chair of the Committee on Transportation**. "ParkNYC's pay-by-cell functions, spurred by my bill in the City Council, will allow New Yorkers to seamlessly pay and keep moving, knowing that time is always of the essence. With these upgrades, we can continue to see even more innovation and thoughtfulness about how we can modernize parking in New York City. From next-level dynamic pricing, to rethinking about how to manage these systems more efficiently, DOT is certainly on the right track and I applaud their efforts."

"ParkNYC is a tremendous improvement in the way we pay for parking in NYC," said **Council Member James Vacca, Chair of the NYC Council Committee on Technology**. "NYC has been a leader in embracing technology to make our interactions with the City simpler and more efficient. ParkNYC will eliminate the inconvenience of muni-meter and needing to run outside to feed the meter for those who choose to take advantage of the mobile payment systems. I applaud Mayor de Blasio and Commissioner Trottenberg for their commitment to making NYC a more user-friendly, technology-embracing place."

"With this convenient option to pay for on-street parking, we are not only helping drivers, but the restaurants, shops and other small businesses they patronize as well," said **Council Member Margaret S. Chin**. "ParkNYC is a great way to save time and money and is part of our city's continuing effort to make the lives of hard-working New Yorkers easier. I look forward to seeing this service expand to include lower Manhattan as soon as possible."

"The ParkNYC mobile payment system will make parking easier for everyday New Yorkers," said **Council Member Costa Constantinides**. "This fair and convenient solution will help more drivers extend their parking time before their meter runs out, avoiding tickets and fees. I commend Mayor de Blasio and DOT Commissioner Polly Trottenberg for their work on this new program."

"For the 1.4 million people who own and drive cars in our city, ParkNYC will be a game changer," said **Council Member David Greenfield**. "Gone are the days of leaving a store or restaurant to run back to the meter, or getting a ticket when you forget to go back. This is going to eliminate parking headaches and reduce stress for millions of New Yorkers. I look forward to ParkNYC's rollout throughout the entire city over the coming months, and I want to thank Commissioner Polly Trottenberg for all the hard work she did to secure this victory."

"Paying for parking has finally entered the 21st century," said **Council Member Dan Garodnick**. "I am very pleased ParkNYC launched right here on Manhattan's East Side and look forward to seeing it spread throughout the five boroughs."

"The Park NYC app promises to put an end to the days of fumbling for change or swiping a credit card through a muni meter, an advancement that is especially welcome as we enter the colder months," said **Council Member Deborah Rose**. "This new app will save time and reduce paper – a win-win for busy New Yorkers – and I look forward to seeing this technology expand throughout the city."

"The typical New Yorker's relationship with parking can often be contentious, to say the least," said **Council Member Stephen Levin**. "Unlike the old days, you no longer have to scramble to your meter with a fistful of quarters. With the ability to pay-by-cell, mobile alerts and a refillable electronic wallet, ParkNYC introduces much needed convenience to what used to be a challenging experience."

"Finally, the days of feeding the meter will soon be over thanks to ParkNYC," said **Council Member Donovan Richards**. "There's just never enough hours in the day, so saving a few minutes here and there can go a long way toward making somebody's day that much easier. I'd like to thank Mayor de Blasio and DOT

Commissioner Trottenberg for using technology to find ways to improve the lives of New Yorkers by making the hustle and bustle just a bit more manageable.”

“The ParkNYC app will inject some convenience into the notoriously frustrating New York City parking experience,” said **John Corlett, Director of Government Affairs for AAA Northeast**. “Mayor de Blasio and Commissioner Trottenberg deserve credit for their efforts to bring parking into the 21st century.”

“We are pleased to partner with New York City to deliver a faster, easier and more convenient way to park. Now drivers in New York City will be able to take advantage of our technology, which enhances the parking experience by eliminating the need to carry coins, swipe a card, print a ticket or run back to the meter to add time,” said **Jon Ziglar, CEO of Parkmobile, the vendor operating ParkNYC**. “New York joins the over 200 cities and 5 million people nationwide that use Parkmobile and we look forward to working with the Department of Transportation to further innovate and expand convenience for people in the largest parking market in North America.”

About Parkmobile

Parkmobile, LLC is the leading provider for on-demand and prepaid mobile payments for on- and off-street parking and mobility related services. The Parkmobile network is available in more than 2,000 locations, including 36 of the top 100 cities in the U.S. It is the most widely used mobile parking solution in the country with over 5 million people using Parkmobile’s services over 30 million times per year. Parkmobile’s services include on-street parking, off-street parking deck, airport and event reservations and municipal parking permit solutions. Parkmobile serves over 20 airports as well as provides reserved parking solutions for private operators, the Super Bowl, the College Football Championship Series, Fenway Park, Nationwide Arena, and Soldier Field to name a few. For more information, visit us at www.parkmobile.com, on Twitter @Parkmobile, or facebook.com/Parkmobile.



ParkNYC is an easy and convenient way to pay for parking using your mobile phone or web browser

- Download the free app, available for iPhone & Android or register on the web at ParkNYC.org  
- Create a password
- Enter your license plate(s) information
- Load your ParkNYC Wallet by entering your payment information and selecting an amount (\$25 minimum)
- Use your ParkNYC Wallet to pay for parking



1
Enter the zone # found on ParkNYC decals and signs on your side of the street

2
Choose the duration you wish to park

3
Confirm your session and extend time, if needed, to the maximum allowed

Use the web or your mobile browser to access ParkNYC.org with the same functionality as the app. Don't have a smartphone? No problem. Call 877.727.5307 to park by phone.



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From: Mayor's Press Office
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To: Mayor's Press Office
Subject: MAYOR DE BLASIO, SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO, NYC & COMPANY ANNOUNCE TOTAL NYC VISITORS SURPASSES 60 MILLION FOR FIRST TIME



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**MAYOR DE BLASIO, SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO, NYC & COMPANY ANNOUNCE TOTAL
NYC VISITORS SURPASSES 60 MILLION FOR FIRST TIME**

15,000 jobs added over last year and hotel demand expanded by 1.2 million room nights sold

NEW YORK—Mayor Bill de Blasio, Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito and NYC & Company today announced that the City will welcome an all-time record 60.3 million visitors by year's end, surpassing the 60 million visitor milestone for the first time ever, and representing the seventh consecutive year of travel and tourism growth for the City. The new figure is 600,000 visitors higher than the original forecast of 59.7 million announced earlier this year, and 1.8 million more visitors than last year's revised year-end figure of 58.5 million. Travel and tourism now sustains more than 375,000 jobs in New York City, representing a gain of 15,000 jobs over the last year.

"Not only has 2016 brought the largest number of visitors in New York City history, but it also caps off seven years of strong tourism growth and 15,000 more jobs for New Yorkers," said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. "More tourism means we have more people investing in New York City and are able to create more sustainable jobs for more people. New York is a culturally rich and diverse city, with so much to offer those who visit. I look forward to continue promoting this beautiful city and welcoming all those who visit in the future."

"We are the safest, most culturally rich, most exciting city in the country. Every time visitors come, they can experience something new," said **Deputy Mayor Alicia Glen**. "We are focused on making sure the benefits of tourism stretch into every borough and every community."

"We are very excited to host a record high number of visitors who are interested in learning about the vibrant culture of our wonderful city," said **Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito**. "Visiting New York City can mean the trip of a lifetime, and we want to offer everyone the opportunity to truly have the full experience. I

look forward to working with the Mayor and NYC & Company to continue fostering the growth of New York City's important tourism industry.”

“We are proud to exceed our forecast this year and welcome an all-time record 60.3 million visitors, achieving a new tourism milestone for New York City,” said **Fred Dixon, NYC & Company's President and CEO**. “The appeal of the ‘New’ New York alongside our classic attractions continue to draw travelers from every corner of the globe. We invite visitors and locals to take advantage of all the nonstop and affordable NYC experiences on offer this winter as well as the opportunities to discover our City's multicultural neighborhoods in all five boroughs.”

“We are very fortunate this year to surpass 60 million visitors, New York City's latest travel and tourism achievement,” said **Emily Rafferty, NYC & Company Board Chairman and President Emeritus of the Metropolitan Museum of Art**. “From our reputation as the safest large city in America to our world-class hotels, attractions, cultural organizations, restaurants, shops and more, there's no better place than the five boroughs to enjoy the best of everything in one single destination.”

To continue welcoming record visitation and boost winter travel in 2017, NYC & Company today unveiled a new “Nonstop NYC” program comprising its popular vibrancy programs NYC Restaurant Week[®], NYC Broadway WeekSM, NYC Off-Broadway WeekSM and an all-new NYC Attractions Week. The organization is also expanding its “See Your City,” “See it for Yourself” and Official NYC Family Ambassador campaigns to further encourage travel during the first quarter and beyond.

This year, visitors from the United States will represent a forecasted 47.6 million visitors while travelers from international markets will comprise an estimated 12.65 million international visitors, both all-time highs. Among all visitors, meetings delegates will comprise 6.15 million people. In 2017, NYC & Company is forecasting the City will welcome approximately 61.8 million visitors with 48.7 million domestic travelers and 13.1 million international visitors.

Hotel demand in the five boroughs has grown this year by 1.2 million, generating 34.9 million hotel room nights sold by year's end, an all-time record. Home to more than 111,000 hotel rooms, the City is also expected to add 24,000 new hotel rooms by the end of 2019, reflecting the nation's most robust hotel development pipeline. A significant contribution to the City's economy, hotel and sales taxes are estimated to contribute over \$1 billion in revenues this year.

Just in time for winter visitor arrivals, NYC & Company's celebrated consumer programs will return in early 2017 with NYC Restaurant Week (Jan. 23-Feb.10), NYC Broadway Week (Jan. 17-Feb. 5) and NYC Off-Broadway Week (Feb. 27-Mar. 12). On the heels of the success of these programs, NYC & Company is proud to announce the first-ever NYC Attractions Week. From January 17-February 5, 2017, visitors and locals can receive two-for-one admission for tours, culture and performing arts at over 70 participants, including Big Bus Tours, Brooklyn Museum, Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises, Gray Line City Sightseeing New York Bus Tours, Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Madame Tussauds New York, Museum of Modern Art – MoMA, New York Water Taxi, On Location Tours, One World Observatory and many more.

These four vibrancy programs alongside the best hotel rates of the year will be promoted under a new winter campaign titled “Nonstop NYC.” With the addition of NYC Attractions Week to NYC & Company's signature dining and theater promotions, winter 2017 will be the most affordable value period ever in New York City. More information on “Nonstop NYC” can be found at nycgo.com/nonstop.

For NYC travel inspiration this winter, NYC & Company's popular “See Your City” campaign will expand with the launch of 13 new custom videos along with neighborhood tips on nycgo.com, the City's official tourism website. In partnership with NYC & Company's long-standing corporate sponsor American Express®,

the videos will spotlight diverse and inspirational itinerary content for locals and visitors throughout the five boroughs to drive visitation into the neighborhoods. Featured neighborhoods in the videos include: Manhattan's Harlem, Lower East Side, and Lower Manhattan; Brooklyn's Sunset Park, Cobble Hill, and Crown Heights; The Bronx's Belmont and Fordham; Queens' Corona, Flushing, and Long Island City; and Staten Island's Randall Manor and St. George. Consumers will be asked to use the hashtag #SeeYourCity when visiting the neighborhoods.

In addition, NYC & Company and American Express® will publish five new “See Your City” neighborhood guides to spotlight these chosen destinations with helpful visitor tips to be distributed citywide. 150,000 copies will be available for locals and visitors to collect among transportation hubs, hotels and more. For more information and to view the new videos, go to nycgo.com/seeyourcity.

To capitalize on the growing family travel segment, NYC & Company will continue into 2017 its Official NYC Family Ambassador program featuring Nickelodeon's Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. A new iteration has launched with winter-themed creative artwork promoting family travel to New York City. The campaign includes outdoor media in Chicago and Boston as well as advertising in 23 malls across the country. For family-friendly content, visit nycgo.com/family.

Abroad, NYC & Company is also expanding its “See it for Yourself” campaign this winter through its outdoor media partner JCDecaux to drive international visitation. The global marketing effort will include a presence across eight international markets including the United Kingdom, Germany, Australia, France, Italy, Spain, Brazil and Mexico. As part of the campaign, airlines and tour operators will offer various travel packages. For example, in the UK, the City's number one overseas market, NYC & Company has partnered with British Airways for a 14-week long partnership through February 26 that includes an outdoor media campaign and collaborative content to amplify the campaign's reach.

About NYC & Company

NYC & Company is the official destination marketing organization for the City of New York, dedicated to maximizing travel and tourism opportunities throughout the five boroughs, building economic prosperity and spreading the positive image of New York City worldwide. For all there is to do and see in New York City, visit nycgo.com.

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**UPDATED PUBLIC SCHEDULE FOR MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 19,
2016**

*****Event added*****

On Monday, Mayor de Blasio will travel to Albany to participate in the New York State Electoral College. The Mayor will return to New York City in the afternoon. This event is open press. There will be no Q-and-A.

Later, the Mayor will appear live on NY1's Inside City Hall.

Press Schedule

12:00 PM – Participates in New York State Electoral College

Senate Chamber

State Capitol

Albany, NY 12224

Members of the media must be credentialed.

7:00 PM – Appears Live on NY1

Inside City Hall airs during the 7:00 PM and 10:00 PM hour.

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From: Mayor's Press Office
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PUBLIC SCHEDULE FOR MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2016

On Monday, Mayor de Blasio will appear live on NY1's Inside City Hall.

Press Schedule

7:00 PM – Appears Live on NY1

Inside City Hall airs during the 7:00 PM and 10:00 PM hour.

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PUBLIC SCHEDULE FOR MAYOR DE BLASIO FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016

Mayor de Blasio is in New York City. There are no public events scheduled.

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From: Mayor's Press Office
Sent: Saturday, December 17, 2016 4:40 PM
To: Mayor's Press Office
Subject: TRANSCRIPT: MAYOR DE BLASIO DELIVERS REMARKS AT BUSHWICK INLET PARK CELEBRATION



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TRANSCRIPT: MAYOR DE BLASIO DELIVERS REMARKS AT BUSHWICK INLET PARK CELEBRATION

Mayor Bill de Blasio: I want to celebrate your victory, because it's a victory of the people, it's a victory of community that stood together for positive change. But I also want to say, I always give credit to someone like Ward, who thanks everyone else. Let's thank Ward.

[Applause]

I want to thank the community activists, the devoted friends and neighbors of this park, the people who believed and would not let this go. This is how it's supposed to be – a community standing up in unison for what it needs. I want to thank everyone in this room and all the people who couldn't be here. This is your victory.

I want to thank the elected officials. I have to tell you, they are absolutely living up to the hype here, because they worked it – they worked it.

[Applause]

I could not be in their presence without them bringing up Bushwick Inlet Park.

[Laughter]

I'd be like, nice day we're having. They'd say, Bushwick Inlet Park.

[Laughter]

I'd say, can you believe those Mets? They'd say, Bushwick Inlet Park.

[Laughter]

I kind of got the message. But thank you to all of them because they've really focused and they really showed me what a priority it was for them and for the community.

I want to thank all of the community organizations for making this a priority and for organizing people. [Inaudible] example of persistence. Persistence is needed whenever you're going to make change in this world and you guys showed it. Almost 10 years – and not letting government break a promise. Part of what causes so much real and honest angst in this city is promises made over the years by a government that were not kept. And what you did is powerful for the people of this community, but for the City as a whole, because you said we've got to stop that, we've got to create an environment where a promise made to the community must be kept. It's the only way forward. It's the only way we can all have that common bond.

So, this is something very good for this neighborhood, but it's something bigger than that. And the more I heard, the more I felt committed. It was not easy. Everyone knows that getting this last piece done wasn't easy. It was not cheap – let me be clear.

[Laughter]

But the more I heard about how hard the community fought for fairness a decade ago, and how important it was to show that that struggle will be honored, and that we would keep promises and then follow through. And now, when it comes to following through, it's great to have bought the land, it's great to have the potential of a beautiful 25-acre park.

Unknown: 27.

Mayor: I'm sorry, 27-acre park.

[Laughter]

But let's take a moment to appreciate the people who will make that 27-acre park come to life. I want to thank Parks Commissioner Mitch Silver, and [inaudible].

[Applause]

And Mitch is someone who fundamentally believes in listening to communities and creating parks that really respond to the needs of communities. And we're going to do our best to take the ideas of this community and put them into action and create something people are going to enjoy for decades to come.

Unknown: [Inaudible]

Mayor: Across generation – I agree. But I want you to know this is a very hardworking man. He's covering the entire City of New York, so give him your support, give him your ideas, help him get the job done so everyone

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[Applause]

I finally want to say – look, this is very moving to me. The City's changing and there are a lot of different responses to change. Change is always challenging for human beings, right? It's just the way we're wired. We

try and make sense of it. At the same time, we yearn for community, we yearn for things that have known, we yearn for traditions, and that's as it should be. Somehow, in the midst of change, we try and find some things to grab onto and make good and keep going.

What I am so moved by here is that people believe in this place. There's never a question – they love their community, they want to make it work for the long haul, they understood that change was happening, but they have to make a good change – a change for everyone, not just the few. And this is what I find to powerful about this victorious struggle you just went through. It was about renouncing the notion that the only people who would benefit were those most privileged – those who could afford their luxury real estate on the waterfront. You turned that equation on its head. You said this waterfront is for the people.

[Applause]

I'm proud to say, we had a strong affinity at City Hall for that worldview. We believe – even in the midst of change, even in the midst of development – it must be equitable, it must be of, and by, and for the people. That's what the government is here to ensure.

[Applause]

And so, I am encouraged. I understand that fighting for something for 10 years is not easy. I've been in those 10-year struggles.

Eric, have you been in some of those 10-year struggles?

[Laughter]

I think Eric's been in even longer ones.

[Laughter]

But I also know that every time you win it helps people believe. It helps them get ready for the next thing that we have to get right. It helps create the notion this really can be a city for everyone. We've never seen a moment like this. The fight you've fought over the last 10 years was particularly powerful because we never experienced anything like this in our entire previous history. Look what this waterfront was for a long time – it wasn't a place people were flocking to. Look – what so many neighborhoods were, unfortunately, for decades – places struggling. And then, the City turned around – people worked hard, they fought to turn around their neighborhoods and protect their neighborhoods. They fought for safer neighborhoods. A lot of people in this room remember what this city was like 20, 30, 40 years ago and how much persistence it took to create a safer city, to create a city where there are more jobs.

All of the things that we now recognize as normal sure as hell were not normal in the 1970's and the 1980's. So, our success is something to be proud of as a city, but it came with a price, it came with a challenge, which is – we couldn't let it flip the other way where this became an exclusive city or a gated community. It has always worked – the beauty of New York City is it's always worked because it was a place for everyone. Down through our history, people from all corners of the world, people who grew up here, and struggled and strived – and that's what made us great. And literally, for the first time ever, that was threatened just in these last years as the price of everything went up and to see that more and more of our city was in the hands of fewer and fewer people.

What you did today proves there is another way forward – there's an equitable way forward, there's a people's way forward, there's a community and neighborhood way forward. We haven't lost the things that made us

great. We have to approach it differently. We need a vision for these times. And here, in this neighborhood, you've proved that that vision could come true.

I am here to celebrate your victory and I look forward to the day when we romp together on the new [inaudible].

[Cheers]

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Mayor Bill de Blasio: Thank you. Thank you to Melissa Mark-Viverito for all she does for this community. Let's give her a big round of applause.

[Applause]

Thank you, Commissioner Bill Chong – everyone at DYCD and all the city agencies. And Bill's right, this was a labor of love to help out these kids.

Now, I want to say to the children – I need to know something before we begin giving out the toys. Have you been good this year?

[Cheers]

Okay, I believe you. That sounds very honest.

Unknown: Very honest – yes.

Mayor: That sounded good – that sounded good. To all the parents – to all the parents, we thank you and we know the good work you do with your children all throughout the years.

To all the people here who work with young people, I want to tell you, I am thankful for you. I am thankful for you because you are doing some of the most important work of anyone in this city and you're building the future of this city. Let's thank everyone in here who works with young [inaudible].

[Applause]

And one more thing to all the children – be good to your parents this year. They love you. They take care of you. Be good to your parents. Make sure you give them a wonderful holiday season too.

So, to everybody – Merry Christmas; Happy Hanukkah; Happy Kwanzaa; Happy Holidays; Happy New Year.

Now, let's go look at some gifts.

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"SMILES OF LOVE" HOLIDAY GIFT DISTRIBUTION IN HARLEM



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A record 3,002 toys for young people in NYC

NEW YORK—Mayor Bill de Blasio, Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito and Department of Youth and Community Development Commissioner Bill Chong today hosted the eighth annual "Smiles of Love" holiday gift drive at John S. Roberts Junior High in East Harlem. This year, the annual drive collected over 3,000 gifts, doubling last year's donations. More than 1,000 participants from DYCD's COMPASS afterschool, Beacon, Cornerstone, Fatherhood, and Runaway and Homeless Youth programs received a wrapped gift at five simultaneous distribution events held across the City.

"The holiday season is all about being grateful for what we have, and sharing our gratitude with others," said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. "Smiles of Love is our way of giving back to those New Yorkers who may not be able to give something of their own. To not only reach more kids but to have received and distributed twice as many gifts as last year shows the strong community we all maintain in this city. I want to thank everyone who has donated to this wonderful cause, and helped make this the most successful toy drive yet."

"Smiles of Love will bring holiday cheer to thousands of young people this holiday season," said **Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito**. "I'm thrilled to join the Mayor and the Administration in El Barrio\East Harlem to kick off this special event and thank City employees for their generous donations."

"I am thrilled that my staff, fellow agencies and our community partners are putting thousands of smiles on the faces of thousands of young people across all five boroughs. For many youth and their families, this will be the only gift they will receive this year. Our annual Smiles of Love holiday toy drive truly embodies New York City's spirit of giving during the holiday season," said **Department of Youth and Community Development Commissioner Bill Chong**.

The Department of Youth and Community Development started the “Smiles of Love” annual toy drive in 2009. In addition to DYCD staff, private donors and the Department of Small Business Services, Department of Environmental Protection, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Department of Consumer Affairs, and the NYPD held collection drives that helped make this a record year for the event.

Gifts include basketballs, rideable cars and trucks, sporting equipment, board games, dolls and dollhouses, action figures, books, STEM learning toys, and life-sized dinosaur models. Mattel, Inc. donated more than 600 gifts to this year’s drive.

Additionally, McDonald’s provided 700 Happy Meals at the distribution events in Harlem, the Bronx and Staten Island.

As in previous years, any remaining toys will be distributed to other young people in need and at Three Kings Day events in January.

“We thank DYCD for coordinating the Smiles of Love Gift Drive and bringing holiday joy to so many New York City children. DCA is committed to helping our communities and, during the season of giving, I’m proud that DCA and its staff helped contribute to this year’s gift drive,” said **Department of Consumer Affairs Commissioner Lorelei Salas**.

“DEP is proud to have once again partnered with the Department of Youth and Community Development this holiday season in support of the 8th annual Smiles of Love Gift Drive. Our employees generously donated hundreds of toys and we hope that these gifts bring smiles to children of all ages,” said **Department of Environmental Protection Acting Commissioner Vincent Sapienza**.

“The holiday season is a special time for many New Yorkers and reminds us all to be kind and charitable towards our neighbors, including those in need. Our department was proud to participate in the Department of Youth and Community Development’s annual toy drive, with our staff members generously donating 89 toys. We appreciate DYCD’s work to help spread a little extra holiday cheer to kids across the five boroughs,” said **Gregg Bishop, Department of Small Business Services Commissioner**.

“In this season of giving, our agency is honored to help brighten the holidays for children in need across New York City. We extend our thanks and appreciation to all the partners in this effort to make a difference for young people and their families,” said **Dr. Barbara Sampson, Chief Medical Examiner**.

“The Beacon program, Cornerstone, and SONYC provide so much for families in District 34 and across the City. As a participant of the Beacon program myself, I know the difference programming and additional student support can make to a working family. This year, I am thrilled to host DYCD’s gift distribution event in Ridgewood at the Greater Ridgewood Youth Council, who is opening its doors to families from over ten programs throughout Williamsburg, Bushwick, and Ridgewood. I would like to thank the Department of Youth and Community Development for their generosity and their commitment to service year-round,” said **Council Member Antonio Reynoso**.

“The holiday season can be tough on many low-income families struggling to provide for their families and bring gifts and smiles to children. Smiles of Love’s success, growth and service will surely bring happiness and many smiles to children in need. I applaud its goals and all donors and partners that help make it happen,” said **Council Member Ritchie Torres**.

“We are so thrilled that District 27 was chosen to host a DYCD toy distribution event this year. With ever increasing costs to manage, guaranteeing an enjoyable holiday season for our youth is no easy task for working

families. I know that these 200 children will be so appreciative of DYCD's generosity, and I am happy to partner with DYCD to highlight the excellent services they continue to provide to New York City's youth," said **Council Member I. Daneek Miller**.

The "Smiles of Love" holiday gift drive is also made possible by the countless hours donated by volunteers and the generous support of the following private donors:

- Target – Throggs Neck, Staten Island (Veterans Road), Staten Island Central, Forest Hills, Harlem and Bronx Terminal stores
- Neuberger Berman
- Mainland Media and co-Founder and CEO of **FromtheBronx.com** Anthony Ramirez II
- Education Pioneers Eastern Region
- New York City Office of **About.com**
- Greg Hambric, NYC Workforce Development Board Youth Committee member, and Community Action Board chair

"We are honored to partner with important organizations like DYCD that help make a difference in the lives of NYC children. Neuberger Berman exists to serve – our clients, our employees and our communities," said **Elizabeth Cribbs, President of the Neuberger Berman Foundation**.

"We at Education Pioneers are thrilled to be involved in the Smiles of Love toy drive for the second year running. Our alumni, staff and partner organizations support the education sector across the City but in some cases, might feel far removed from students. This is one way we stay connected to young ones and remind ourselves of who we are all here to serve. We're excited to continue this partnership next year and bring in even more gifts for children in need across New York City," said **Marianne Nieman, Director of New York and Greater New Jersey at Education Pioneers**.

"The holidays are a time for reflection and togetherness, and every family should get to enjoy that experience. I look forward to being able to affect the lives of young children in our communities. Giving is one of the best things we could do for ourselves and as well as others, making the communities we serve a better place," said **Greg Hambric, NYC Workforce Development Board Youth Committee member, and Community Action Board Chair**.

"**FromTheBronx.com** is thrilled to participate in DYCD's Smiles of Love holiday gift drive. We hope the program brings holiday cheer to the young people currently engaged in DYCD-funded programs throughout The Bronx and the rest of New York City. We look forward to spending the day with participants and learning about their hopes, dreams and wishes for the new year!" said **Anthony Ramirez II, co-Founder and CEO of Mainland Media and FromTheBronx.com**.

"As a McDonald's franchisee, giving back to my local community is a top priority—not only during the holiday season, but throughout the year. McDonald's is proud to partner with the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development on this event by providing healthy dietary choices for all of the children who are participating today," said **Paul Hendel, a McDonald's franchisee with restaurants located throughout the five boroughs and Long Island**.

"It's always an honor to be able to give; brightening the holidays for children in New York brings gratitude and immeasurable pride. I am humbled by the community and all the efforts of DYCD. Thank you for the opportunity," said **Tatum Turner, Operations and Events Manager at about.com**.

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NEW YORK— Mayor de Blasio joined NYC Parks Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver, FAICP, Council Member Steven Levin, Borough President Eric Adams, Assembly Member Joseph Lentol, Congress Members Carolyn Maloney and Nydia Velazquez, State Senators Daniel Squadron and Martin Malave Dilan, and Friends of Bushwick Inlet Park to celebrate the City's acquisition of the final parcel of land in Bushwick Inlet Park. The \$160-million purchase of the 11-acre former CitiStorage site allows the City to realize its vision for a complete, 25.4-acre park.

"Our administration keeps its promises. When we commit to build a new park or a new school in a growing community, we deliver," said **Mayor de Blasio**. "Today we celebrate – and tomorrow, we look forward to working with all these dedicated local officials, activists and residents as we design and build a Bushwick Inlet Park we can all be proud of."

The immediate next step for the park is to investigate what environmental remediation will be necessary at the CitiStorage site. This will help to determine a timeline for the development of the site.

The CitiStorage site is one of six parcels that make up Bushwick Inlet Park, the centerpiece of the Greenpoint-Williamsburg Waterfront. Already, 3.5-acres of the park are complete and open to the public, featuring a multi-purpose field and a building for community activities with a state-of-the-art green roof which doubles as a seating area. This park incorporates natural and urban structures, bringing Greenpoint's waterfront and natural

areas into the community around it. Visitors can admire the views or use the park's facilities for active recreation.

The remaining four parcels of land have all been purchased by the City, and are in varying stages of remediation and development.

"Great communities are built around great parks, which is why we are so excited by the acquisition of the final plot of Bushwick Inlet Park, one of Brooklyn's newest, growing public spaces," said **Parks Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver**. "We look forward to working with our community partners to realize a vision for Bushwick Inlet Park that truly serves North Brooklyn."

"A completed Bushwick Inlet Park is the gift that will keep on giving. This is a present for our future, a healthier and happier future for the advocates and longtime residents who fought so hard for the open space equity they deserve. I am proud to be part of the winning coalition that made the acquisition of this final piece of the park a reality. Thank you Mayor de Blasio for showing that community-driven and community-focused movements can and do make a difference in our city," said **Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams**.

"This is a big deal," said **Council Member Stephen Levin**. "The community has been eagerly anticipating the final step on the path to a completed Bushwick Inlet Park for decades — now the wait is over. Thank you, Mayor de Blasio, Deputy Mayor Alicia Glen, and your committed staff for making the Williamsburg and Greenpoint communities whole once again. The historic 160 million dollar deal to acquire the CitiStorage parcels will positively touch the lives of millions over the course of future generations. Your leadership throughout this process has set an example for future administrations. Beyond North Brooklyn, communities citywide, especially those undergoing the land use process, will know and appreciate what this precedent might mean for them — when the City makes a promise, it keeps it. I would also like to thank my North Brooklyn elected officials for their tireless dedication and support for this acquisition and the countless community residents who have tirelessly advocated for Bushwick Inlet Park, especially the Friends of Bushwick Inlet Park and the Open Space Alliance for North Brooklyn. Their steadfast support, undiminished for two decades, galvanized the community in anticipation of this historic agreement."

"Through the ups and downs, I never doubted that the acquisition of the final parcel to complete Bushwick Inlet Park would happen," said **Assembly Member Joseph Lentol**. "It was a group effort of persistence and community pressure. While the promise to build this park was made over a decade ago and the completion is a few years out, I know that Bushwick Inlet Park will be the shining star of the 2005 rezoning. I applaud both Norm Brodsky and Mayor Bill de Blasio for making this park a reality."

"Mayor de Blasio is our hero — he is making sure that the City's promise to our community is being kept. This community will finally get the full 28-acre park it was promised, and that's a great reason for celebration. The community really stuck together in working to make sure that this part became a reality," said **Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney**.

"The acquisition of the final parcel of land in Bushwick Inlet Park is an important step forward for Brooklyn and all New Yorkers. It will mean more open space and greater outdoor options for working families throughout our community," said **Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez**.

"Bushwick Inlet Park was a promise made, and now we are one big step closer to it being a promise kept," said **State Senator Daniel Squadron**. "For over a decade, this community has worked towards a full Bushwick Inlet Park, and this land purchase means we're on our way to a world class park on the Greenpoint and Williamsburg waterfront -- our Harbor Park, a Central Park for the center of our city. Thank you to Councilmember Levin, Friends of Bushwick Inlet Park, Mayor de Blasio, Assemblymember Lentol, the Parks Department, and my colleagues in government, as well as CB1, NAG, OSA, and the community members who made this possible."

“I don’t think we could have asked for a better way to close out the year and begin anew. Any open space is a welcomed addition in Brooklyn, but the dedication of advocates who fought long and hard to complete Bushwick Inlet Park has been inspiring. For me, this park will always be a monument to the passion and concerted effort of the community that made it a reality. I commend you all, especially Friends of Bushwick Inlet Park. And thank Mayor de Blasio for seeing this through. You have truly given Brooklyn, and the entire city of New York, a lasting and wonderful gift,” said **State Senator Martin Malavé Dilan**.

“The acquisition of the last 11 acres that will be Bushwick Inlet Park has been years in the making,” said **Steve Chesler, Vice Chair Friends of Bushwick Inlet Park**. “Friends of Bushwick Inlet Park applauds Mayor Bill de Blasio for following through on this important commitment to the people of Williamsburg and Greenpoint. This was a long process, but in the end, our elected officials and the city came through for the community. We look forward to working with the City, our elected officials and the community on the creation of a 27-acre waterfront park for the community.”

Adam Perlmutter, Board Chairman of Open Space Alliance for North Brooklyn said, "The City’s acquisition of the CitiStorage property, in the face of pressure from private developers who sought to commercialize the land, is a watershed victory for both our neighborhood and our city. We are proud of the engaged community here in North Brooklyn that vigorously petitioned its government to make good on its promise. And we want to thank Mayor de Blasio for delivering! The City’s purchase of the CitiStorage site and the full 27-acre park it creates are indeed an important and necessary investment in the future of Brooklyn."

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PUBLIC SCHEDULE FOR MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2016

On Saturday, Mayor de Blasio will attend a celebration with residents of North Brooklyn to mark the City's acquisition of the last piece of Bushwick Inlet Park. This event is open press. There will be no Q-and-A.

Later, the Mayor, First Lady Chirlane McCray and Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito will attend the Department of Youth and Community Development's holiday toy distribution event, where the Mayor will deliver remarks. This event is open press. There will be no Q-and-A.

Press Schedule

2:00 PM – Attends Celebration at Bushwick Inlet Park

Bushwick Inlet Park – Bushwick Inlet Parkhouse

Kent Avenue and North 10th Street

Brooklyn, NY 11249

Official photos will be available at [flickr.com/nycmayorsoffice](https://www.flickr.com/photos/nycmayorsoffice/) shortly following the event.

3:30 PM – Delivers Remarks at Department of Youth and Community Development's Holiday Toy Distribution Event

J.H.S. 45

2351 1st Avenue

New York, NY 10035

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NEW YORK—New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio announced Wednesday the appointments of two senior strategy and communications aides. Andrea Hagelgans will now serve as Senior Advisor for Strategic Planning, where she will be charged with crafting the architecture of key mayoral policy initiatives and communications strategies. Michael Casca has been appointed Communications Director, a post vacated by Hagelgans, responsible for mayoral and agency communications and event coordination.

Hagelgans has served in City Hall since May of 2014. She was instrumental in the development of communications strategies behind high-profile policy speeches, State of the City addresses, budget announcements, the rollouts of universal pre-K and paid parental leave, and the city's response to Ebola. Prior to joining the de Blasio administration, Hagelgans worked as a communications consultant and as a senior strategist for Planned Parenthood, where she helped lead the successful effort against the Komen Foundation's attempt to defund the health care organization.

Casca comes to City Hall after serving as deputy communications director for Senator Bernie Sanders and director of rapid response for Sanders' presidential campaign. Casca has also served as an aide to U.S. Representative Keith Ellison of Minnesota. Casca will be starting his new role in January.

"Andrea and Michael are supremely talented public servants who bring years of experience meeting some of the most demanding strategic and communications challenges government can face," said **Mayor de Blasio**. "Our administration's ability to listen to and engage New Yorkers in communicating our work is at the core of our commitment to help build a fairer New York – founded on the principle that our city only succeeds if everyone has the opportunity to share in our progress. I'm confident Andrea and Michael will serve New Yorkers with the professionalism that has defined their public service."

“I have been fortunate enough to be involved in many of our administration’s toughest and most important communications challenges,” said **Senior Advisor Andrea Hagelgans**. “I continue to be inspired by the mayor’s vision for a fairer New York City with shared progress for communities across our five boroughs. I am looking forward to finding creative and compelling ways to build on our policy successes and share the administration's work in the most dynamic, competitive media market in the world.”

"I am grateful to the mayor for the opportunity to serve 8.5 million New Yorkers. I believe in Mayor de Blasio’s vision to tackle income inequality and ensure the city works for everyone,” said **Communications Director Michael Casca**. I look forward to working hard with the talented team in City Hall to lift up the voices of working people fighting every day to make ends meet."

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Brian Lehrer: Good morning, everyone. Mayor de Blasio joins us first today for our weekly Ask the Mayor segment. Our phones are open for anything you want to ask the Mayor today. You know sometimes we have a specific topic. Sometimes we don't. Today it's open. Anything you want to ask Mayor de Blasio at 212-433-W-N-Y-C, 4-3-3-9-6-9-2, or tweet your question with #AskTheMayor. Mr. Mayor welcome back to WNYC.

Mayor Bill de Blasio: Good morning, Brian.

Lehrer: And we have to deal with some tough stuff today. Let me begin with the heartbreaking and apparently outrageous failure on the part of the Administration for Children Services which everybody now acknowledges in the case of Zymere Perkins from Harlem who was beaten to death in September despite ACS having looked into five incidents involving possible abuse by his mother and her boyfriend who have both been arrested now. An investigation by the State has found multiple missed opportunities to intervene before it was too late. Apparently, ACS failed to follow up after there were allegations that Zymere had a fractured jaw. His mother denied it but there was no follow up at the doctor. They also didn't follow up on excessive absences from school. And there were other things. These incidents piled up for months. We can't bring back Zymere Perkins but the implication is that this is part of a larger breakdown at ACS. How do you access the agency?

Mayor: Look, I want to be careful about that implication. What happened here was unacceptable. And we've been very blunt from the very beginning when I first met with the media on this case. I've said this is unacceptable and our mission is to save every child. You know, Brian, unlike pretty much anything area in government, we do not set a standard of perfection in policing or so many other areas. In this case, we do set a standard of perfection.

We are – our mission is to save every single child. And what happened here shouldn't have happened. And there have been, immediately, consequences for those who were directly involved. Some have been terminated. Some have been demoted. And it's very clear that we have to do more to make sure that something like this

never happens again. We have put a huge amount of investment into an agency that for years had disinvestment. We've put in more staff. We've reduced casework loads. We've added more training of people who do the work. But there's more that we have to do. And I think the bottom line is I've been working on these issues for many years, as I think you know, including when I was chair of the relevant committee in the City Council when Nixzmary Brown died. And a whole host of changes were needed then.

The City has come a long way since those days but we've got to do more and I'm committed to doing it.

Lehrer: I believe on Tuesday, when you last took reporter's questions on this, you said you were appointing an independent monitor for ACS but the State report seems to say it was something the City was being compelled to do. Were you not disclosing that for some reason?

Mayor: First of all, we're very comfortable doing it. So, the word compel is where there is some difference. We have no problem with it. We think it's a good idea. We're happy to do it. We believe it's the right thing to do. Secondly, the State had not formally put that out publically. And it's not my place to speak for the State of New York. So, we are going to have an independent monitor – someone above the fray who can look at this and help us find any other areas that we got to improve. We're going to keep improving. We're going to get a new commissioner, obviously, who is going to be someone we believe can deepen these reforms.

But this work – and I can say it from the eight years I spent in oversight of this agency – this work never ends. We're trying to deal with some of the worst human dynamics – families that have fallen apart; people who, for a variety of reasons, would turn to violence against their own children which is unbelievable to me as a parent. But that's how bad situations have become in certain people's lives. Our job is to get their first and intervene and stop it – which, again, makes it different from almost any other area of government where, you know, we don't have the assumption that we could intervene before every bad thing happens in terms of the social issues and things facing our society.

In this one, it's our job to get their first and stop these things from happening. We need the public to participate. One thing I'd say, Brian, constantly, is if anyone believes a child is in danger, they need to call either 3-1-1 or, if urgent and immediate, 9-1-1 and get connected to the State registry so we can follow up. And we need the most information we can get. And that's one of the things that helps us get there early and save children.

Lehrer: Your ACS commissioner, Gladys Carrion, resigned this week and you said it was unrelated but must she not have failed considering that State's findings in this and, I guess, a few other cases as well?

Mayor: I don't think that's fair, Brian. This is someone who has literally given 40 years of her life to helping children and protecting children. The reforms she did – you know she had the role of State Commissioner before coming to the city. She instituted some groundbreaking reforms – highly respected reforms to provide a better pathway for young people who'd gotten in trouble and a model, very much adopted by the Bloomberg administration and my administration. And then she came and governed over a constant reinvestment in ACS, which had not been invested in [inaudible] in the previous administration. She added a lot more training and professional development for the people who work. Something went horribly wrong. And a number of individuals did not do their job and they are paying for that. And if we find anyone else, in any other case, who doesn't do their job, they will pay for it.

Lehrer: Those were the individual caseworkers. Are you saying this is just a case of a few bad apple caseworkers?

Mayor: Brian, I think it is a couple of different things we have to recognize. This agency handles over 50,000 cases a year. And in a large number of situations, saves children and gets them out of dangerous homes or provide the support to turn families around. That was on Gladys Carrión's watch too. This time the agency

failed. Now, I want to know more about the exact reasons – if there were systemic reasons and that is something the monitor will help us with. But what we know immediately is a group of individuals did not do their job. Sometimes it is people who don't do their job. And those people need to pay, but don't forget the people every single day working at ACS who do their job and protect children. You – no disrespect to you personally – but you will never report on that once, I guarantee it. There is never a report of when children are saved. There is only a report of when a tragedy happens.

Lehrer: Another tough subject – sorry. You're campaign fundraising is back in the news. And I'm going to ask you a few questions about that. The New York Times reports, both the New York State grand jury and a federal grand jury are now hearing testimony. The Feds are asking whether there was illegal pressure on people with business before the City to donate to your campaign or related political group or if there were any quid pro quos for donations. The State is asking whether there was solicitation of illegal donations to upstate Democratic county committees to avoid campaign finance limits on giving to actual candidates in State Senate races up there. I know you say you're hands are clean in all these matters. The Times speculates that we will finally know in a matter of weeks if you or any of your aides will be indicted. Is that the timeline you now expect?

Mayor: I don't expect timelines. That is up to the folks doing the investigations. What we have said very clearly, we have cooperated from moment one. We have offered any and all information they needed and all the cooperation in the world. The only thing we care about is getting to a resolution. I think the public would like to get to resolution as quickly as appropriate. But that is up to the folks doing the investigations. With all due respect to your characterization, Brian, you can ask it or raise it anyway you want, but I have said very, very consistently – and the facts keep proving this to be the case – one, we did things the right way and by the law. Two, we sought legal guidance throughout either from campaign lawyers or from the Conflicts of Interest Board, in the case of the Campaign for One New York. We disclosed everything we were doing, which is why people are asking specific questions. We never provided any undue favors or anything for anybody who was a donor. We made decisions on the merit. You can ask it 1000 times, I'm going to answer the same way because that is exactly what happened. So, we will cooperate. We will provide all the information in the world. And we're very, very comfortable with it – I'm very comfortable with it because I know we did things the right way.

Lehrer: The Daily News reported on one of you and your top fundraisers, Ross Offinger, actions soliciting donations far in excess of typical amounts from lobbyists representing clients with business before the City. And that early in your administration Offinger circulated a list of those donors. What should the public think about that report?

Mayor: I think that's been wildly mischaracterized. There was a time when we were trying to gather support for the pre-K initiative and he suggested business leaders who might be willing to join into that effort as a matter of a public support base which is perfectly normal to get from someone who knows those people. But the bigger point is – let's look at the whole crux of what all this is about. It's about two things – the Campaign for One New York which worked diligently to get pre-K for all the children of New York City and affordable housing including the legislation guaranteeing affordable housing in new development – that developers would be required to create affordable housing in new development which is groundbreaking – the most progressive legislation in the country – and the effort to turn the State Senate Democratic.

If we had a Democratic State Senate that would have led to much more support for rent regulations, stronger rent regulation, more support for affordable housing programs, more support for what we're trying to do on education, and a host of other reforms including public financing of elections which Democrats support and Republicans don't which is one of the ultimate reforms.

So, I was working diligently to elect a Democratic State Senate which I think is what Democrats are supposed to do and it would have been very good for everything we're trying to do in New York City.

Lehrer: Well, that's the goal –

Mayor: That's why we were doing these things.

Lehrer: That's the goal but the news says of the \$4.3 million that your Campaign for One New York – that's the issues group – raised, three million of the \$4.3 million came from donors who had business before the City. What should listeners think of that?

Mayor: Again, everything by the law, won by the law. And Brian, we have to be really clear, the law is what governs everything in relationship to donations. I think people should be very concerned when someone doesn't follow the law. When people follow the law, as we did – getting constant guidance from our lawyers, getting constant guidance from the Conflict of Interest Board, and then disclosing everything which is always a crucial thing. People who disclose everything tend to be people who are very comfortable with all the facts coming out. And I am. What matters here is we did everything by the law for good causes. You know the [inaudible] of scandals about people trying to put money in their own pockets or doing things immoral. The work we did was by the law, appropriate, above board to win pre-K, affordable housing, a Democratic State Senate. And those were the right things to work for. Everything disclosed. No, no influence given to anyone in exchange.

It's a whole conundrum, Brian, facing our entire campaign finance system. What we should have is full public financing of elections. We should have a whole host of reforms that take money out of the equation in general. But since Citizens United, what we're really living in is a world where a lot of people what unilateral disarmament. They want the wealthy and folks who, for example, have done huge amounts of advertising against me such as some of the hedge fund folks, to have all the freedom in the world to not disclose and spend anything they want. When the rest of us try to fight back and do it above board and with disclosure and with no inappropriate activity, it becomes such a major issue.

Lehrer: So –

Mayor: You know, it's funny – I'll finish on this. I think a lot of people should ask this question in the media – are you ever going to look at all the wealthy and powerful people who spend endless amounts of undisclosed money? Is that ever going to interest you?

Lehrer: Well, we do that all the time on this show. We certainly break down the excesses of Citizens United on a regular basis. But when we look locally, New York City is supposed to be immune from some of that because we have one of the most progressive campaign finance laws in the country because of the six-to-one matches for small donations to candidates. So, the very existence of your Campaign for One New York issues group as an entity outside that system comes under scrutiny. And here is – it's not just the media saying it – here is City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito yesterday on a bill that they now have to ban such groups as loopholes

City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito: We won't know for certain what happened with the Campaign for One New York until investigations into this practice have concluded but we do know that it exposed loopholes in our elections and ethics laws and we need to be – that need to be remedied and we're doing that today with this bill.

Lehrer: So, do you support the bill and the underlying idea that you and other politicians shouldn't have these avenues to take donations from interested parties?

Mayor: I support the bill but, Brian, but I'm not going to fail to note the contradiction. And again, you – I'm sorry, folks who are supposed to be the watchdog here are not looking at the whole picture here. We'll do this bill because it's necessary but what it also means is that anyone who wants to attack a mayor or the City

Council or anything with endless amounts of money, there is now no counterbalance in the equation. And I think at some point, people are going to realize that's a problem.

Lehrer: Because the Supreme Court enables it?

Mayor: Because the Supreme Court enables it and because there's not parody in how it's looked at. We've seen in this very state vast amounts of money spent by similar groups – no effort being made to figure out, in a meaningful way, who those donors are. When I had five million dollars of advertising thrown at me in the first month of my administration by hedge fund folks there was no serious effort by the media to figure out who those folks were and what kind of influence they're using over this city. So, we'll do this legislation –

Lehrer: That was about charter schools primarily right –

Mayor: Sure it was –

Lehrer: But you say you needed this –

Mayor: But it was very wealthy hedge fund folks trying to influence government policy with the money they had and no one looked into it.

Lehrer: But you say you needed this Campaign for One New York money to get Universal Pre-K which –

Mayor: Because –

Lehrer: Which almost nobody opposed.

Mayor: Brian, go back and check your facts, my friend. Those same groups were opposing – remember the famous rally in Albany. We had a rally for pre-K. There was a counter-rally that day by an organization deeply backed by these same hedge fund donors. Come on, there was plenty of effort to undermine our pre-K initiative particularly the part about taxing those who made over \$500,000 to pay for it. You don't think there were a lot of wealthy interests trying to stop us from taxing people who made over \$500,000 in this city? I don't think you're naive –

Lehrer: You're right about that. You're right about the funding and yes, that was a point of dispute between you and Governor Cuomo – how it would be funded.

Mayor: And a lot of other powerful forces. And lo-and-behold how the State Senate Republicans and ultimately the Governor and many other forces stopped us from getting the ability to tax ourselves – the people of New York City. I won an election with 73 percent of the vote saying my number one agenda item was to put on a tax on those who made \$500,000 or more so we could pay for pre-K – taxing our own people. 73 percent of the people voted for it. It was stopped by Albany. One of the reasons was the same wealthy interests that were attacking me on charter school issues – the same hedge fund folks. Never was looked into coherently. Look at the column inches on that versus the column inches on this and you'll understand my frustration.

Lehrer: And one last thing on campaign finances. Your campaign for mayor for 2013 was fined \$47,000 for violations that were identified and here's a question via Twitter for you from a listener on one of them – I don't if he was a campaign donor, he would probably have had to been for this question to be accurate but this says, "Did the Mayor stay at a hotel an hour from his daughter's college with my money?" Because you listed that visit to California as a campaign expense even though it's been reported that there was only one meeting with a donor or one donation made. But you were also visiting your daughter at college in California.

Mayor: We believe everything we did, which always is cleared with lawyers, was done appropriately. We disagree with the Campaign Finance Board. We had a thorough discussion with them showing them why we believed that their understanding was wrong. If you go and you pursue donations for a campaign and that can be about the immediate donations and it can be about building a bigger support base for the future and future events – absolutely normal in political fundraising. That’s how we did things. And everything was appropriate.

In the end, it’s never a shock – and you can ask any candidate – the Campaign Finance Board makes its own decisions and, you know, \$47,000 compared to a campaign that I think was about \$15 million total, is pretty de minimis. We, in the end, agreed – fine, we will pay it but we don’t agree with it.

Lehrer: Mayor Bill de Blasio, 212-433-WNYC, 212-433-9692. Rick in Queens has an affordable housing question. You’re on WNYC, Rick hello.

Question: Yes. Thank you, Brian and Mayor de Blasio for your many years of service. I want to talk about an alternative way to generate affordable middle-income housing and get your take on it. I’m Rick [inaudible] founder of We the World and the WE Campaign at WE.net. We promote –

Lehrer: Rick, right to your question. What do you want to know from the Mayor.

Question: Yes. So, right now you can say that the real estate industry in New York City is what you can call a gentrification machine.

[Laughter]

So, my suggestion is to introduce a public option into the middle income housing market place, similar to the public option concept in healthcare. So, instead of fighting tooth and nail to get real estate developers to accept 70 percent market rate, 30 percent affordable housing or 80/20 deals – which just feed and increase gentrification – if you want to make progress to actually reduce inequality in New York City, how about –

Lehrer: Rick – forgive me, but you’ve gone on too long.

[Laughter]

Lehrer: So, I have to get a response. What about some kind of public option?

Mayor: Well, I don’t honestly – Rick, thank you for your comment. And I don’t honestly understand the concept here, but let me say a simple thing at the base of Rick’s question. Brian, this is what people are talking about all over New York City. And I think we should be talking about it a lot more including on this show, is the impact of gentrification and the affordability crisis. And I think we have to have a much deeper conversation in this city. I tried in one of my State of the City addresses to really spark a conversation about what gentrification means; what its pros and cons are, what are the proper public policy responses because honestly I believe in the 20 years before I took office there was very laissez-faire approach by my two predecessors who let gentrification proceed without any meaningful public intervention. We’re trying to fix that with a whole host of public interventions including the law I mentioned earlier requiring developers to create affordable housing in developments that we put through rezoning. The rent freeze for two million New Yorkers that we’ve had the last two years – the anti-eviction legal services that has reduced eviction by 24 percent. These are the kinds of things we need to address gentrification. And it is really a conversation – because I hear so much frustration in the public about gentrification and trying to process what it means – I think we need a more real conversation about what public policy can effect and what it can’t; what the market is doing no matter what the government does versus what the government can intervene on. So, I don’t know what her means by public option, but I do believe the City government needs to be aggressive in confronting gentrification in a lot of ways.

Lehrer: Doreen in Sunnyside, you're on WNYC with the Mayor. Hi, Doreen.

Question: Hi Brian and hi Mr. Mayor. I just have a question about the two little girls in the Bronx that were killed by the radiator; and I'm wondering what is the systemic problem where landlords who have – you know – it has been reported that there were repeated violations in his building – that he is basically a slumlord. And he has been paid by the City to house homeless people. Isn't that a big problem?

Mayor: Doreen thank you for the question. Look, this is a horrible, horrible tragedy. I was in the room where those girls were sleeping. I saw – you know, hours later – and it's just incredibly painful to see, especially as a parent. The problem here is two things; one, we're still trying to understand how such a tragedy could occur because there is just no precedent for something like this; and the Fire Department and others are still analyzing how on earth it could have happened. From everything we know it was just a horrible perfect storm accident and we did not have the different agencies involved. And the nonprofit that was managing the building did not have an indication that anything like this could have happened or, of course, we would have intervened. But the second piece of the equation is why are we in a building like that to begin with, with a landlord like that.

Question: Yes.

Mayor: Because what happened is the cost of housing has created such pressure on people and this is what is driving this increase in the number of folks who end up in homeless shelter; that we are literally constantly running out of space for people who are perfectly good, in many cases, hardworking people who have a job and literally can't afford their apartment anymore. Even though we're trying to offer subsidies; we're trying to provide lawyers to stop evictions, this is the result of a growing problem in this city of the cost of housing continuing to go up while wages and benefits don't. We're trying to fix that both in terms of more affordable housing and raising wages and benefits and creating more high quality jobs. But right now, we're in a crisis, so we're in a building like that because we don't have a better alternative to get people to. As soon as we do we're getting out of those buildings – those cluster buildings – or we're converting them to affordable housing, taking them over, and upgrading them and making them permanent affordable housing.

Lehrer: Doreen, thank you very much. An Ask the Mayor question via Twitter – from Roxanne in the Bronx, using the hashtag, #AsktheMayor, was it really necessary to kill the deer in Harlem?

Mayor: I'm not an expert on this, Brian, but everything I understand was – here's the problem; obviously a deer does not belong in the middle of an urban neighborhood, in the middle of a housing authority development. There was danger if that deer went out on the streets – it was danger that it could have been a car crash. You could have had numerous human beings harmed in addition to the deer. So, the protocol as I understand it from folks who are the animal experts is if the deer cannot be left where they are. It could not be left in the streets of Harlem. I'm sorry, that's just absolutely unacceptable and dangerous. They have to be removed.

If you remove them there is no option. There is no other place to take them. If a deer is already in a natural location and you can leave them there, then they have a chance of survival. But if not, you don't really have another option. That's my understanding from our folks who work in the field.

Lehrer: I'm no expert either but in theory if you put a deer back in a natural environment it might have a chance to survive or die of natural causes – and at least or even predatory by other animals which could be natural causes in the scheme of creatures, but not at the hands of people.

Mayor: Yes. I would have thought that too. And what I'm told and again, forgive me. I am getting this second hand, but what I am told is what that actually is – is inhumane in its own right. You take, like any other creature that is used to a certain environment. You put them in a new environment even in nature. It's traumatizing. It

creates all sorts of extended pain and usually leads to death. So I think this is a case where it's a really bad situation, unfortunately, if a deer ends up in the middle of an urban area and it's nothing any of us want. But, I think it's a question of is it going to be a quick and merciful death versus a potentially and very long, painful process. That's the governing philosophy as best I understand it.

Lehrer: Another tough topic and this is not about something you or your administration did or even allegedly did, now apparently turns out to have been a hoax – that the 18-year-old Baruch College student Yasmine Saweed, who got a lot of publicity saying three drunk men pulled her hijab shouting “Trump” while bystanders did nothing. But that didn't happen. This is bad in of itself, obviously. But it's even worse when the NYPD is reporting a spike in verifiable hate crimes. And when a very vivid story of one like this turns out to be fake, this is what the general public remembers. And the whole idea that Trump and his appointees are fostering an anti-Muslim atmosphere is taken with skepticism gets written off despite the increase in real incidents that have been verified and the atmosphere towards Muslims becomes even more suspicious. What would you like to say about this case in New York City?

Mayor: I appreciate that question. I agree with you 100 percent Brian. And I am really angry at this young woman for in effect doing a huge disservice to everyone. She did a huge disservice to everyone. She did a disservice to the NYPD – to put real time and energy into an investigator claim, which is another example of how diligent the NYPD is when they get reports of hate crimes. She did a disservice to the taxpayers, she did a disservice to the truth and you're exactly right. There is an obvious spike in hate crimes. We can't have deniers telling us that the rhetoric of many people, including Donald Trump didn't lead to that. And she in effect is enabling those who say it's not a big deal. So I can't account for individual human failings but I can say this is deeply troubling and anyone within the sound of my voice – don't even think about making a false report because there are real consequences. And now she is going to face real consequences for what she did.

Lehrer: Indira in Pawling, you're on WNYC with Mayor de Blasio. Hello.

Question: Thank you Brian. Good morning Mr. Mayor. I just want to ask a quick question and I am not certain if you would be able to answer it but at least you can point me in the right direction. Monday morning – this past Monday, the 12th, my husband was in a head on collision on Mott Avenue in Far Rockaway on his way to work. And it took police officers two and a half hours to come and assess the situation and remove the cars, have them towed and everything. No ambulance ever came - 911 was called four times. And it took me three hours to get there from Pawling – just to get him to go to the hospital. I was wondering, is there anything that anyone in our position could have done to mitigate that ridiculous wait on a lane, on a road that is so incredibly busy like Mott Avenue and in a really rough neighborhood where we couldn't even leave the car to go find a police officer. And I can take my question and answer offline. Thank you so very much.

Mayor: Thank you very much. Indira, I'm very troubled by this report and it's unacceptable on many levels. Of course, a head on collision would suggest you need not only police. As you said, you needed EMS to come immediately. And I've worked with the police in the Rockaways. I've found them to be very effective and responsive so I don't know how on Earth this could have happened. We are going to look into this case. That time frame is absolutely unacceptable by any measure. It does not make sense to me how that could have happened. Brian we will look into it. You can make sure your folks share the information. And, I want to make sure we publicly air the response on this one because that would not be acceptable under any situation.

Lehrer: Okay, Indira hung up to listen to the answer on the air. But, Indira, if you want to call back, we'll take your contact information off the air and pass it on to City Hall.

Matt in Merrick, you're on WNYC. Hello, Matt.

Question: Hey, thanks, Brian for taking my call this morning. Good morning, Mr. Mayor. I want to start by saying that I appreciate what Mayor de Blasio had to say about, you know, that it's not newsworthy when ACS saves a lot of lives, and I take that to heart because I'm an attorney for ACS, and I'm a supervising attorney. My question is specifically about – Mr. Mayor, your advisory committee on judges and how personally involved you are in the selection of them because one of the problems we're having lately has been, assuredly an added stressor for us, but more importantly I think a problem for children that are in some jeopardy is some of the new family court judges that we've been receiving, especially in Brooklyn. As a supervising attorney, I've been running to the Appellate Division seeking stays of orders from judges sending children home to homes that ACS has determined to be completely hazardous to children, that would place children in imminent risk to their life and health, and having judges either send these kids home that we've already removed or deny all requests to remove these children. And we're running to the Appellate Division on emergency stay applications on a weekly basis and having them grant the emergency stay application because they can't believe the craziness of the decisions that the family court judges made. So my question is how personally involved are you in selecting the candidates that are recommended to you and whether or not there's any plan to try and, you know, have some more oversight or do some more thorough vetting of some of the candidates that are coming to you for nomination?

Mayor: Matt, I appreciate the question. Very quickly – and thank you for all you're doing – I want to repeat the point. There's well over 50,000 reports a year of potential child abuse that ACS investigates, and the vast majority of cases of children are kept – the vast, vast majority of cases, the children are kept safe, including very dramatic and powerful interventions by ACS. They get no attention whatsoever. And then every year, there are two, or three, or four cases that get tons of attention. And they're horrible cases, and they should not happen, and we're never going to stop working to stop it. But I do want to respect the people who do the work like you, Matt, and so many others – 50,000-plus children protected every single year and get no attention or respect for that.

The second point – I personally interview everybody that we appoint for family court judges. There's a very elaborate screening process, and some of my senior people, including my corporation counsel, Zach Carter, are deeply involved in that screening process, but I make the ultimate decisions on who gets those appointments. Then we do evaluate regularly what's going on. I agree with you there's a concern. I'm not going to specify it to Brooklyn or any place else. But I can say a fact that I'm going to be looking into and I think should be looked at publicly – ACS has often asked for children to be removed from the home, and judges have denied it. And this is another variable in the equation, and Brian, this is worthy of more discussion and more evaluation and more consideration by the media. If ACS does everything they're supposed to do and says to a judge we want this child out of a home, we don't think it's safe, and the judge denies it, ACS does not have the power to overrule a judge. They need a judge's order, except in emergency situations that are literally life and death at that exact moment, they need a judge's order. And this is a frustration for us when we feel we've documented why a child should come out of a home, and a judge disagrees. That's checks and balances, but often checks and balances we disagree with. So, Matt, you're right that we are going to keep pressing to get more and more judges to accept that recommendation, but I am confident that the people I'm choosing as family court judge are hearing that that's a deep concern of mine.

Lehrer: I know we're over time, but just to follow up on this for one second. Matt, your impression as an attorney – and Mr. Mayor – there's a movement that we've reported on in the past by advocates for the mostly minority, mostly mothers – biological mothers of children – in these situations where sometimes it's a close call, as to whether to work with the mother or remove the child from the home, and there is a push back. There's a political advocacy movement that says the state is too quick to remove children, and there's racial bias in these cases as well over many, many, many years. And so it's a difficult balance as to when to remove a child out of either an abundance of caution or the right amount of caution, how much actually victimizes a biological parent's rights? Matt, you're familiar with the push and pull, right?

Question: No question, and I certainly – I actually very much appreciate the institutional providers that we have to work with in Brooklyn. They're called Brooklyn Defenders Services. We certainly work with Legal Aid Society who represents the interest of children. I know in the Bronx, Bronx Defenders has been a leading defense advocate. There's no question that the group of parents who have a constitutional right to have their children in their home are much better served now by these institutional providers than they probably have been in the past by some – not all, but some court-appointed counsel. So I appreciate that, and I think they do a stellar job. And I think ACS – I've been doing child protective work for, let's see, since I've been admitted. I used to do it upstate, and I relocated about three years ago to the city. I've been working in Brooklyn exclusively since then. I have tremendous respect for my colleagues across the aisle. I think they do a great job. I also think ACS has moved in a direction where the calculus is more balanced, and I think there is more thought and certainly work between the caseworkers that are on the field that see what's going on – in their consultation with us, you know, in family court legal services before a case is filed and an action is taken. The point that – in the cases that I'm speaking about are not as close cases. I mean these aren't the cases that maybe it's a neglect case, and there's poverty issues, and there's domestic violence issues, and there's immigration issues, and all these other stressors.

Lehrer: So if it's not close, why won't the judge order the removal – in your opinion?

Question: You know, Brian, I'm scratching my head about that. I – you know without certainly naming names or getting into specifics, there's one particular case that I'm – know you – that was personally invested in in which you know certainly by any standard of case law, you know, statute which is Section 1027 of the Family Court Act that there was a particular case where a child had many, many unexplained marks and bruises. The parents' story was not – was deemed by medical experts to not be consistent, to not make any sense, but for whatever reason the judge was particularly endeared to this particular respondent and refused to remove the child.

Lehrer: So that's one. All right, one indication. I have to leave it there. Mr. Mayor, I know you got to go. You want to give one last response to this?

Mayor: Yes, I appreciate it. Look, the bottom line is this. You're right, Brian, to your question there has been an understandable movement to say – beware the unattended consequences that when you remove a child from a home, if it is like an on the cusp kind of case, you remove a child from a home that has a real impact on the child, on the family. It can have real negative consequences. I think there are situations where you can say we're going to keep trying to work within the family context, and that's why I've always supported adding preventative services, so there's trained social workers who go in and work with the family – try and resolve the problems, try and make sure everyone is safe. We've put a lot of investment into that, and when it works, it's a great – of course – a great alternative to removal. But here's the problem. When ACS says look we've tried everything else, and we think it's literally a potential matter of life and death, we want that child out of the home. I think that is pretty damn clear when all other alternatives have been tried, and ACS believes it's time to take that step even if it's a radical step. I believe the benefit of the doubt should go to ACS and the work they've done. I know judges are there to exercise their individual judgment, and sometimes it might be fair to say the case being made of why a child should be removed isn't strong enough, and a judge wants more proof. Okay, that's checks and balances. But I can tell you for a fact there are times when I think ACS has been 100 percent right about removal, and it would've been the safer and more prudent thing to do and individual judges have said no. And we have to be fair to ACS in this equation. They don't get to be the judge as well.

Lehrer: Well, maybe this will make some news too, and raise a substantive question for further debate. I really appreciate Matt calling in on this from his post as a lawyer for ACS. And Mr. Mayor, thank you as always and talk to you next week.

Mayor: Take care, Brian.

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Part of the Obama Administration's ConnectHome initiative

\$2 million in tablets and discounted mobile internet service provided by T-Mobile complement Wi-Fi networks under construction in public housing communities in all five boroughs and the New York Public Library's Mi-Fi hot-spot loan initiative, advancing the City's goal of achieving universal affordable internet access by 2025

NEW YORK—Mayor Bill de Blasio and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Julián Castro today announced in partnership with T-Mobile that families living in public housing in the Bronx will receive 5,000 new tablet computers connected to T-Mobile's high-speed data network. As part of this commitment, T-Mobile will also become a national stakeholder in the Obama Administration's [ConnectHome initiative](#). Beginning in January, the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) will distribute the tablets – valued at \$159 each – to qualifying families with children under 19 years old.

"Increasing internet access across the city is not just a noble goal – it's a necessary one. These days, the internet is virtually a requirement for people searching for jobs or students doing homework. We are thrilled to find one more way to boost access in the Bronx – and we're thankful to our partners at T-Mobile and HUD for helping to make this happen," said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**.

"The ConnectHome program is providing children and families the tools they need to stay competitive in this 21st century global economy," said **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julián**

Castro. “With this new commitment to ConnectHome, T-Mobile and the City of New York are making a meaningful impact to close the digital divide for thousands of New York public housing residents.”

“At T-Mobile, we believe high-speed internet access should be affordable for everyone. We’re proud to partner with NYC and HUD to bring unlimited mobile internet to so many deserving families for years to come,” said **Mike Sievert, Chief Operating Officer of T-Mobile.** “We’ve invested like crazy in our network, and that’s why T-Mobile has the fastest LTE network in NYC today. These families are getting blazing-fast mobile internet that works all over the city.”

This investment is part of the de Blasio Administration’s commitment to expanding internet access, which recognizes that high-speed internet is no longer a luxury but a critical service that must be affordable to all city residents.

The tablets come preloaded with apps and links connecting users to City services and directories, including the [award-winning MyNYCHA](#) app, the [311](#) app, the New York Public Library’s [SimplyE](#) app, [ACCESS NYC](#), [mystudent.nyc](#), [openebooks.net](#), and links to information on [IDNYC](#) and local computer centers. T-Mobile will provide free introductory training for recipients. In addition, the New York Public Library will expand digital literacy and mobile tablet training programs at nearby branches in the Bronx, which will help New Yorkers learn about computer and internet basics, social media, protecting online information and privacy, career development, coding, and more.

T-Mobile has committed \$2 million in devices and discounted service for this initiative and the Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications is overseeing and will be funding the two years of discounted high-speed mobile data for these tablets at a cost of \$1.2 million. Eligible developments and the schedule for distribution events, including T-Mobile tablet trainings, will be announced in January 2017, when residents will be able to register for the tablets online or through a phone hotline. NYCHA will also distribute flyers to eligible residents prior to the opening of registration.

Nearly 26 percent of households in the Bronx have no internet at home and no mobile internet plan – well above the citywide rate of 19.8 percent. This commitment will bring affordable, high-speed internet access to more NYCHA households in the Bronx. The tablet distribution complements the Administration’s [\\$10 million investment](#) in building wireless networks that serve public housing residents in the Queensbridge, Red Hook and Mott Haven, Jefferson and Stapleton Houses communities, which the Mayor and Secretary announced last year. Free Wi-Fi service launched this week for the first section of the Queensbridge Houses.

“ConnectHome is another integral component in the City’s efforts to bring every New Yorker affordable high-speed internet access by 2025,” said **Anne Roest, Commissioner of the Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications.** “Keeping children connected is crucial for their education, and DoITT is incredibly proud to contribute to this public-private partnership. We thank our partners HUD, T-Mobile, NYCHA, and NYPL for their collaboration, and we are excited to be closely involved in ConnectHome’s planning and oversight.”

New York Housing Authority Chair and CEO Shola Olatoye said, “Expanding internet access is crucial to strengthening pathways to opportunity in the 21st century. Thanks to this partnership, we are bringing free, high-speed internet access to 5,000 families living in public housing in the Bronx. As we work to preserve public housing for generations to come, we are proud to participate in an initiative that will create more connected communities.”

"The New York Public Library works every day to combat digital inequity, offering free programs, services, and classes to help the millions of New Yorkers who cannot afford internet at home or who need technology

training," said **New York Public Library President Tony Marx**. "This partnership with T-Mobile and the City of New York is a new way that we can help address the digital divide, and we are proud to participate."

Launched by President Obama in 2015, the ConnectHome Initiative is a national pilot program bringing internet service providers, non-profits and the public and private sectors together to offer high-speed internet access, technical training, digital literacy programs, and devices for residents in HUD-assisted housing. New York City is one of 28 communities nationwide participating in the ConnectHome pilot program.

"Too many kids lose access to the internet when the school day ends, limiting their ability to do research, complete homework assignments, and communicate with teachers and classmates," said **Jeff Zients, Director of the National Economic Council**. "Through ConnectHome, local leaders and Internet Service Providers are doing great work in communities across the country to ensure that children and their families at all income levels have access to the opportunity internet provides."

According to a 2015 analysis by the Center for Economic Opportunity, 20 percent of New York City households do not have in-home internet service and 35 percent of households below the poverty line do not have any internet access at home, including via tablets or smartphones. Recent data on use of connected mobile devices by the Pew Research Center shows that one in five American adults rely on mobile devices, including smartphones and tablets, as their primary source for internet access, which in many cases is not sufficient for applying for jobs online or completing homework assignments, for example. According to Pew, half of this group has had to cancel or suspend their service because of financial constraints.

This commitment marks the latest action in the de Blasio administration's ongoing work to close the technology divide in New York City and make New York the most connected and equitable city in the world. In addition to installing Wi-Fi networks and expanding mobile internet access to public housing communities in all five boroughs, the Administration has committed \$70 million for broadband infrastructure investments over the next 10 years. The Mayor recently announced [the appointment of Miguel A. Gamiño Jr. as the City's Chief Technology Officer](#) to lead the City's Broadband Program, building on [previous high-level appointments](#).

As part of the City's commitment to expanding broadband access for all New Yorkers, the de Blasio Administration has implemented LinkNYC, the world's largest and fastest municipal Wi-Fi network; expanded the City's library hotspot program to lend Wi-Fi devices to families of public school students; and launched an initiative to deliver free broadband service to 21,000 NYCHA residents. All of these initiatives advance the City's broader goal of achieving universal affordable high-speed internet access by 2025.

"Access to the internet is no longer a luxury, but an essential utility that families and children need to succeed professionally and academically, and to carry out basic daily chores. Unfortunately, the continued digital divide shows that for too many, this necessity is out of reach. This public-private initiative will help thousands of Bronx children and adolescents that have no internet at home to learn and to thrive by opening new horizons and filling an important gap in their skill set," said **Congressman Jose Serrano**.

"In our connected world and globalized economy, it is imperative that families, and students in particular, are skilled in using technology and are connected to the Internet. This investment will not only help bridge the digital divide among families living in public housing, it will give them a necessary tool that can help with economic and career opportunities. When the federal government invests in public housing residents, it helps lift up families and communities," said **Council Member Ritchie Torres, Chair of the Committee on Public Housing**.

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**NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ISSUES HAZARDOUS TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR SNOW/
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Winter Weather Advisory in effect from midnight through 10AM Saturday

December 16, 2016 – The New York City Emergency Management Department today issued a hazardous travel advisory for Saturday, December 17. New Yorkers are advised to exercise caution when driving, walking, or biking, and allow for additional travel time as roads may be slippery. The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Weather Advisory for New York City from midnight until 10:00 AM Saturday, December 17. A total of 1-2 inches of snow is expected late Friday into Saturday morning. Around 7 – 8AM Saturday morning, snow is expected to change to rain, with a brief period of freezing rain and icing roadways possible. Rain is expected to continue through Saturday afternoon as temperatures remain above freezing.

Safety tips:

Exercise caution and avoid slippery surfaces; some ice may not be visible. Wear sturdy boots that provide traction to reduce slipping. Use handrails when using stairs. Seniors should take extra care outdoors to avoid slips and falls from icy conditions.

When driving in snowy or icy conditions:

- Drive slowly. Vehicles take longer to stop on snow and ice than on dry pavement.
- Use major streets or highways for travel where possible.
- Install good winter tires that have adequate tread. All-weather radials are usually adequate for most winter conditions.
- Four-wheel drive vehicles may make it easier to drive on snow-covered roads, but they do not stop quicker than other vehicles.
- Know your vehicle's braking system. Vehicles with anti-lock brakes require a different braking technique than vehicles without anti-lock brakes in icy or snowy conditions.
- If you are driving and begin to skid, ease your foot off the gas and steer in the direction you want the front of the car to go. Straighten the wheel when the car moves in the desired direction. If you have an anti-lock braking system (ABS), apply steady pressure to the brake pedal. Never pump the brakes on an ABS equipped vehicle.

- Try to keep your vehicle's gas tank as full as possible.
- Keep the name and phone number of at least one local towing service in your car in case you break down or become stuck.
- If you get stuck on the road, stay with your car and contact a towing company.

Preparing for the upcoming winter season:

The New York City Emergency Management Department has partnered with local media outlets to help inform New Yorkers about how they can prepare for the winter season with a series of new videos. The videos feature PIX11 News' weather anchors Linda Church and Mr. G, along with reporters from Telemundo. From packing a Go Bag with winter essentials to bundling up during cold temperatures, these videos offer important steps to prepare and stay safe this winter. The videos can be viewed on NYC.gov/EmergencyManagement, on Twitter at @nycoem, or on the NYC Emergency Management [YouTube](#) and Facebook pages.

"This new video project is a reminder of the simple steps we can take to make sure we're ready for the winter season," said **NYC Emergency Management Commissioner Joseph Esposito**. "Having a Go Bag with winter supplies, dressing warmly and in layers when going out into the cold, and checking in on family, friends, and neighbors will help keep New Yorkers safe and prepared for winter."

"Telemundo 47 holds a steadfast commitment to our city's Spanish-speaking neighborhoods and communities, further reflected by our station's partnership with the New York City Emergency Management. We encourage residents to tune into Telemundo 47 and log onto Telemundo47.com for expert, accurate forecasts from our La Autoridad en El Tiempo Weather Authority team featuring Meteorologists Andrea Romero and Pedro Montoro and Weather Anchors Janice Bencosme and Miguel Bedoy, in addition to receiving important, life-saving winter weather tips which will keep families safe and secure throughout the season," said **Karen Mendez, Telemundo 47 Vice President of News**.

Tips to prepare:

Make a Plan

- Make sure your [Household Disaster Plan](#) is ready and all members of your household are familiar with how to contact one another in an emergency.
- Winterize your [Go Bag](#) by adding a blanket, warm socks and gloves.
- Your [Emergency Supply Kit](#) should be fully stocked to allow you to sustain yourself for up to three days without power, or in the event you are unable to travel far from home. You may wish to include additional items such as extra blankets, additional warm clothing, and a battery-operated NOAA Weather Radio to monitor weather conditions during a storm.

Winterize Your Home

- Install storm shutters, doors and windows; clean out gutters, repair any roof leaks, and have a contractor check the stability of your roof in the event of a large accumulation of snow.
- Insulate walls and attic. Caulk and weather-strip doors and windows. Install storm windows, or cover windows with plastic from the inside.
- Have safe emergency heating equipment available. For residences with functioning fireplaces, keep an ample supply of wood.
- Install and check batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Make sure you have sufficient heating fuel; you may have difficulty obtaining fuel in the immediate aftermath of a bad storm.

- Service snow removal equipment, and have rock salt on hand to melt ice on walkways. Kitty litter can be used to generate temporary traction.

Winterize Your Car

Make sure to have a mechanic check the following items on your vehicle:

- Battery
- Antifreeze
- Windshield wipers and washer fluid
- Ignition system
- Thermostat
- Lights (headlamps and hazard lights)
- Exhaust system, heater, brakes, defroster
- Oil level (if necessary, replace oil with a winter oil or SAE 10w/30 variety)

Assemble an [Emergency Supply Kit](#) for your vehicle, and consider adding the following items for winter conditions:

- Blankets, sleeping bags, extra newspapers for insulation.
- Extra mittens, socks, scarves and hat, raingear and extra clothes.
- Sack of sand or kitty litter for gaining traction under wheels, small shovel.
- Set of tire chains or traction mats.
- Working jack and lug wrench, spare tire.
- Windshield scraper, broom.
- Small tools (pliers, wrench, screwdriver).
- Booster cables.
- Brightly colored cloth to use as a flag, flares or reflective triangles.

Safety Tips

New Yorkers are also encouraged to take the following precautions during extreme cold:

- Stay indoors as much as possible.
- If you have to go outdoors, wear dry, warm clothing and cover exposed skin. Keep fingertips, earlobes, and noses covered.
- Wear a hat, hood, or scarf, as most heat is lost through the head.
- Shivering is an important first sign that the body is losing heat. Shivering is a signal to return indoors.
- Drinking alcohol may make you think you feel warmer, but it actually increases your chances of hypothermia and frostbite.
- Follow your doctor's advice about performing hard work in the cold if you have heart disease or high blood pressure. Cold weather puts an extra strain on the heart. Remember, your body is already working hard just to stay warm, so don't overdo it.

For more winter weather safety tips, view NYC Emergency Management's [video](#) or visit NYC.gov/EmergencyManagement. New Yorkers are also encouraged to sign up for Notify NYC, the City's free emergency notification system. Through Notify NYC, New Yorkers can receive phone calls, text messages, and/or emails alerts about winter weather conditions and other emergencies. To sign up for Notify NYC, call 311, visit NYC.gov/notifynyc, or follow @NotifyNYC on Twitter.

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UPDATED PUBLIC SCHEDULE FOR MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2016

*****Event added*****

On Friday, Mayor de Blasio will appear live on WNYC's Brian Lehrer Show. The Mayor will be taking questions from listeners.

Later, the Mayor will host a press conference with HUD Secretary Julián Castro and T-Mobile to make an announcement about internet access in public housing. This event is open press. There will be on-topic Q-and-A.

In the evening, the Mayor will deliver remarks at SSEU Local 371's holiday party. This event is closed press.

Press Schedule

10:00 AM – Appears Live on WNYC

1:00 PM – Hosts Press Conference

BronxWorks Betances Community Center

547 East 146th Street

Bronx, NY 10455

A press van will depart the east gate of City Hall at 11:55 AM. Footage will be provided by NYC Media and will be available shortly following the event on Encompass Port CTY- 4205. Official photos will be available at flickr.com/nycmayorsoffice shortly following the event.

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**Chief Judge DiFiore and Mayor de Blasio Announce
Opening of New Summons Court in Lower Manhattan**
*\$20 Million Investment in Streamlined Architectural Design Part of Larger
Effort to Improve Quality of Justice in City's Summons Process*

New York – Chief Judge Janet DiFiore and Mayor Bill de Blasio today announced the opening of a state-of-the-art court facility in lower Manhattan that will handle Criminal Court summonses issued in Manhattan and Brooklyn, as well as summonses issued citywide for building and fire code violations. The Chief Judge presided over a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new court, a \$20 million renovation funded by the City that includes a dedicated entrance, new lobby, and an extensively renovated 40,000 square foot space on the 16th floor of the

40-story, landmark David N. Dinkins Municipal Building at Once Center Street comprising three courtrooms and a spacious back office area to accommodate the Court's administrative operations.

Relocating the Summons Court to a modern, streamlined facility is a major step forward in a more comprehensive plan to improve the summons process. Launched as a partnership between the court system and the Mayor's Office in 2014, this project is improving the quality of justice for New Yorkers by making the summons process easier to understand and navigate. To date, this initiative has redesigned the paper summons form to make it simpler to read and understand; created a text message reminder system to ensure that defendants do not miss their court appearances; and offered online payment options and more flexible court appearance dates and times, among other enhancements.

The new facility, formerly occupied by New York City's Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS), has been revamped to expedite the flow of traffic and enhance case processing in the high-volume Summons Court. The redesign incorporates many high-tech elements, from an electronic check-in system that will reduce wait times to acoustical features to help ensure proper sound levels in the courtrooms and other areas.

New York court facilities are provided and operated by the cities and counties they serve, with the court system's Office of Facilities Planning offering architectural and other guidance relating to the design, renovation and construction of court facilities as well as services supporting their day-to-day management and operations. The Municipal Building is owned by the City of New York. The building where the Summons Court was previously located, at 346 Broadway in Manhattan, was sold by the City to a private corporation.

Summonses in New York City are issued by over 40 certified agencies, including the New York City Police Department, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the New York City Fire Department. The new Summons Court will house the citywide summons operation's central receiving unit, where authorized agencies deliver summonses issued throughout the five boroughs. The unit separates the summonses by borough and appearance date, then checks them for serious defects that would prevent their being docketed, before forwarding them to the appropriate borough to be reviewed for legal sufficiency prior to the scheduled arraignment date. In 2015, over 330,000 summons filings were processed by the central receiving unit.

"Having modern, clean and secure court facilities is integral to the Judiciary's vital mission. This beautiful new Summons Court, designed for optimal efficiency and navigability, will enable us to better serve the justice needs of the people of this great City, providing a dignified environment that fosters respect for and confidence in our justice system. I want to extend my gratitude to the Mayor's Office, the City's Department of Citywide Administrative Services, the Criminal Court of the City of New York and the courts'

Office of Facilities Planning for their collaboration and support, to which we owe the successful transformation of this space into a highly functioning courthouse,” said Chief Judge DiFiore.

“Trust is the foundation of public safety, and the principles of legitimacy – respect, fairness, transparency and voice – are the cornerstones of the City’s work to ensure every New Yorker has confidence in the justice system. Design is a key piece of building trust: whether it is creating an open and welcoming courtroom, reducing wait times or providing clear explanations of the process. The Mayor and the City are grateful to the Chief Judge for her leadership and the Office of Court Administration for its partnership in suffusing the design of the structure and process of the new Summons Court with the principles that advance our joint goals of improving the quality of justice for all New Yorkers,” said Elizabeth Glazer, Director of the Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice.

“This new court facility demonstrates Mayor de Blasio’s commitment to the fair and equitable administration of justice. DCAS is proud that we delivered this project on time and under budget,” said DCAS Commissioner Lisette Camilo.

The new Summons Court, which will open for business on Monday, December 19, is expected to average 250 to 400 visitors daily.

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Through simple beautification efforts and a healthy dose of civic pride, 25 volunteer-led community groups will work with City agencies to transform public spaces in Spring of 2017

NEW YORK—Mayor Bill de Blasio, NYC Service and Citizens Committee for New York City – along with the Departments of Parks, Transportation, Environmental Protection and Sanitation – today announced the 25 winners of the 2017 "Love Your Block" awards. Love Your Block, now in its ninth year, is a program in which volunteer-led community groups compete for a chance to win a \$1,000 cash grant, project planning assistance and City services to beautify and transform a public space. All beautification projects will occur from April 15 to June 25, 2017.

A complete list of awardees broken down by borough and neighborhood can be found [here](#). Love Your Block grant recipients in a snapshot:

- 80 percent of the volunteer groups are first-time Love Your Block awardees.
- 76 percent of the volunteer groups are women-led.
- 76 percent of the volunteer groups are in neighborhoods below the median income level.

"I want to congratulate all of the recipients of the 2017 Love Your Block awards and recognize them for volunteering their time to strengthen communities across the five boroughs," said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. "When we come together to beautify our neighborhoods, we build a fairer and more just City that is stronger than it was yesterday. I would also like to thank NYC Service and Citizens Committee for partnering with our City agencies and community leaders to make this program possible."

“Love Your Block is about recognizing the power of our people and supporting them to enact change one block at a time,” said **New York City Chief Service Officer Paula Gavin**. “NYC Service is honored to spend another year partnering with Citizens Committee, our City agencies, and New York City residents on the neighborhood level, to continue revitalizing communities across the City.”

“Love Your Block is just that, a partnership between the grants made by Citizens Committee to community groups, Citi, a most generous supporter of Citizens Committee, and the City of New York’s, Parks, Transportation and Sanitation departments,” said **Peter H. Kostmayer, CEO of Citizens Committee for New York City**. “The most important members of this partnership are the New Yorkers who apply for the grants and the City services to spruce up their neighborhoods.”

Love Your Block offers support to volunteer-led community and school groups – particularly groups working in high-need NYC neighborhoods – in the form of a \$1,000 grant. In addition, the grant recipients request and receive project planning assistance as well as neighborhood services from the Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Sanitation and the Department of Transportation, to transform a city block or group of consecutive blocks. Free services from these City agencies include trash collection on the day of the project; vacant lot cleanup; graffiti removal; dead tree removal; tree stewardship workshops; resident surveys to plant new street trees; provision of woodchip mulch for gardening projects; repair of and installation of street signs and street lights; traffic safety surveys; and installation of bicycle racks and speed bumps.

A selection committee of representatives from NYC Service, Citizens Committee and the City agencies reviews Love Your Block grant applications. All awarded projects demonstrate the ability to host a high-impact neighborhood improvement event that utilizes at least one City service and could engage at least 20 volunteers on their respective Love Your Block event days and block celebration days. Additional criteria used to review applications include project sustainability, the group’s capacity, neighborhood need as well as the group’s history and knowledge of neighborhood issues.

Since its inception in 2009, more than 270 Love Your Block Awards have been granted, with over 900 City services provided and nearly 10,000 community volunteers having been engaged in beautification projects.

"For nearly 25 years, the Liberian Cultural Association (LCA) has been dedicated to providing educational and empowerment opportunities to low income youth and families living and working on Staten Island's North Shore," said **Annette Estrella of the Liberian Cultural Association**. “With hard work and dedication, our volunteer members have ensured a brighter future for our families, our friends and our neighbors. This spring, families, friends and neighbors across the Park Hill community will take up block beautification efforts. Our sincere thanks to Citizens Committee for New York City and NYC Service for awarding the LCA its first-ever Love Your Block Award!”

“Protecting the environment and improving the quality of life for New Yorkers, requires smart citywide policies and the engagement of communities on a block by block scale,” said **DEP Acting Commissioner Vincent Sapienza**. “We are proud to partner with NYC Service, the Citizens Committee for NYC and community groups from all five boroughs on the ‘Love Your Block’ program.”

“Parks is proud to support the Love Your Block Awards, an initiative which engages community members in caring for public space,” said **Department of Parks Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver, FAICP**. “Our city’s streets are home to more than 600,000 trees that beautify our blocks and make our neighborhoods healthier, and we count on volunteers to help ensure that they grow and thrive. Congratulations and thank you to all of the grant recipients.”

“We are thrilled to partner again with NYC Service and the Citizens Committee for New York City to support Love Your Block,” said **Department of Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia**. “The community volunteers do great work all throughout all five boroughs, and help to make New York City cleaner and greener.”

“We congratulate this year’s Love Your Block grantees, who are helping give energized neighborhood residents an opportunity to roll up their sleeves and work together to revitalize their streets,” said **DOT Commissioner Polly Trottenberg**. “To improve the livability and quality of life of New York City’s streets, DOT has been happy to work with communities for better street lighting, new bike racks for neighborhood convenience and new signage to increase community safety. Today, we are also proud to work with grantees as well as our sister agencies – NYC Service, DEP, Parks and Sanitation – to support civic engagement and to help New Yorkers take ownership of their own blocks.”

"Love makes a city block better," said **Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer**. "So this year's 'Love your Block' awards, from Harlem and East Harlem to Hell's Kitchen and the East Village – as well as the other boroughs – will help make the whole city better. By supporting those who volunteer to make their blocks better, NYC Service and the Citizens Committee for New York City are fertilizing seeds that will blossom for years to come."

“Congratulations to all of this year’s ‘Love Your Block’ awardees, especially those selected from Queens,” said **Queens Borough President Melinda Katz**. “The Breezy Point Garden Club, the Joseph Pulitzer Middle School in Jackson Heights and We Love Kew Gardens are deserving recipients of these awards, and Queens looks forward to seeing firsthand the great job they will do to spruce up their neighborhoods. The de Blasio Administration, NYC Service, the Citizens Committee for New York City and the Departments of Parks, Transportation, Environmental Protection and Sanitation also deserve to be commended for undertaking the Love Your Block program, which has had a direct impact in beautifying our communities.”

“Love Your Block Grants give community groups the boost they need to make a real difference beautifying their communities, and I’m thrilled that the Liberian Cultural Association has been selected as a recipient,” said **Council Member Debi Rose**. “With participation from local residents, the Liberian Cultural Association will use these funds to clean the streets and sidewalks of a 1.5-square mile area of Clifton. I congratulate the members on securing this grant, and I thank them for their efforts to improve the health and quality of life of this neighborhood.”

“I am delighted that Friends of the End and Lefferts Alliance Coming Together (LACT) have been selected as recipients of the ‘Love Your Block’ award,” said **Council Member Mathieu Eugene**. “The funds from this award make it possible for community groups to have a significant impact in uplifting and beautifying their neighborhood. I congratulate Friends of the End and LACT on receiving the ‘Love Your Block’ Award and commend them for their efforts that will benefit so many others in the 40th Council District.”

"When we celebrate Love Your Block recipients, we acknowledge the good work done daily throughout our neighborhoods. Residents in Sunset Park take care of each other and are proud of their homes. I'm especially happy that Love Your Block recipients get support from multiple City agencies in addition to a cash award. That means immediate improvements on a block can also lead to a better long-term relationship between residents and City government," said **Council Member Carlos Menchaca**.

“Love Your Block is an effective resource that helps local residents become active participants in the beautification of their community. No one knows a neighborhood better than the people who live there, and so I congratulate the members of Coney Island Houses Residents Association who will now be empowered with the tools necessary to augment and enhance their community. I look forward to seeing the results,” said **Council Member Mark Treyger**.

About NYC Service

NYC Service, a division of the Office of the Mayor, promotes volunteerism, engages New Yorkers in service, builds volunteer capacity and mobilizes the power of volunteers and national service members to impact New York City's greatest needs. To learn more about NYC Service and connect to volunteer opportunities across New York City, visit nyc.gov/service.

About Citizens Committee for New York City

Citizens Committee for New York City's mission is simple: to help New Yorkers – especially those in low-income areas – come together and improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods. Residents are uniquely situated to define and act on the issues affecting their communities. When provided with modest support, neighborhood and school groups can effectively mobilize community resources to improve quality of life. Citizens Committee for New York City supports these grassroots efforts by offering grants, skills-building workshops and further technical support in the form of project planning assistance and an equipment share library. In 2015, we provided 366 projects with \$1.6 million in grants and services, and our staff facilitated 30 workshops to over 500 social entrepreneurs. Since 1975, we have promoted the spirit of volunteerism, local engagement and social justice that drives our work. Visit us at www.citizensnyc.org.

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Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2016 5:39 PM
To: Mayor's Press Office
Subject: PUBLIC SCHEDULE FOR MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2016



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On Friday, Mayor de Blasio will appear live on WNYC's Brian Lehrer Show. The Mayor will be taking questions from listeners.

Later, the Mayor will host a press conference with HUD Secretary Julián Castro and T-Mobile to make an announcement about internet access in public housing. This event is open press. There will be on-topic Q-and-A.

Press Schedule

10:00 AM – Appears Live on WNYC

1:00 PM – Hosts Press Conference

BronxWorks Betances Community Center
547 East 146th Street
Bronx, NY 10455

A press van will depart the east gate of City Hall at 11:55 AM. Footage will be provided by NYC Media and will be available shortly following the event on Encompass Port CTY- 4205. Official photos will be available at [flickr.com/nycmayorsoffice](https://www.flickr.com/photos/nycmayorsoffice/) shortly following the event.

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“Since adopting the nation's most progressive affordable housing law last spring, the City has already approved developments with 4,500 affordable homes. Today’s vote for 550 Washington, a project that includes important funding for Pier 40’s Hudson River Park, is a huge win for the community and New York City. I congratulate Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, Council Member Corey Johnson and all those who worked so hard to ensure that any new development serves the needs of their community.”

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Subject: LAURA ANGLIN JOINING OFFICE OF THE FIRST DEPUTY MAYOR AS CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



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**LAURA ANGLIN JOINING OFFICE OF THE FIRST DEPUTY MAYOR AS CHIEF
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Experienced public and non-profit sector leader will work with key operating agencies

NEW YORK—First Deputy Mayor Anthony Shorris announced today that Laura Anglin will join his office as Chief Administrative Officer, effective January 1, 2017. In this capacity, Anglin will support the work of a number of City agencies, including Fire, Sanitation, Transportation, DEP, DOITT, DDC, DCAS, Buildings and TLC. She will report to the First Deputy Mayor.

Prior to joining the First Deputy Mayor's staff, Anglin served as President of the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities for the last seven years. She previously served in a number of senior governmental capacities, including Director of the Budget for New York State and Deputy State Comptroller.

"I am extraordinarily pleased that someone with the wealth of experience and government skills is joining my office," said **First Deputy Mayor Anthony Shorris**. "Laura brings a host of management tools, broad knowledge of policy, great energy, and a deep commitment to the Mayor's agenda to this role. I look forward to working closely with her in support of these agencies and in advancing the wide range of policy and management goals the Mayor has set for us in the years to come."

"Joining Mayor de Blasio's team gives me an opportunity to get back to public service at a critical time for our city and country," said **Laura Anglin**. "Few leaders have the breadth of vision of this Mayor, and I am excited about the chance to work with the First Deputy Mayor and his team in realizing that vision."

In her new role, Anglin will work with City Hall staff, OMB, Law as well as the agencies on a daily basis, focusing on advancing the Mayor's agenda, ensuring accountability and performance, managing issues as they

arise, and developing additional programmatic initiatives. She will work closely with the First Deputy Mayor's Chief of Staff Dominic Williams and Special Advisor for Policy and Planning Benjamin Furnas.

About Laura Anglin

Laura Anglin has a wealth of experience in both the private and public sector. Prior to her role as Chief Administration Officer, Anglin served as the President of the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities (CICU), a title she has held since 2009. Her role as president included leading state and federal public policy advocacy, regulatory coordination, and pre-college outreach activities. Anglin was the first female president of CICU and in this role worked closely with the state on legislation regarding sexual assaults on campus, restricting the use of opioids and fought for more funding for private schools.

Prior to serving as CICU's president, Anglin spent time working as the First Deputy Budget Director and Budget Director for New York State, largely in charge of managing the State's financial plan and proposals. Additionally, Anglin has spent time as an economist at the New York Department of Environmental Conservation, an Econometrician at the New York Department of Taxation and Finance, and has had various roles in the NY State Assembly.

Prior to her new role, Anglin served as a board member at the Mohawk and Hudson River Humane Society and Retired Public Employees Association (RPEA), and as an alternate member for the Board of Ethics for the City of Cohoes. Previously, Anglin has served on the Board for the Commission on Metropolitan Transportation Authority Financing, Local Government Assistance Corporation, Public Authorities Control Board, and the Committee on Open Government.

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*****Address updated & event added*****

On Thursday, First Lady Chirlane McCray will attend the ribbon cutting for First Corinthian Baptist Church's H.O.P.E. Center in Harlem, which will provide affordable mental health services. This event is open press. There will be no Q-and-A.

Later, the First Lady and Deputy Mayor for Strategic Policy Initiatives Richard Buery will attend a screening and student discussion of the film Moonlight for high school juniors and seniors from the Department of Education and the Young Men's Initiative Expanded Success Initiative schools. This event is open press. There will be no Q-and-A.

In the evening, the First Lady will provide introductory remarks for the Gracie Mansion Book Club's discussion of Jason Reynolds' novel When I Was the Greatest. Author Jacqueline Woodson will moderate. This event is open to members of the public who have RSVP'd. This event is open press. There will be no Q-and-A.

Press Schedule

10:00 AM – Attends Ribbon Cutting for First Corinthian Baptist Church's H.O.P.E. Center

228 W 116th Street

New York, NY 10026

Official photos will be available at flickr.com/nycmayorsoffice shortly following the event.

12:30 PM – Delivers Remarks and Attends Student "Talkback" for Moonlight

Angelika Film Center

18 W. Houston Street
New York, NY 10012

Official photos will be available at flickr.com/nycmayorsoffice shortly following the event.

6:00 PM – Delivers Remarks at Gracie Mansion Book Club Meeting

Brooklyn Public Library -- Macon Branch

361 Lewis Avenue

Brooklyn, NY 11233

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PUBLIC SCHEDULE FOR MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2016

On Thursday, Mayor de Blasio will participate in a town hall meeting with Council Member Mark Levine and Manhattan residents. This event is open press. There will be Q-and-A with members of the public.

Press Schedule

7:00 PM – Participates in Town Hall Meeting

Edward A. Reynolds West Side High School
140 West 102nd Street
New York, NY 10025

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Attachments: 12-14-16 Extreme Cold Weather NYC.pdf

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NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT URGES NEW YORKERS TO PREPARE FOR EXTREME COLD

Frigid weather expected to end the week, as temperatures dive into the twenties with single digit wind chills Thursday and Friday

The unsheltered homeless, older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at increased risk of health problems from the extreme cold

December 14, 2016 — The New York City Emergency Management Department today urged New Yorkers to prepare for upcoming extreme cold weather.

“New York City is expecting the coldest temperatures and lowest wind chills of the season on Thursday and Friday,” said **NYC Emergency Management Commissioner Joseph Esposito**. “These temperatures will be dangerous for New Yorkers. During this blast of arctic cold, stay indoors, and if you have to go out, bundle up. Remember to check in on your family, neighbors, the elderly, or others with increased health risks to make sure they are protected from the extreme cold.”

An arctic blast accompanied by strong winds is forecast to bring bitterly cold weather to the New York City area Thursday and Friday. High temperatures Thursday will be in the twenties. Temperatures Thursday night will drop into the teens, with wind chill values as low as zero degrees. Sustained winds Thursday are expected to be between 25 mph – 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph. Winds Friday are expected to be between 10 mph – 15 mph, with gusts up to 25 mph. Daytime temperatures Friday are forecast to stay below freezing, as highs are expected to be in the mid-twenties with wind chill values as low as single digits. Temperatures remain in the mid-twenties Friday night and will warm up Saturday, with highs expected to be in the mid-forties.

New Yorkers are advised to check on their neighbors, friends, and relatives. People most at increased risk include those who lack shelter, drink heavily or use drugs, or live in homes without heat, and:

- Are 65 years of age or older.
- Have chronic medical conditions such as heart or lung disease.
- Have serious mental illness or developmental disabilities.
- Are socially isolated, have limited mobility, or are unable to leave the house.

Safety Tips

New Yorkers are also encouraged to take the following precautions during extreme cold:

- Stay indoors as much as possible.
- If you have to go outdoors, wear dry, warm clothing and cover exposed skin. Keep fingertips, earlobes, and noses covered.
- Wear a hat, hood, or scarf, as most heat is lost through the head.
- Shivering is an important first sign that the body is losing heat. Shivering is a signal to return indoors.
- Drinking alcohol may make you think you feel warmer, but it actually increases your chances of hypothermia and frostbite.
- Follow your doctor's advice about performing hard work in the cold if you have heart disease or high blood pressure. Cold weather puts an extra strain on the heart. Remember, your body is already working hard just to stay warm, so don't overdo it.
- Workers in construction and utilities, and others who spend a lot of time outdoors are at risk for cold-related disorders. Employers should implement safe work practices, provide appropriate protective equipment, and train workers on health effects of cold weather, proper prevention techniques, and treatment of cold-related disorders.

Health problems resulting from prolonged exposure to cold include hypothermia, frostbite and exacerbation of chronic heart and lung conditions. If you suspect a person is suffering from frostbite or hypothermia, call 911 to get medical help. While waiting for assistance, help the person by getting them to a warm place if possible, removing any damp clothing and covering them with warm blankets. Recognize the signs and symptoms of hypothermia and frostbite:

- **Hypothermia** is a life-threatening condition where the body temperature is abnormally low. Symptoms can begin gradually and get worse without the person realizing how serious it is. Early symptoms include shivering, dizziness, trouble speaking and lack of coordination. Signs of moderate to severe hypothermia include sluggishness, drowsiness, unusual behavior, confusion, and shallow breathing.
- **Frostbite** is a serious injury to a body part frozen from exposure to the cold. It most often affects extremities like fingers and toes or exposed areas such as ears or parts of the face. Redness and pain may be the first warning of frostbite. Other symptoms include numbness or skin that appears pale, firm, or waxy.

Homeless Services

A Code Blue Weather Emergency notice is issued when the temperature drops to 32 degrees or below. No one seeking shelter in New York City will be denied. Anyone who sees a homeless individual or family out in the cold should call 311 immediately and an outreach team will be dispatched to assist them. Code Blue Weather Emergencies includes the following options for the homeless:

- **Shelters:** During a Code Blue, unsheltered homeless adults can access any shelter location for single individuals. Shelter is available system-wide to accommodate anyone brought in by outreach teams or walk-ins.

- Drop-in centers: All drop-in centers are open 24 hours a day when Code Blue procedures are in effect, taking in as many as people as possible for the duration of inclement weather. Drop-in staff can also make arrangements for homeless individuals at other citywide facilities.
- Safe havens and stabilization beds: Chronically homeless individuals may be transported to these low-threshold housing options, where they may go directly from the street to a bed.

Safe Home Heating Tips

Improper use of portable heating equipment can lead to fire or dangerous levels of carbon monoxide. Take precautions to ensure you are heating your home safely.

Fire safety tips:

- Make sure you have a working smoke alarm in every room. Test them at least once a month and change the batteries twice a year.
- Use only portable heating equipment that is approved for indoor use. Space heaters are temporary heating devices and should only be used for a limited time each day.
- Keep combustible materials, including furniture, drapes, and carpeting at least three feet away from the heat source. Never drape clothes over a space heater to dry them.
- Never leave running space heaters unattended, especially around children. Always keep an eye on heating equipment. Turn it off when you are unable to closely monitor it.
- Plug space heaters directly into a wall outlet. Never use an extension cord or power strip. Do not plug anything else into the same outlet when the space heater is in use. Do not use space heaters with frayed or damaged cords.
- If you are going to use an electric blanket, only use one that is less than 10 years old from the date of purchase. Also avoid tucking the electric blanket in at the sides of the bed. Only purchase blankets with an automatic safety shut-off.

Prevent carbon monoxide poisoning:

- Carbon monoxide comes from the burning of fuel. Therefore, make sure all fuel-burning devices such as furnaces, boilers, hot water heaters, and clothes dryers are properly vented to the outdoors and operating properly. If you are not sure, contact a professional to inspect and make necessary repairs.
- Make sure you have a working carbon monoxide detector. Most homes and residential buildings in New York City are required by law to have carbon monoxide detectors installed near all sleeping areas. Owners are responsible for installing approved carbon monoxide detectors. Occupants are responsible for keeping and maintaining the carbon monoxide detectors in good repair.
- If you have a working fireplace keep chimneys clean and clear of debris.
- Never heat your home with a gas stove or oven, charcoal barbecue grill, kerosene, propane, or oil-burning heaters. Kerosene heaters and propane space heaters are illegal in New York City.
- The symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are non-specific and include headache, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, sleepiness, trouble breathing, and loss of consciousness. Severe poisonings may result in permanent injury or death.

If a carbon monoxide detector goes off in your home get outside immediately and call 911. If you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning, get outside immediately and call 911.

What to Do if You Lose Heat or Hot Water at Home

Building owners are legally required to provide heat and hot water to their tenants. Hot water must be provided 365 days per year at a constant minimum temperature of 120 degrees Fahrenheit. Heat must be provided during the “Heat Season”, between October 1st and May 31st under the following conditions:

- Between the hours of 6 AM and 10 PM, if the outside temperature falls below 55 degrees, the inside temperature is required to be at least 68 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Between the hours of 10 PM and 6 AM, if the outside temperature falls below 40 degrees, the inside temperature is required to be at least 55 degrees Fahrenheit.

Any New York City tenant without adequate heat or hot water should first speak with the building owner, manager, or superintendent. If the problem is not corrected, tenants should call 311. For the hearing impaired, the TTY number is (212) 504-4115. The center is open 24-hours a day, seven-days a week. You may also file a complaint via mobile app, 311MOBILE, or online at 311ONLINE.

The Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) will take measures to ensure that the building owner is complying with the law. This may include contacting the building’s owner and/or sending an inspector to verify the complaint and issue a violation directing the owner to restore heat and hot water if appropriate. If the owner fails to comply and does not restore service, HPD may initiate repairs through its Emergency Repair Program and bill the landlord for the cost of the work. HPD also may initiate legal action against properties that are issued heat violations, and owners who incur multiple heat violations are subject to litigation seeking maximum litigation penalties and to continued scrutiny on heat and other code deficiencies.

Take measures to trap existing warm air and safely stay warm until heat returns, including:

- Insulate your home as much as possible. Hang blankets over windows and doorways and stay in a well-insulated room while the heat is out.
- Dress warmly. Wear hats, scarves, gloves, and layered clothing.
- If you have a well-maintained working fireplace and use it for heat and light, be sure to keep the damper open for ventilation. Never use a fireplace without a screen.
- If the cold persists and your heat is not restored call family, neighbors, or friends to see if you can stay with them.
- Do not use your oven or fuel-burning space heaters to heat your home. These can release carbon monoxide, a deadly gas that you cannot see or smell.
- Open your faucets to a steady drip so pipes do not freeze.

If You Need Emergency Heating Assistance

The Human Resources Administration (HRA) administers the federal Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), which can help low-income renters and homeowners with heating bills and other energy expenses. HEAP can help with:

- Regular heating bills from a variety of heat sources (even if heat is included in your rent or you live in subsidized housing).
- Emergency payments to keep you from losing your heat.
- Replacing damaged furnaces, boilers and heating units.

Eligibility for HEAP is based on your household income, family size and energy costs. If you are homebound and need help with your heating bills, you can call the NYC Heat Line at 212-331-3150 to arrange a home visit. For more information, call 311.

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Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 10:19 AM
To: Mayor's Press Office
Subject: NYC WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM REACHES NEARLY 1,500 WOMEN WITH MENTORING, TRAINING AND OTHER RESOURCES OVER FIRST YEAR



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NYC WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM REACHES NEARLY 1,500 WOMEN WITH MENTORING, TRAINING AND OTHER RESOURCES OVER FIRST YEAR

First-of-a-kind WE NYC Program aims to help close gender gap by giving women entrepreneurs the resources and support needed to build a thriving business

NEW YORK—Mayor Bill de Blasio and Department of Small Business Services Commissioner Gregg Bishop today announced that nearly 1,500 women have been reached through the City's WE NYC program, a new program connecting women entrepreneurs with the resources and support they need to build a thriving business.

"Everyone in New York City should have the means they need to thrive, and my Administration is working tirelessly to make that happen," said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. "WE NYC has reached a significant number of women entrepreneurs, and that number will only grow as we expand our programs that help women establish, grow and sustain their businesses. Doing so will not only support established and future business leaders, but will also allow communities across the five boroughs to flourish economically."

"Empowering and supporting women entrepreneurs will benefit our city's growing economy and help all New Yorkers achieve their full potential," said **Gregg Bishop, Commissioner of the Department of Small Business Services**. "I am proud of the work we have done over the past year by connecting women with the tools needed to succeed and we are aiming to engage 5,000 women entrepreneurs in our programs by the end of 2018."

"We have spent years fighting for equality in the work force, ensuring equal opportunity and leveling the playing field for women in business," said **Executive Director of the Commission on Gender Equity Azadeh Khalili**. "We know that when women thrive and create their own businesses, the entire city benefits. WE NYC has already connected with countless future business leaders, giving these women the resources they need to

establish, sustain and grow their businesses. I look forward to collaborating with WE NYC and continuing the fight for gender equality throughout this city.”

In addition to reaching nearly 1,500 women, WE NYC achieved the following milestones:

- 256 Hours of Workshops;
- 140 Hours of Direct Mentoring;
- Launched courses on:
 - Leadership
 - Credit building
 - Funding
 - Mentorships, and
 - Networking events.
- Partnerships with The Huffington Post, Citi Community Development, Deutsche Bank, Grameen America, the Office of Financial Empowerment, Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses, among others;
- WE NYC Advisory Council members include Mike Brzezinski, co-host of MSNBC’s Morning Joe; Joanna Coles, Editor-in-Chief of Cosmopolitan; Sheena Wright, CEO of United Way of New York City; Heather Jassay, Senior Vice President of Etsy, among many others.

“I would like to congratulate the Mayor, Commissioner Bishop in the Department of Small Business Services and his team on their milestone of reaching nearly 1,500 women in the first year of the Women’s Entrepreneurship Program by offering mentoring, training and access to capital,” said **Assembly Member Rodneyse Bichotte, Chair of the Subcommittee on the Oversight of Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprises**. “The many hours of mentoring, workshops, coursework and the strategic partnerships will pay dividends well into the future. The economic uplifting of women not only affects them as individuals but ripples outward to uplift communities. Furthermore, I applaud Commissioner Bishop for making it his goal to reach 5,000 women by the end of 2018.”

“Women-owned businesses are a key component of our city’s economic development, but often face everyday challenges that threaten their viability. Through WE NYC, we are cultivating the next generation of women entrepreneurs whose businesses will thrive, create jobs and strengthen its surrounding community. This program is an incredible opportunity for current or aspiring women entrepreneurs to pursue their own path towards financial independence,” said **Council Member Laurie A. Cumbo, Chair of the Committee on Women’s Issues and co-Chair of the Women’s Caucus**.

Connecting Women Entrepreneurs With Access To Capital

SBS just launched WE Master Money: Funding in partnership with the Business Outreach Center Network. One of the top challenges identified by women entrepreneurs in surveys is finding access to capital. This latest addition to the WE NYC program helps budding entrepreneurs identifying the right funding opportunities, who to ask, how to develop an effective pitch, etc. The workshop was designed by Babson College.

Why WE NYC?

WE NYC was founded on the principle that women entrepreneurs are vital to the New York City economy as they build businesses that support families, uplift communities and generate jobs. Although there are almost 360,000 women entrepreneurs in the City that have roughly \$50 billion in annual revenue, men own 1.5 times the number of businesses, have 3.5 times the number of employees, and generate 4.5 times the amount of revenue. WE NYC aims to bridge this gender gap through fostering potential and empowering women entrepreneurs by helping women to start and grow their own businesses. Since its launch WE NYC has reached nearly 1,500 women and is on track to meet its goal of reaching 5,000 by the end of 2018.

WE NYC Success Story

Alejandra Chaparro recently founded a public relations, social media and content management company, 17 Entertainment, Inc., which she runs out of Harlem. To better grow her business, she attended a WE Master Leadership workshop in September 2016 and came away with the following:

“The WE Master Leadership workshop gave me the confidence and inspiration to finally call myself an entrepreneur. I’ve been delivering services for a few months now but there was always the doubt of whether I was doing it well. I worked corporate jobs before but always wanted to own a business. However, the fear of the unknown and not knowing the value of my work were setting me back. Now I have tools to better position my services and the confidence to seek out business in my industry. The workshop taught me to think strategically about my operations, to tweak my services to better serve my niche and to have the right conversations with clients to grow my business. Since then I’ve narrowed my focus to branding and social media presence services and landed new contracts. I’d love to see more of these workshops and I’m extremely grateful for this service.”

Since attending the workshop, Chaparro secured a contract for PR services with Corewoman, which is run by WE NYC mentor, Diana Franco, and co-sponsors the WE NYC workshops held in Spanish.

About WE NYC

In order to serve the diverse population of women entrepreneurs throughout the 5 boroughs, NYC SBS partners with NextStreet, Ariva, Business Outreach Center, New York Women’s Chamber of Commerce, Grameen America, Corewoman, and the Coalition of Latin American Consulates in New York.

WE NYC developed tailored programs based upon research and direct feedback from women entrepreneurs to better connect upcoming women entrepreneurs with the resources, education, and community they need to flourish. Over the past year, WE NYC successfully launched ongoing workshop series that provide women with a variety of tools and resources to be successful in developing their business.

- **WE Master Leadership** offers tips for mastering negotiation skills, crafting formal business pitches, and honing collaborative leadership skills.
- **WE Master Money Credit** provides insight on how to improve and understand credit. Participants have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with a certified financial counselor.
- **WE Master Money: Funding** teaches women about capital planning and investment options. At these workshops, participants meet with representatives from alternative lending sources.
- **WE Connect Mentors** and **WE Connect Events** connect women with mentors and a network of successful entrepreneurs. Workshops include one-on-one sessions, small group sessions, and brainstorming sessions.

WE Connect Portal

The WE Connect Portal was launched this year to provide women entrepreneurs access to a one-stop shop equipped with how-to guides for starting a business, access to local resources, a searchable database of professional development events, a map of women-owned businesses, a platform for interacting with mentors, and narratives from successful business owners. The WE Connect Portal can be found at <https://we.nyc/>.

Acknowledgements

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About the Department of Small Business Services

SBS helps unlock economic potential and create economic security for all New Yorkers by connecting New

Yorkers to good jobs, creating stronger businesses, and building thriving neighborhoods across the five boroughs. For more information, follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#), or visit our [website](#).

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“This report uncovered a troubling series of lapses and missed opportunities in ACS’s failed effort to protect Zymere Perkins. Procedures were not followed, common sense was not exercised, and due diligence was lacking up and down the chain of command responsible for Zymere. I will not accept excuses for this failure and I will not accept the notion that every single one of these tragedies cannot be prevented. The buck stops with me. As a result of this investigation, we’ve ordered the firings of three employees directly involved in Zymere’s care. We’ve moved to suspend and demote another six employees who should have shown better judgment in carrying out one of the most important and difficult missions of City government. As we transition the agency to new leadership, we will continue to embrace bold reforms capable of meeting our mandate: the protection of every child who needs our care. I will accept nothing less.”

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On Wednesday, Mayor de Blasio will deliver remarks at the Police Athletic League's Business Luncheon. This event is closed press.

After, the Mayor will deliver remarks at District Council 37's holiday party. This event is closed press.

In the evening, the Mayor will deliver remarks at the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union's holiday party. This event is closed press.

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READOUT: MAYOR DE BLASIO AND UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL BAN KI-MOON MEET

NEW YORK—On Tuesday afternoon, Mayor Bill de Blasio welcomed United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to City Hall.

Mayor de Blasio congratulated Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on his successful tenure, most notably for his leadership on the Paris Agreement and Sustainable Development Goals. The United Nations and New York City have shared visions for a more sustainable and equitable world.

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon thanked Mayor de Blasio for New York City's strong leadership on climate action. He commended New York City on its local development initiatives.

The Mayor and Secretary-General both discussed the UN Economic Impact Report, recently released by the Mayor's Office for International Affairs. The Mayor said that the UN was a great blessing to New York City and the Secretary-General thanked the Mayor for supporting the UN.

Mayor de Blasio then presented the Secretary-General with a proclamation proclaiming today, December 13, 2016 as Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon Day in the City of New York.

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Mayor Bill de Blasio: Thank you very much –

[Applause]

I think you should run for office instead of –

[Laughter]

Very good – Teeba, thank you so much for really laying out what we need to address here in this city. Here's a talented, young woman – a product of this city. You live in Marine Park. And where did you go to high school?

Teeba Jihad: Sheepshead Bay.

Mayor: Sheepshead Bay High School. So, a product of our public schools, going to one of our great institutions at NYU, and she wants to stay here and build her career here in this city. But as Teeba said, very bluntly, for a lot of talented people – and particularly our young people – there's a concern that they won't be able to find the jobs in the future they want in this city in the area of life sciences.

Well, it's our job to change that, to make sure that there is a very bright future in the life sciences for tens of thousands of New Yorkers. And that's really the magnitude of what we're talking about here – the life sciences sector has tremendous potential for growth in this city to the tune of tens of thousands more jobs.

And it is crucial to the deepening of our economic diversification as a city. It's crucial to creating the good paying jobs that we need for the future. And this is a sector, as you'll hear from my colleagues in a moment, not

only a tremendous growth potential but a sector that fits here in New York City that really keys into some of our real attributes and real competitive advantage. But it's one that we've underplayed our hand on historically and it's time to change that.

One note – you're going to hear the phrases life sciences and biotech used interchangeably. They are pretty equivalent. So, feel free – to our friends in the media – you can use both but life sciences, I think, we believe is the best phrase because it's the most comprehensive and it's a very positive phrase about what this sector does for people, what the extraordinary advances that come out of the life sciences sector, the discoveries that are made that improve people's health and well-being, the endless potential in this sector to address people's healthcare needs in ways that have never been possible before. That's why it's such an exciting sector in terms of its human and public impact as well.

Now, let me just say a few things upfront. We know that New Yorkers are deeply concerned about the cost of living in this city and about the potential of finding a good paying job that allows you to live in this city. That's a reality that we're facing today in a way that's more intense, perhaps, than any other period in our history. The cost of living has gone up, wages and benefits have not kept up in most sectors. People are concerned about basic affordability.

The life sciences sector offers, really, one of the key solutions to that challenge because when you talk about life sciences jobs, you're talking about good paying jobs consistently across the board. And that's why we're so focused on the growth of this sector. We have tried in so many ways to address this affordability crisis in this city – creating and subsidizing affordable housing, providing people with paid sick leave benefits, doing a host of things to lighten the burden on working families including benefits for their children like pre-K and afterschool programs. All of this is necessary to make this a more affordable city for New Yorkers.

But we want to get to the heart of the matter. The more good paying jobs that exist in this city, the more people who can continue to live and can afford to live here the way they deserve to.

Look, the life sciences sector is one of the most exciting potential growth areas in our city economy. We are blessed with a strong economy and a very diverse economy. We are blessed with the largest number of jobs we've had in the history of this city – 4.3 million-plus jobs right now in New York City. But what we look at all the time is – where are the growth opportunities? And I think this is one of the very strongest opportunities we have for growth in our economy.

Life Sciences NYC – the initiative we'll talk about today – is a \$500 million initiative. Half-a-billion-dollars that will help propel New York City forward into the top ranks of life sciences centers in this nation. As part of this plan, we expect the growth of 16,000 new jobs for New Yorkers – 16,000 good paying jobs for New Yorkers. On top of that, 1,000 paid internships that will help the next generation coming up to have immediate opportunity.

Look, we have a model here we're working from. Years ago, I think very wisely, my predecessor Michael Bloomberg, recognized the need to immediately diversify our economy. And real steps were taken and one of the most successful examples of that strategy was fostering the growth of our technology sector.

You go back in time 20 years, the technology sector in this city was relatively small, not particularly secure. A lot of people were wondering if we would really become a tech center or whether it would be more of a flash in the pan. Fast forward to today – a direct and indirect employment in the technology sector in this city is well over 300,000 at this point. A massive growing sector in our city. That didn't happen by accident. It happened by design in large measure. We had natural advantages but they had to be fostered and the public sector had to play a crucial role.

So, those investments made over the last 10, 20 years helped to set up an unbelievable growth pattern in our tech sector and now we're poised for even greater growth in that part of our economy. We have to do that again with life sciences. So, there are times in life when you actually have a playbook that works and you can use it in more than one situation. We're borrowing from a great playbook and applying it now to this sector with its tremendous growth potential.

So far, we have already seen what the life sciences sector is capable of here in this city. In addition to the extraordinary work that helps people of all walks of life with their health needs, we have seen real success with companies here in this city, developing new drugs, building new prosthetic, designing software – real tangible work is being done, companies are succeeding. And it has already – even before this plan was put in place – a sector that has shown impressive growth; a 16 percent growth in this sector since 2009. So, definitely we have seen the initial growth that convinces us that a lot more is possible.

Jobs include roles as lab techs, as microbiologists, as marketing managers – a whole host of good paying jobs. 80 percent of these jobs require either a bachelor's degree or even less than a bachelor's degree. And the average salary in this sector, right now in New York City, is \$75,000. These are solid, consistent, good paying jobs.

Now, we have, again, some natural attributes. We have a competitive advantage that we haven't fully taken advantage of, but we can see it with our own eyes. The extraordinary universities in this city, Columbia, Rockefeller, NYU, Cornell – we have that infrastructure, but until now many businesses have chosen to go to competitor locations and we know who they are; most notably Boston and Cambridge and Silicon Valley, but there are others as well. We want to turn that situation around. We want to take those natural strengths we have, magnify them, take full advantage of them and make this the go to location for so many emerging companies.

What you are going to see here is a set of targeted investments. We're going to invest in startup companies. We're going to invest in the creation of a life sciences campus. And again, we're working from a good playbook. When you think of what happened with the growth of our technology sector; a very powerful decision was made to create the campus on Roosevelt Island that eventually became Cornell-Technion. It is going to do so much to help us keep building our technology sector. We intend to do the same thing for life sciences. We're looking at a variety of potential locations on the east side of Manhattan where the sector is currently so strong, but also in Long Island City, Queens, which is literally just a quick ferry ride across the river from where so many of the key institutions are right now. So, we have the right approach in terms of finding the geographical centers we need to mirror the success that we have seen already with the development of Cornell-Technion on Roosevelt Island.

There will be new lab space. It's one of the crucial elements of this plan that we will be investing in; and a very explicit effort to create opportunity for students who come out of our public schools and our public colleges and all the great institutions of higher education right here in the City.

Look, we know that if we can replicate even some of the success that this city's strategy towards the tech sector had – again, beyond the 16,000 jobs we expect to create over the coming years through this investment, we think there are tens of thousands more after that that could be created. This is a sector that could reach 100,000 jobs or more in this city if we make the right investments quickly; if we work with all our partners aggressively and agilely and we maximize our competitive advantage.

Finally, I would say – just before I say a few words in Spanish – think about this sector in terms of two very profound positive impacts it has on human life. One, the products that are created – that save lives; that improve lives, that address health problems that were previously believed to be beyond our reach, it's one of the most exciting elements of this sector. The way a single product might change the lives of thousands of people. The second is the question of opportunity. For generations, New York City has been a place of opportunity. People

who grew up here or people who came here from elsewhere knew there was opportunity here. We've seen challenges in recent years making sure that that opportunity is still widespread; that the jobs pay well enough, that we address the underlying crisis of income inequality that is [inaudible] our city and our nation. Here is one of the ways to do it – investing in a sector that has tremendous growth potential and a consistent ability to produce good paying jobs; and jobs that a young New Yorker like Teeba can reach. A young woman from Marine Park, Brooklyn – this is exactly what we want to see; young people from all five boroughs and adults from all five boroughs getting the kind of opportunity that our forbearers knew they had here in New York City. We have to create our generation's version of that same opportunity.

Just a few words in Spanish.

[Mayor de Blasio speaks in Spanish]

With that, I'd like to introduce a woman who has put tremendous energy into creating this plan – working very closely with the Life Sciences sector and leaders across the sector to make sure that this plan could come forward, the President of the Economic Development Corporation, Maria Torres-Springer.

President Maria Torres-Springer, Economic Development Corporation: Mayor – good morning everyone. It's really my pleasure to join the Mayor and all of you in this room to launch LifeSci NYC today. At EDC, our mission is to invest in our city's neighborhoods and to grow quality jobs – jobs that are truly accessible to New Yorkers and provide a pathway to the middle class. To that end we are always asking ourselves, what's next? What are the jobs of the future? What is the next big growth industry with the potential to really transform our economy and to provide the highest quality jobs? And, what can we do in the public sector to really supercharge that industry to ensure that those jobs grow and stay in New York? That's really the promise, in my opinion, of life sciences. As the Mayor mentioned, one of the fastest growing sectors of the innovation economy in the country and we believe that is critical to the future of our five borough economy. It becomes really apparent when you listen to young people like Teeba – brilliant, hardworking at the top of her class. She could have chosen any field of study but she chose to pursue a career that would help solve some of the most pressing health challenges of our time – work that fundamentally improves people's lives. That's a remarkable thing and that's precisely why we are making the investments we are announcing today.

As the Mayor mentioned LifeSci NYC is being built on a strong foundation thanks to the decades of work of many people in this room. You've really helped make New York City a global leader in both foundational life science research and quality medical care. So we started the process of developing LifeSci NYC. We really look to you for guidance and for ideas. We asked what are those missing pieces that are preventing New York City from turning more of your discoveries into businesses that will create good jobs? Now, one of the biggest things that we heard was that there was no single center of gravity in New York City for collaboration within the industry. Other cities with successful clusters have a physical hub that brings together researchers, innovators, entrepreneurs, experienced business leaders, financing a pipeline of talent. But here in New York, our life sciences community remains somewhat diffused. So we're going to change all of that.

We are investing \$100 million to create a world class applied life sciences campus to serve as a new hub for the sector. It will focus on cutting-edge cures, novel technologies and then building new companies. It will be a place where experts from diverse disciplines can come together; where ideas collide to create the next generation of businesses and thousands of good jobs. Importantly, it will also be a launch pad for young New Yorkers like Teeba looking to start careers in dynamic and growing industries. The campus will be a [inaudible] of all of our efforts in the sector, but we won't stop there. We're also going to invest \$50 million in as many as eight of the city's not-for-profit research institutions. We'll help them build a network of life science, research and development facilities, focusing on fields with high potential for new discoveries and new jobs. We need to support this kind of research, but we also need to make sure that, that research is getting turned into new

products and new businesses and that's why we are also investing more than \$300 million to address another of the biggest challenges facing this industry, which is the lack of access to affordable lab space.

To put it in perspective, Boston currently has 18 times the amount of commercial space available for life sciences companies as we do here in New York City. We can't expect the companies and the jobs of tomorrow to go and stay here if there is no way for them to work. Case and point, a company called [inaudible], which is working to improve drug therapies – they started actually at a city-funded life science incubator called Harlem Biospace. They've been doing really well. They just recently grew to a company of about 15. The bad news is that those new jobs are not in Harlem. They are in Berkley, California because the company couldn't find affordable workspace that they needed here in the five boroughs. Why are we losing companies like this one? It's because lab space is more expensive to build and outfit than traditional office space. And so the market isn't producing nearly enough of it here in our city.

That's why LifeSci NYC includes an ambitious commitment to add nearly 3 million square feet of new space for life science companies over the next 10 years. We will do it in a few ways. First, we are going to strategically deploy tax incentives to help defer the additional costs of building that lab space. To qualify for that incentive the space will have to be priced at a rate that early stage life science companies can afford. Now this isn't just an investment in construction, it's a direct investment in the future of businesses that will be started by New Yorkers and create jobs for New Yorkers. Second, we are going to fund a network of new incubators around the city. Now, some cities might just be content to just build additional lab space, additional incubators, provide funding for research and let the market take it from there. But here in New York we believe that it's not enough to just create new jobs. We need to build a pipeline for New Yorkers from every background in every neighborhood to get the skills they need to access those jobs.

So, through a public private partnership, we will be able to offer, as the Mayor mentioned, at least a thousand new internships to students at New York City schools, ranging from high school all the way to doctoral candidates. We'll be working with industry leaders, local colleges, universities to make sure that students are graduating with the right skills to fill the most in demand jobs in life sciences. And we'll also be providing assistance to the next generation of entrepreneurs, the innovators, the people who are starting their own ventures by expanding programs that we have that provide entrepreneurs in the city in life sciences with additional training and access to funding. And finally, working with Dr. Harold Varmus, Dr. Vicki Sato – really extraordinary people in their fields – we will be engaging an expert advisory council who are going to ensure in every stage of this 10-year commitment that we are making the right types of connections, we are making strategic investments and that we are doing all that we can to grow the sector in a way where it remains accessible and inclusive.

We are very much looking forward to continuing the partnership with all of you in this room. Thank you in advance for that collaboration and we are very excited for what is to come for life sciences in New York City.

[...]

Mayor: We're going to take questions on this topic and then we will be taking questions on other topics. But first, on today's announcement – questions – Laura?

Question: Can you lay out a little bit more about where the funding for this initiative is coming from – both the \$100 million for the campus itself and the \$300 million in tax incentives? Whether it's in the current budget year or a period of years –

Mayor: Got it. Let me start and then I'm going to pass to Maria. So, a couple things – this will be part of the budget proposal we'll put forward [inaudible] weeks and therefore for upcoming budgets. The other important fact is this plays out over a period of time for sure – development of space takes time, everything we're talking

about in this initiative will play out over years. So, we're going to give you broad figures. When you annualize them in any given year, it is a pretty modest on the city budget but it also leverages a much bigger set of investment from elsewhere. So, Maria will go through that with you.

President Torres-Stringer: Yes. So, as the Mayor mentioned, there's \$150 million of city capital. We're working with the City Council – that will be part of that process moving forward. In terms of the tax incentives – the value of those incentives, it's about \$300 million. As the Mayor said, that is over a 25 year time frame. And the City's Industrial Development Agency will be administering those incentives. They help defray a number of taxes, property tax, mortgage recording tax, sales tax. But, again, as the Mayor discussed, these are the types of investments that really pay dividends to the city. And so in addition to the 16,000 new jobs that will be created, the entire package will leverage more than \$6 billion in private investment whether that's BC Capital real estate investment, and then in any given year, the economic output of these investments. So, think about worker earnings, corporate earning – it's about \$2.5 billion every year. And so, these are the type of catalytic investments that really will keep the city strong and make sense fiscally.

Question: Just to follow up on that – when do you anticipate achieving the 16,000 goal? How is it going to scale up? And do you have – can you give you us a sense of how it will be growing over the years?

President Torres-Stringer: So, the 16,000 jobs over the course of the next ten years – we anticipate as the new space comes online over the next few years, that you'll start really seeing those job numbers come on the table. There are a wide variety of investments here. Some of them, that entail construction. The build out of new space will take some time but some of the more training oriented programs, entrepreneurial oriented programs, we'll really start implementing next year. And so, it is intended to be a long term effort but the idea is for the 16,000 jobs to really come online, probably, scaling over the course of those ten years.

The other thing I'll mention is that those are the new jobs that we anticipate through the investments that we're making. But really, it's the type of sector that I think has the capacity for even more. When you look at the investments that the city made in terms of tech, they were pretty modest in investments. The tech sector is now 300,000 people. So, we have the same vision for this sector in terms of long term growth.

Question: On the Life Science center – what's the timeline for that? And do you envision, similar to Cornell, partnering with an academic institution or will it be multiple floors with different businesses on each floor? What are we talking about?

President Torres-Springer: So, we'll be releasing the request for expressions of interests next year – by the spring of next year. And we'll be soliciting proposals from really all over the country and maybe even globally. We want the proposal that will accomplish a few key objectives. The first is to make sure that it is of a scale and has the type of program or the type of translational research that we think is so important to make sure that there is that connection from academia to industry is there. That it is a place where top notch education is happening. That is a place where commercialization, entrepreneurship, innovation is happening every day.

And so, we will be working together with the advisory council really looking through those proposals and finding the type of project that accomplishes the real spirit of this, which is to establish a center of gravity of scale for the types of translational research and commercialization that we need in this city. That is a process that by the time we make an announcement and it opens it will probably take about four to five years. But we expect to get proposals from either institutions or [inaudible] of institutions.

Mayor: Just to follow – I'll do the follow up question for you. That could involve one or more academic institutions as an anchor.

President Torres-Springer: That is correct.

Mayor: David?

Question: What is the current trouble in terms of determining whether this campus is located on the east side versus [inaudible] in Queens? When do you anticipate making that choice? And then as a follow up, in the State of the City you talked about having an innovation hub on Governor's Island. What happened to that plan?

Mayor: That plan is alive and well, but the good news about a very diverse economy is there are many, many directions to go in for Governor's Island. In this proposal, we're really thinking about the geographical connection to the existing sector. I mean, we have this extraordinary set of institutions all along the east side – all the way to East Harlem. And we – and again, we have the tremendous opportunity, literally, right across the river in Long Island City. So, we want to figure out how to mix and match those options together. There is this core campus, but as Maria said, we're going to investing in some of the existing entities in the City; the Genome Center is a great example of existing entities that need more capacity. And if this all goes well you're going to need constantly more space and in the closest proximity possible. I'm not going to crassly attack my brothers and sisters in Massachusetts the way some have, but I will say it's a bit the parallel that we have – this is my personal view, I'm not an expert in the field but it's a common sense view – the parallel we have with the technology sector in the valley; more and more people have come here have said it's a whole different quality of life and its a whole different approach to the profession to be here. If you're in the technology sector you want to connect with other companies; you want to connect with people in media, advertising, finance. You can walk to them; you can take a Citi Bike to them, you can take – you know – the subway for two stops to them. That is a whole another reality from driving all over a metropolitan area to connect with people. So, our goal here is to see maximum opportunity – this center will be an anchor – but maximum opportunity in this whole zone and have it be so easy for people to interconnect on the east side, and again, potentially into Long Island City – that it becomes an even more attractive option that we get into that pantheon even quicker because geography that had hindered us actually starts to help us. Again, these are the experts, I'm the layman. They'll tell me if I said that right.

Expert panel of judges?

Unknown: Absolutely.

Mayor: Okay, good.

[Laughter]

Mayor: Thank you, I like – we got instant validation. Go ahead.

Question: My question is more basic, what is the challenge of [inaudible] either in – it has to be in one place or the other, this campus, so what is the challenge of picking one or the other?

Mayor: Maria?

President Torres-Springer: Each of the geographic areas that the Mayor mentioned has its strengths and weaknesses. And when we release the request for expressions of interest, we'll make clear what the available public sites are and we'll also ask if respondents have private sites that they might already control. So, that is a model that we used in the applied sciences initiative a few years ago for tech and it is one that worked. We had many different proposals, some using our public sites and some using their own sites. And at the time, when we see the proposals we will judge each of the proposals by how well they utilize that site, the connections they are making to other areas of activity in this city; whether funding is sustainable, the type of economic impact they

are making. And so it becomes – it is something we are going to make available and offer, but we have to judge each of the proposals based on the totality of what each of the respondents will be proposing.

Mayor: Okay, Rich.

Question: Mr. Mayor, President-elect Trump has said he is not happy with where drug prices are now and would like to see them come down. And he has shown an impulse for attacking particular industries in regard to their prices. Is that a disincentive for this kind of thing if somehow prices of say drugs are suppressed – does that hurt research? Does that hurt [inaudible] efforts such as this?

Mayor: I'm not going to editorialize on what he is saying or where he may take it. I think as we have learned with the President-elect, let's wait and see what these various words turn into. But I think the important fact here is, of course, we want drug prices to come down. That's just a reality for people who are struggling with a cost of living in this city and all over the country, but I will argue more research and the creation of important new products is part of how you ultimately get them down. We want – you know – we want more and more options available to people and we want to get them out into people's hands. And – you know -- we want competition, right? So this is a bunch of companies that will have a chance to grow and compete and hopefully one of the classic rules of competition will take effect, which is you have to set a price that people can afford and your competitors will set a lower price if they can. So, I don't think what I'm hearing so far would have any impact on what we're talking about here. I would argue more research and the creation of important new products is part of how you ultimately get them down. We want more and more options available to people and we want to get them out into people's hands and you know, I think – and we want competition, right? So this is a bunch of companies that will have a chance to grow and compete and hopefully one of the classic rules of competition will take effect, which is, you have to set a price that people can afford and your competitors will take a lower price if they can. So I don't think what I am hearing so far would have any impact on what we are talking about here.

Mayor: Okay. Yes –

Question: The City's already home to a lot of the [inaudible] hospitals and labs and they are doing good research. Is there any plan to put some more money into them to help with their financial needs right now? I mean a lot of them are suffering from cuts from state and federal funding. Is there any plans in the city of who [inaudible] already doing the work?

Mayor: I'll state the obvious, while passing to Maria. This is the plan we are introducing today. We look at a lot of things but this is the plan we are focused on today. Do you want to speak to the –

President Torres-Springer: There's \$50 million in the plan that will go to existing institutions that are doing applied life sciences research. [Inaudible] research and so a lot of the teaching hospitals are part of those consortia and so it's the type of funding that will certainly be hopefully very beneficial to their activities. And so it is through this plan that is the program where we are really hoping to provide additional assistance to academic medical institutions, but it is still in the context of making sure that the work that they are doing is in the interest of expanding applied life sciences in the city.

Unknown: I don't think it is in the purview of the city to try to make amends for the deficiency of funding of life sciences nationally so the National Institutes of Health, that is the federal government's job. And we hope they'll step up to it. But the job here is to facilitate the transfer of information to the commercial sector, provide the improved tools for the city to nurture the growth of local industry and that's where the focus should be, not on trying to rectify the crying level of support for basic research throughout the country.

Mayor: Amen. Yes?

Question: Out of the 16,000 job number – is there a claw back on the incentives if that number is not met? And third how does one apply for the jobs or the internships?

Mayor: Big – Maria can do the basic fact points. I would say whenever we provide assistance it's with ground rules – with ground rules about the number of jobs that would be created; for the period of time they would be created; and yes, if we don't get what's been agreed to we maintain the opportunity to claw back the resources we put into it.

President Torres-Springer: That's right. Through each and every one of our deals through the Industrial Development Agency there are requirements about job growth, about the length of receiving them, the investment that actually needs to be made and anytime there is an instance of noncompliance we make sure that we enforce our rights and that could include recapture. If they are not meeting their end of the deal and we're going to do the same thing here. On your second question, in the spring of 2017, we will make available applications for the thousand new internship programs that will scale up over time. It is a thousand over the course of the next 10 years but that application will be available in the spring for summer and Fall internships.

Question: How'd you come up with the 16,000 number?

President Torres-Springer: The 16,000 number includes 9,000 direct new jobs in commercial life sciences and as well as a percent – 7,000 are the indirect jobs. And so – the full ecosystem of life sciences as we make these investments and as the industry grows.

Mayor: Yes.

Question: Mr. Mayor, the governor announced a \$650 million life sciences initiative yesterday. To what degree is this coordinated with that and he announced some developable sites – State-owned and one was 500,000 square-feet at Downstate Medical College in Brooklyn. Is there a reason Brooklyn's not in the mix?

Mayor: We think – I certainly am thrilled that the governor is putting this focus on life sciences and putting resources into. That's a good thing and we certainly will be coordinating with the state. But I think the State's goals are complimentary, but somewhat different. First of all as I understand the rules I understand the details but, I understand it looks regionally not just at New York City. And it is about developing the sector more broadly. This is a very specific plan to create 16,000 new jobs so that's one immediate difference. All of it's good. All of it helps but this is a very targeted plan for New York City to create 16,000 jobs here. It's complimentary, its two different tracks but they're absolutely complimentary. But the difference is – look I am thrilled if jobs get created in Brooklyn or anyplace in the five boroughs obviously but we are trying to join the pantheon. Now I have a phrase I can borrow. We are joining the pantheon. To join the pantheon we are going to have to really take full advantage of our natural strengths, which as a city we just haven't done well enough up to now. It's up to do it much more coherently. Again, that means keying in on the geography where we have something that I would argue no place else in the world has – that corridor along the east side of Manhattan that touches some of our most academic institutions, some of our most important hospitals and medical schools. We got to make more of that so the east side of Manhattan all the way up to east Harlem and the neighboring area which, if it were not for the water it would be just minutes away. It will be minutes away by ferry – Long Island City. We want to super concentrate our focus on that. Take full advantage of that opportunity. Make it an extraordinarily compelling exciting place for talent to be and companies to be. But if we succeed to the Boston Cambridge parallel we are going to constantly need more and more space. So if that includes space in Brooklyn, that's fantastic.

Question: I just want to clarify again the nature of the new jobs being created. The 9,000 jobs within the industry – so, those are the ones that you clarify as good paying and \$75,000 average. The remaining 7,000 indirect jobs I am assuming those are not of the same [inaudible]. Is that the idea?

President Torres-Springer: They are still part of the life sciences ecosystem and so to give you a sense of the types of jobs we are talking about here – from certainly the research scientists in different institutions to data analysts to medical coders to lab techs to the marketing admin and sales associated. So, that's how the jobs are parse but the average wage for the entire sector is about \$75,000. So they're all very good paying jobs and accessible to people of different educational backgrounds.

Mayor: Okay. Other questions on this topic – on this topic.

Yes –

Question: Deputy Mayor Glen has been a real force behind this initiative. She couldn't be here. Where is she today?

Mayor: She is on a personal trip and she'll be back tomorrow. It just wasn't possible to make the scheduling work.

Question: Where?

Mayor: She might be very close to the country but she'd still not back yet?

Okay. You're not a member of the media but you're our host – you can say something.

Dr. Tom Maniatis: It's a great plan. Thank you very much. The plans to attract new companies and offer incentives, things of that nature – will some of those benefits in order to, some of the first [inaudible] companies who've already populated New York and other areas and help them to be a part of what's happening in this initiative?

President Torres-Springer: We'll have to – we'll look at every proposal and consider the merits of them. It's a case by case basis but what is going to be available today on the website LifeSci.nyc is more information about how the tax incentive programs will work. So it's important for us that we get the type of program in terms of the space – the types of square footage that we believe will be meaningful here, the rents that are affordable to start-up companies. The – and so each case will be different, but our goal is to bring as many affordable square feet of commercial wet lab online.

Mayor: Okay, last call on this topic from media. Yes?

Question: Michelle [inaudible]. I wanted to ask – you're talking about bringing people in. I'm sure that when people forward proposals to you, they will all not be from New York City. Where are they going to live?

Mayor: Look, I think this is the classic question we're asking ourselves in terms of all economic growth in this city. We have to keep creating housing – most especially affordable housing. And we have to ensure that a lot of the housing we have already remains affordable. That's why we are doing a number of rental subsidies. That's why we're doing – we've done a rent freeze for two-million New Yorkers in rent stabilized housing. That's why we've reduced evictions through anti-eviction legal services. But you know we have a very aggressive building plan for affordable housing – 80,000 apartments. But we also have to foster more market-rate, but affordable market-rate housing for the city. That's part of the overall growth of the city. But I think we

know – again, there’s a chicken and egg reality. How are people going to be able to afford the higher cost of housing? One of the best ways to do that is better-paying jobs. That’s how we connect the dots.

Last call, yes?

Question: Can I ask the Commissioner about the complaints that there’s no life sciences hub in the city? Is it – isn’t where we’re sitting – wasn’t that intended to serve as a hub for life sciences? And isn’t it at least partially doing that?

President Torres-Springer: This – the facility that we’re in is certainly an extraordinary example of a catalytic investment – public and private. I think there are more than – there are close to 20 companies who are here – more than 1,300 workers. And so, the focus, however, of this facility are commercial companies. What we are trying to do with the hub is to have a place where you would have certainly companies, start-up and larger, but also translational research. And so it combines, not just the commercialization, the entrepreneurship part of the ecosystem, but certainly the research part of it as well. And to the extent that we can also include VC firms and other players of the ecosystem – that is the type of facility that we think will allow us to make sure that we are supercharging life sciences here in New York.

Mayor: Okay, we’re going to turn to other topics in a moment. But anyone who needs to cut out, this is good time to do it, from our panel.

Unknown: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor: Important public service to be done. This next section – you’re very welcome. Thank you, [inaudible]. Next section will involve fewer insults against other cities. I will be much more polite. Well done, Gale.

[...]

Mayor: All though it is good people milling around sound – it’s like soundtrack from a movie. Let’s secure that door back there – you can do it. There they go. Good things are happening. Okay. Andrew?

Question: Mayor, on the ACS vacancy – what are you looking for in your next commissioner? And is it your understanding that either the Zymere Perkins or the Jaden Jordan death was the factor that ended the term of Gladys Carrión?

Mayor: No. I think it’s important to understand the human reality of doing this work. Gladys Carrión put 40 years of her life into protecting children and the last three years serving in one of unquestionably the toughest posts in government – protecting the lives of children every day. There were many, many examples of success, which – I say this with absolute respect for you and everyone else – you guys will never report on the successes. You just won’t. There were many, many times that lives were saved. You will end up focusing on the tragic few times when we lost a life. I’ve said very clearly – our mission is to save every single life, and we’re going to do everything we know how to do that. But I think for Gladys – just a life of this very grueling, tough work really – it became a point where she just felt exhausted, and she felt she had done all she could do, and that she needed to retire. And I think people get to that point when they do very tough jobs.

In terms of the successor, we’re going to look for someone who can deepen the reforms. I’ve mentioned to you guys that there were reforms necessary after each of the tragedies that taught us things – after Elisa Izquierdo in 1996; Nixzmary Brown in 2006; Marchella Pierce, I think was 2010 – when we first came in – Myls Dobson – when we first came in. I wish these tragedies never happened. But when they do happen, we have to learn and we have to make changes. Gladys Carrión was implementing a host of changes, especially in the training of ACS workers and the improvement of preventative services to try and help things from spiraling out of control

in families. She was trying to make up for what had been a real disinvestment in previous years in ACS. We're going to deepen all of those reforms. We're going to look for a very aggressive leader who can help us continue that work.

But it's also very tough work. I want to note – the people who do this work – it's not easy. It is not for the faint of heart. Imagine if you're a child protective worker – you are willing to go into often dangerous situations to try and protect children, knowing you don't control all of the factors, knowing you may not have all the information that you need. And it's grueling, tough work. And we have to do our best to keep attracting people to the field, despite the many challenges that go with it.

Another thing we're going to do in this transition – we're going to name an independent monitor for ACS. And we're going to work with the State Office of Children and Families to do that. The transition period offers us an opportunity to look and see if there are other areas we need to improve upon. We want to look under every stone. So we think that that would be a helpful addition to all we're doing. And again, we'll work with the State determining how to do that best.

Yeah?

Question: Mr. Mayor, on the independent monitor – what work do you envision them doing? Is this someone who would be tapped to investigate a Perkins-like death?

Mayor: No, again, I want to emphasize – whenever you put in a monitor, it is to work on structural issues, not individual investigations. And I want to caution. Again, I understand why you guys think from news moment to news moment, we have to think systematically. We have to think about what's going to make this agency stronger, given the many, many challenges it faces. You've seen the tens of thousands of cases they deal with each year. And again, the thousands of successful cases you'll never hear about, but we still have to figure out – what can we do that will make the agency stronger? And I think independent eyes on the situation will help us do it, so the mission is to look at the structural issues, not individual cases.

Question: [Inaudible] Does that mean you will need State approval for [inaudible]?

Mayor: No, we will choose someone. We'll choose someone who we think is independent and exceptional, and has the kind of background that really would bring a good set of eyes to the situation. But we'll certainly talk through with OCFS who might be a good choice. And we want to work closely with them. There's a very good and strong working relationship with OCFS, and we want to – obviously, we're going to continue that.

Question: I saw your interview on NY-1 last night. And I still have questions on the Daily News story. I know you said there was no pay to play involved. Why did you personally call lobbyists and why did Ross call lobbyists with business before the city? What was the thinking behind –

Mayor: Again, we followed – I'm just going to repeat it very simply, and then there's just not much more to say. We followed the guidance from the Conflicts of Interest Board, which is what anyone should do in such a situation. We were putting together resources related to winning the pre-K effort and the affordable housing effort. There was no wrongdoing of any kind – any decision about anyone is based on the merits. That's just all there is to it. I think there was an attempt to connect dots that just don't add up.

Question: When [inaudible] to lobbyists, you don't get credit for those donations.

Mayor: I don't know the specifics, but I can tell you something that what people –

Question: [Inaudible]

Mayor: Yeah, there's not. It's just – you can do a lot of sounds like, and try and do circumstantial connections – it just doesn't add up. Something like that is a common phrase in fundraising of who actually raised money and who didn't. But it means nothing in terms of the core reality, so I will simply say – people have asked a lot of questions for months, even years, you're going to keep finding the same answer. People did their jobs properly, made decisions based on the merit. And what we were trying to do in those efforts was about things that would help everyday New Yorkers. You know there's lots of other situations out there in the world, where people tried to line their pockets, you know work for their personal advantage. This was about trying to pass policies that would help everyday New Yorkers.

Question: Why do you think so many of the donations were from people that had something that they needed from the City?

Mayor: Again, there are people who donate to civic causes, to political campaigns, just as a group of people who donate, and you turn to those people. That has nothing to do with how you make decisions about their interests.

Question: Mr. Mayor, on the Campaign for One New York, I was hoping the Speaker would stay for this question – the City Council is going to pass a bill that limits such organizations and it seems like you intend to sign it. It's going to limit the amount of money that entities with City business could donate to such organizations. So in supporting that, aren't you both acknowledging that the way that the Campaign for One New York did business was a problem?

Mayor: No. The bill – we worked on the bill. We had concerns that some issues in the bill had to be carefully drawn so as not to exclude a lot of other types of activity – for example, the effort that was put together to try and get the Democratic Convention or any other major economic development opportunity for the city. But no, again – I think we just have a difference. I want to name it, respectfully. We followed the law. That's what governs here – the law. We not only followed the law, we went to the Conflicts of Interest Board to ask for guidance about the proper interpretation of the law, and we disclosed all our donors, which you all know there are many, many organizations that do not disclose their donors, including some related to elected officials. You have to also put yourself in the context of time. I came into office and within months, we were subject to a very substantial negative advertising campaign, by what we all to believe a group of hedge fund managers. This was on education issues – who did not disclose who they were. But they spent about \$5 million in a concentrated period of time. We knew that group opposed the pre-K plan, and the tax on the wealthy in the pre-K plan. We expected that reality to be a constant, so it was very normal to try and have some ability to get a message out and to counter. But I'm very comfortable that you know, again, it's in the vain of distraction. I know we did everything right. And it's – it can be looked at all day long. And you're going to find we did everything right. But it's not worth the distraction. We're perfectly comfortable; I'm perfectly comfortable signing the bill.

Question: I'm not saying that you did anything illegal. I'm not saying you violated the Conflicts of Interest Board guidance. What I'm saying is if you're now saying these groups should have limits on the fundraising they can do with entities with City business, aren't you acknowledging that it was problem to do [inaudible]?

Mayor: I'm only acknowledging that it became a big distraction even though everything was done properly, and even though we achieved the goals we set out to achieve, which were the pre-K plan and the affordable housing plans, specifically the Mandatory Inclusionary Housing legislation. I – I have eyes to see. If something becomes too much of a distraction, you move on and you do other things. Yeah?

Question: You've said a lot recently that you believe that you did everything right. We're now entering – it's been months and months of these investigations. Two-part question – do you have any sense of when these

investigations will end, or if they're dormant? And have you or any of your employees in the City government that you're aware of been asked to testify before a grand jury?

Mayor: I don't know when it will end. I think the people are waiting for answers, certainly. But I don't know when it will end. I have not been asked to testify before a grand jury. I can't speak to other people. Way in the back – yes?

Hello?

Question: Back to ACS, the independent monitor – how will that differ from the monitor that was proposed in the settlement with the State that ACS objected to?

Mayor: Again, at this point, we have a transitional moment. We think we can make something like this work – both in terms of us continuing our reforms, but still doing our work. You know that's always the question with any kind of monitor situation. Will it help you get better at the work? Or will it hinder important work and important reforms? We think we can strike the balance. We'll name someone. But again, we will certainly be closely communicating with the State at the same time.

Question: On that same topic, but more generally. So starting with Deputy Mayor Lilliam Barrios-Paoli, then moving to Gilbert Taylor at Homeless Services, and now at ACS – a lot of your sort of top City leaders who are in charge of some of these issues that you've said are most important to you – in terms of homeless, child welfare – have departed. It's probably the area of your administration that's seen the most churn. And I wonder if have a thought about why that is – is it your own frustration with these areas? Or is it something else?

Mayor: I think each person had a different situation, and this is very hard work. I mean I was the chairman of the committee that covered a lot of that subject matter for eight years, it's really tough work. Turnover in this area is pretty common. The – when I was chairman of the committee for eight years, I worked with several different ACS commissioners, for example. I think it's very, very tough work. And I think government can do a lot to address these issues, but they're inherently human issues. They have to do with human frailty. They have to do with poverty. There's many, many underlying realities. And so the folks who do this work understand they're fighting a very long battle. And I think there comes a point for each person where it makes sense to do something else. I think that's pretty well-documented. In the case of Gladys, I just want to put in perspective – a 40-year battle. I mean she stayed at this in so many different forms, including being the State commissioner and the City commissioner, and having to deal with really tough situations all the time, and you know – feeling it very personally. But, her record of accomplishment, I think will be seen as very, very impressive, especially the combination of reforms she achieved at the State level, close to home, and then what she's achieved in trying to reinvigorate ACS, after again, years of disinvestment.

Question: [Inaudible] leadership in those areas of your administration?

Mayor: Again, I think the fact is it's really tough subject matter. I push people very hard. I think by and large, all the people that you mentioned achieved a lot. We all want to go farther. I think that's the frustration. We all want to go farther, but it's not for lack of trying, it's not for lack of investment, it's not for lack of innovation. Everyone you mentioned is responsible for a host of reforms that worked.

Okay, back there?

Question: On the construction worker who died at Domino on Friday. So that's one of the sites in the City's affordable housing plan. Does the City have, or does the administration have a special responsibility for safety on those affordable housing City-backed sites? Should there be higher standards?

Mayor: I think there are high standards. We – we’re waiting for all the facts about this case. But as you’ve seen in some other cases, where full investigations have been done, sometimes it is just plain human and individual error, and that we as government can only account for so much of that. In terms of the standards, we hold very high standards for construction safety. We’ve added more inspectors. We’ve added stricter rules about who has to be present at a work site, in terms of the private sector supervisors. We’re going to keep doing that. But again, I want to caution between the things that we find that are structurally solvable versus the things that are individual.

Question: Those are general, in terms of specifically the City-backed sites – the sites that are part of the City’s

Mayor: We don’t – we don’t treat other sites as less important. That’s what I’m trying to say. Every – we take construction safety very seriously. We’re putting more and more resources into it. Part of why you’ve seen a number of instance is just the sheer extent of construction in this city, which is now essentially gotten to the pre-Recession level. The city is booming with construction. We are putting more and more resources into inspections, into increasing the number of supervisors who are keeping eyes on each site. That’s just as true for a private site as one that we’re involved in.

Yeah?

Question: So you said that Gladys Carrión is stepping down because the job has taken a toll on her. In the wake of the Zymere Perkins tragedy, when the Public Advocate, James, said that her performance has been poor, you characterized that assessment as dead wrong. Do you still think that’s the case?

Mayor: That’s absolutely wrong – absolutely wrong. And with all due respect to the Public Advocate, I’ve spent a lot of time on these issues over the years – Gladys Carrión has been part of the solution for a long, long time, and that should be respected. But I also think, again the work is grueling. It does take a toll. I guarantee you if any of you tried doing it for 40 years, or even for the three years she has been commissioner, your life would be turned upside down. It is incredibly difficult work. And I think she served with distinction, but her time came, where she just felt it was time to move on.

Brigid?

Question: Mr. Mayor, last week, the Attorney General put out a report about the problems that occurred during the April presidential primary, and that report included a list of legislative recommendations that in some cases overlapped with some of the recommendations you had – early voting, same-day voting. I’m just wondering if you’ve seen the report, if you talked to the Attorney General, and given your plans to push for some of those reforms, do you intend to work with him on his legislative [inaudible]?

Mayor: Absolutely intend to work with him. I think he is right on the money. I know you and your station have looked really carefully at the problem. It is incredibly frustrating. We have to have these legislative reforms, especially the big ones like early voting. But I also, again, believe if we empower the executive director of the Board of Elections to be able to run the place more professionally, that that’s going to have a big impact. But we need State legislation to do it. I mean this agency is based on laws from another time. We just have got to get into the 21st century here. So I’m certainly going to work with the Attorney General and do anything I can. And I think there’s going to be a real public pressure on Albany to get this one done this time. Andrew – last call.

Question: Mayor, do you plan on attending the opening of the Second Avenue subway? Have you heard directly from either the Governor or the MTA when that will be? Is it 18 days from now? And have you been invited to the opening?

Mayor: I'm sorry, Andrew. That's on a need-to-know basis. That's like the biggest secret in New York City. I don't know the exact day. I hope it will be on schedule. As I said last night, I think we've all waited a long time, and we should be ready for that date to change. But if it is the date, I'd love to be there. I think it's a great moment for New York City and a hard-won victory. But I cannot confirm the date at all.

Thanks everyone.

Question: [Inaudible] This is a very short conference for your only appearance in front of the press corps this week.

Mayor: Thank you for your editorial comment.

Question: Can we ask a few more questions?

Mayor: Thank you, Ben.

Question: Once a week really isn't a lot of time for us to ask you questions.

Mayor: You get plenty of chances through our Press Office. Have a nice day.

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*****Event added*****

On Tuesday, Mayor de Blasio will meet with Secretary-General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon. This event is closed press.

Following the meeting, the Mayor will hold a photo spray with Secretary-General of the U.N. Ban Ki-moon. This event is open to members of the media who have RSVP'd. For more information and to RSVP, members of the media must contact Jessica Ramos at JRamos@cityhall.nyc.gov.

In the evening, the Mayor will attend the NYCHSRO/MedReview holiday party. This event is closed press.

Later, the Mayor will attend the Bronx Democratic Party's annual holiday party. This event is open press. There will be no Q-and-A.

Press Schedule

4:20 PM – Holds Photo Spray with Secretary-General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon

Blue Room
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Footage will be provided by NYC Media and will be available shortly following the event on Encompass Port CTY- 4205. Official photos will be available at [flickr.com/nycmayorsoffice](https://www.flickr.com/photos/nycmayorsoffice/) shortly following the event.

7:15 PM – Attends Bronx Democratic Party's Annual Holiday Party

1450 Commerce Avenue

Bronx, NY 10461

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FIRST LADY MCCRAY, CITIES THRIVE COALITION APPLAUD PRESIDENT OBAMA FOR SIGNING MOST COMPREHENSIVE MENTAL HEALTH REFORM LEGISLATION IN DECADES

NEW YORK—Today President Barack Obama has signed into law H.R. 34, The 21st Century Cures Act, the most comprehensive piece of mental health legislation in decades. The Cures Act, which includes comprehensive mental health reform legislation (H.R.2646 Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act), invests in community-based mental health care, provides \$1 billion to combat the growing opioid epidemic and establishes two new leadership positions to elevate the issue of mental health and substance misuse within the federal government. First Lady Chirlane McCray and the Cities Thrive Coalition, the first national coalition of cities to advocate for mental health reform, urged Congress to pass and President Obama to sign this bill. Cities Thrive includes a bi-partisan group of mayors from more than 70 cities, including New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Oklahoma City and more. Members have signed a pledge to advocate in support of a stronger, more integrated, and better funded behavioral health system, both locally and nationally.

Led by the First Lady of New York City, Chirlane McCray, the Cities Thrive Coalition [sent](#) a letter to Congress advocating for the need to pass this legislation during the lame duck session, as well as provide full funding for mental health programs and to set aside \$920 million dollars to combat the nation's opioid crisis. Coalition members all worked directly with their state Senators to express support for the bill. As a result of the coalition's advocacy efforts and the action of Congress, now millions of Americans will be able to get much-needed care.

"This is an important day for families across our nation. The 21st Century Cures Act will provide tangible resources to the thousands of Americans with untreated – but treatable – mental health and substance misuse disorders. One in five Americans suffers from mental health issues in a given year. That means every family, in red states and blue states, has been touched by mental illness or substance misuse. That is why representatives from both sides of the aisle are working together, with urgency, to address this public health crisis. Today,

President Obama acted to give cities more tools to address mental health for the dignity and betterment of our communities, especially those that are currently underserved. I thank the President and the more than 70 members of our national mental health coalition, Cities Thrive, for supporting the progress that our families so desperately need,” said **First Lady Chirlane McCray, who spearheads the City’s mental health and substance misuse efforts and leads the Cities Thrive coalition.**

One in five Americans suffers from a mental health problem or substance misuse disorder. This bill takes an important step in the right direction, but too many families still can’t access the support they need. The coalition looks forward to working with the new administration and the 115th Congress on continuing to improve the nation’s behavioral system.

“Like many municipalities in the nation, the City of Albuquerque has been focusing our efforts on assisting people in mental health crisis by reallocating resources and changing policy on a local level. The signing of the 21st Century Cures Act is an important step on a federal level to respond to this widespread crisis to provide resources to fill large gaps in the continuum of care for this vulnerable population” said **Mayor Richard J. Berry of Albuquerque, New Mexico.**

“The City of Alexandria celebrates passage of the 21st Century Cures Act as a critical step forward in expanding awareness of and access to care for individuals with mental illness and substance use disorders. This legislation supports our community’s values as we are a city of kindness and compassion. We are a city that ensures its residents have equal and ready access to opportunities that promote mental and physical well-being. Alexandria is proud to participate in the Cities Thrive Coalition and salutes the visionary work of New York City First Lady Chirlane McCray and others in advancing this important initiative,” said **Mayor Allison Silberberg of Alexandria, Virginia.**

“On behalf of the City of Benton Harbor I am pleased to have worked with the capable leadership of Mayor Bill de Blasio and the coalition of leaders to improve the lives of people regardless to creed, class or color,” said **Mayor Marcus Muhammad of Benton Harbor, Michigan.**

“Mental health reform is a critical need in our community. There are millions of people that do not have access to mental health care and many more who need to be educated on the seriousness of the issue. Our country has seen several acts of violence and suicide over the years and H.R. 34. will not only help to address causes of these incidents, but also develop programs to help prevent them,” said **Mayor William Bell of Birmingham, Alabama.**

“The passage of the 21st Century Cures Act is significant, not only because it helps address our national addiction and mental health crisis, but also because it is proof that US cities can make large-scale change through meaningful collaborations like the Cities Thrive Coalition. These issues are near and dear to all Americans, as each of us has been affected in one way or another. I hope this bill serves as a watershed for future bi-partisan collaboration at all levels of government. Boston continues to be steadfast in its commitment to comprehensively addressing addiction and mental health,” said **Mayor Martin "Marty" Walsh of Boston, Massachusetts.**

"The bipartisan passage of H.R. 34, the 21st Century Cures Act, is huge for our country and our families. A great nation like ours deserves to have the funding to do everything in its power to prevent disease and addiction, improve mental health resources and further advance drug development," said **Mayor Steve Benjamin of Columbia, South Carolina.**

“The passage of The 21st Century Cures Act is a step in the right direction for mental health reform in America. We have a mental health crisis in our nation, and we must ensure that the millions of our citizens who struggle with mental illness and substance addiction have equal access to the care they need. I applaud President Obama,

the Congress, New York City First Lady Chirlane McCray and my peers in the Cities Thrive Coalition for their work and support of this landmark bill,” said **Mayor Mike Rawlings of Dallas, Texas.**

“With this additional investment, communities like Dayton will have the resources to be more aggressive in combating the opioid epidemic ripping apart the community. Extending federal mental health programs will assist the most vulnerable of our residents and in turn their families. This investment will help our community thrive,” said **Mayor Nan Whaley of Dayton, Ohio.**

“Our cities are on the front lines when combating substance abuse and unmanaged or under-managed mental health issues. The 21st Century Cures Act will better help us to tackle these issues head-on to benefit those suffering under these preventable circumstances. Congress passing and President Obama signing this critical piece of legislation will provide the needed tools and investments to improve the well-being of our community,” said **Mayor Michael B. Hancock of Denver, Colorado.**

“The signing of H.R. 34 signifies a major step forward in the struggle to support those individuals living in quiet despair as they try to cope with mental illness,” said **Mayor Scott Fadness of Fishers, Indiana.**

“With this overwhelming affirmative vote and passage of H. R. 34, we may now move the nation forward to address long overdue attention to assisting citizens who need critical medical care. This is quite possibly the most significant human initiative we have prioritized in modern times. As Mayor of Fort Myers, Florida, I am encouraged,” said **Mayor Randall P. Henderson, Jr. of Fort Myers, Florida.**

“Congress passing mental health reform legislation is a big step forward for the millions of Americans who suffer from mental illness. I am encouraged by the passage of this legislation and I hope that Congress continues to take bi-partisan action to reform this country’s behavioral health system” said **Mayor Shawn Hogan of Hornell, New York.**

“I applaud Congress and President Obama for taking a large and significant step toward creating a stronger mental health system. The cost of untreated mental illness in our cities is tremendous, especially in our most impoverished and underserved communities. But for decades we have failed to provide the resources needed to deliver timely and effective mental health care. The 21st Century Cures Act creates a foundation on which we can build a mental health system that gives people with mental illness a chance to not just survive, but thrive,” said **Mayor Mark Holland of Kansas City, Kansas.**

“We are enthused to hear of the passage of the 21st Century Cures Act as this will help families and communities, especially along the US-Mexico border, to address substance addiction and mental health, as well as cancer and biomedical research that address our health disparities and brain diseases like Alzheimer’s. We applaud the legislation,” said **Mayor Pete Saenz of Laredo, Texas.**

“Las Vegas is a world class city committed to the health and wellness of all its citizens. Ensuring that quality mental health and addiction treatment services are available requires the investment of resources at the local and federal level. We are excited to see this important step toward wellness and look forward to the positive impact on our communities,” said **Mayor Carolyn Goodman of Las Vegas, Nevada.**

“Communities cannot solve the challenges of homelessness, drug addiction and violence without improving how we treat people dealing with mental health issues. The 21st Century Cures Act makes critically needed investments in mental health supports and creates structures to ensure that this issue continues to receive the attention and resources it deserves,” said **Mayor Robert Garcia, of Long Beach, California.**

“We should do all that we can to help people who struggle with mental illness, and this legislation will move us in the right direction. It’s the right thing to do,” said **Mayor Jim Strickland of Memphis, Tennessee.**

"This bipartisan legislation represents a turning point in the national dialogue on mental health. Every community in our nation, regardless of demographics, wealth or education, must confront the challenges associated with this epidemic. I applaud Congress and the Administration for recognizing that fact and coming together to enact legislation that will make a meaningful difference in the lives of many Americans," said **Mayor John Giles of Mesa, Arizona.**

"For too long, families in Minneapolis and throughout the country have had to navigate a mental health delivery system that is badly broken. President Obama's signing of the 21st Century Cures Act represents an important and bold step in addressing these challenges and prioritizes providing necessary services locally for those experiencing mental illness and addiction. As a result, more and more of our residents will be given the opportunity to thrive with the support and care they urgently need," said **Mayor Betsy Hodges of Minneapolis, Minnesota.**

"The passage of this important, bi-partisan legislation sends the message that we must be a compassionate nation that seeks to comfort and support those who are afflicted with treatable diseases such as mental illness and substance misuse," said **Mayor Megan Barry of Nashville, Tennessee.**

"The 21st Century Cures legislation is a sign of progress in prioritizing Americans' health, a move towards equipping mayors and other local leaders with the resources they need to empower the individuals and families in our communities to thrive. It has the potential to make a real difference in the lives of people who are suffering and is also an acknowledgement that we need to do more. Mental health's inclusion in this legislation alongside other serious illnesses is a sign that we take mental health as seriously as physical health," said **Mayor Setti Warren of Newton, Massachusetts.**

"The 21st Century Cures Act is a significant investment in our nation's health. It offers hope to our friends, family and neighbors seeking treatment for mental illness and addiction. It is also a grand example of what we can do, working together in a bipartisan manner, to enhance the quality of life of the people we serve. I was happy to join New York City First Lady Chirlane McCray and dozens of mayors in the Cities Thrive coalition in support of this legislation," said **Mayor Mick Cornett of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.**

"Healthy cities are made up of citizens with access to high quality health care, and good mental health care is an important part of quality health care. The passage of the 21st Century Cures Act is a major boost for creating healthy cities," said **Mayor Buddy Dyer of Orlando, Florida.**

"This represents the first significant reform of our mental health delivery system in decades. A better mental health system that's more focused on early intervention and continuity of care could save people who desperately need help a lot of suffering. My hope is it will also provide families with the tools they need to protect loved ones who are suffering from mental illness and who may be refusing to follow their doctor's orders," said **Mayor Jim Kenney of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.**

"Cities are on the front lines confronting the devastating impacts to our families and communities when mental illness and drug misuse goes untreated. This bipartisan legislation provides much needed research and resources that to help cities like Phoenix as we work to save those in crisis and recognize those who need support before they are in crisis," said **Mayor Greg Stanton of Phoenix, Arizona.**

"The mental health crisis is a very real and present danger to the well-being of our communities. In addition to this historic legislation signed by the President, we must continue to seek opportunities within our constituencies to enact meaningful change to address the problem. Our society cannot flourish while there are those among us who struggle mentally to survive and do not have the tools to help them cope. I am committed to finding solutions locally and nationally; working with Cities Thrive, and any organization that is doing

something tangible to provide relief for those who suffer daily from this illness,” said **Mayor Adrian O. Mapp of Plainfield, New Jersey.**

"Today Congress took a crucial first step in creating real mental health parity for our most vulnerable. The 21st Century Cures Act brings the issue of mental health out into the open, an issue that affects all of us, and it will help increase access for patients and families to get the care they need," said **Mayor-elect Darrell Steinberg of Sacramento, California.**

"On behalf of Salisbury, Maryland and small cities nationwide who are battling the outsized opioid epidemic, I applaud the President and Congress in passing this critical piece of bipartisan legislation. The 21st Century Cures Act goes further in tackling our nation's most complex diseases: Alzheimer's, Cancer, & Behavioral Health Disorders. Only by acknowledging that mental health and substance abuse treatment deserve the same focus on solutions that other illnesses receive, will we ever reduce their impact on our communities," said **Mayor Jake Day of Salisbury, Maryland.**

"Mental illness and substance misuse are among the most persistent health challenges facing our cities. President Obama's signing of the 21st Century Cures Act is a valuable and concrete step forward in providing local health systems with resources and support to address the behavioral health needs in our communities," said **Mayor Ed Lee of San Francisco, California.**

"I applaud the passage of the 21st Century Cures Act, which confronts an opioid epidemic and the often invisible pain of mental illness. In addition to this legislation's benefits for many across the country, its passage demonstrates bipartisanship can win over cynicism, and we can come together to confront our collective challenges," said **Mayor Sam Liccardo of San Jose, California.**

"Our work in Santa Fe to care for one another, make our neighborhoods safe and make our communities more inclusive just got a major boost. This coalition proved that we can still get big things done as a nation as long as we remain willing to work together," said **Mayor Javier Gonzales of Santa Fe, New Mexico.**

"The passage of the 21st Century Cures Act, which includes authorization for \$1.8 billion over the next decade for cancer research and significant funding to overhaul mental health and substance abuse treatment programs, will provide hope for many who are struggling in our country. In addition to putting significant funding behind finding a cure for cancer, this bill is one of the largest investments we've ever made in helping people who struggle with mental health or substance abuse disorders. We have an opioid epidemic in our country and it has touched Seattle much like other cities. To address issues like homelessness, we must work on some of the key causes, including addiction and mental health. It is past time that our nation reinvests in helping some of our most vulnerable and this bill is a step in that direction," said **Mayor Edward Murray of Seattle, Washington.**

"Mental healthcare and addiction services are critical and underfunded needs in South Bend and in communities across the United States, particularly those most affected by the epidemic of opioid drug use. The 21st Century Cares Act makes vital investments in community health and resilience, strengthening federal, state and local partnerships that empower our residents to thrive," said **Mayor Pete Buttigieg of South Bend, Indiana.**

"Not having the proper resources and treatment programs to deal with mental health illness and substance abuse addiction leaves the issue at the 'doorsteps' of mayors, police departments, courts and jail systems. I commend all those involved with this legislation – it's a step in the right direction," said **Mayor Domenic J. Sarno of Springfield, Massachusetts.**

"The passage of H.R.34 is a tremendous win for the health and wellbeing of countless Americans around the country. It represents significant progress on several key healthcare fronts, including supporting mental health and substance abuse. I applaud the hard work of the Cities Thrive coalition, which I am proud to support

alongside city leaders and colleagues from all over the United States," said **Mayor Andrew Gillum of Tallahassee, Florida.**

"Mental health is a huge problem that affects most families one way or another. We need to remove the stigma by having an open discussion on how we can better invest in helping people cope and recover. H.R. 34 is a much-needed step forward," said **Mayor Laurel Prussing of Urbana, Illinois.**

"This legislation recognizes that greater federal investment and focused leadership are required to meet the mental healthcare needs of our communities. It supports my administration's work to develop pathways to the middle class as untreated mental illnesses are often barriers to taking advantage of opportunities for a good job or other quality of life improvements," said **Mayor Muriel Bowser of Washington, D.C.**

"The passage of the 21st Century Cures Act is excellent news. Investments in healthcare, drug addiction, and community-based mental health services are vitally important and I applaud the bipartisan effort that led to the passage of H.R. 34 — this legislation will, quite literally, save lives and improve the health and well-being of people in communities across the United States," said **Mayor Lauren Meister of West Hollywood, California.**

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Jason Park, PhD, Principal of Flagship Ventures, said, "We are excited to see New York's increased commitment to the life sciences and the recognition of the great science performed here every day and the tremendous value it can create."

James E. Flynn , Managing Partner of Deerfield Management, said, "New York City has all of the ingredients to be a world-leading center for biopharmaceutical innovation: cutting edge science and medical institutions, a vast and diverse labor pool, and leading healthcare venture funds. What it has lacked is a coordinated effort to bring these strengths together with the necessary space and incentives to create a thriving and self-sustaining industry. Mayor de Blasio's plan for the first time comprehensively and systematically addresses the historic barriers and makes possible an era of leadership in life sciences for New York City. Deerfield is proud to play a role in sponsoring Breakthrough students and contributing to efforts to shape learning programs for New Yorkers interested in the life sciences and in entrepreneurship. We are additionally thrilled to have contributed to the founding of Bridge Medicines, which will harvest New York intellectual property and build out of it the future of the biotechnology industry."

Susan Crinnion, Executive Director of Life Sciences at J.P. Morgan Commercial Banking, said, "We are thrilled about this new investment; it will go a long way in increasing the number of life sciences companies that call New York home. This sector is rapidly expanding and J.P. Morgan has the industry experience and expertise to help these clients grow their businesses."

Carlo Rizzuto, Partner of Versant Ventures, Inc., said, "As a global venture capital firm with a NYC office and three NYC-based biotech companies, we are pleased that the City shares our enthusiasm for the sector and is committed to ensuring its long term success for the benefit of patients here and worldwide."

Carl Goldfischer, MD, Managing Director of Bay City Capital and Executive Chair of Bridge Medicines, said, “As a native New Yorker, and as a person whose medical and investment training occurred in New York, I am excited to welcome the Mayor's efforts as we advance the development of the ecosystem for biotechnology research and development in New York City.”

Greg Plowman, M.D., Ph.D., Senior Vice President of Lilly New York Research and Vice President of Oncology Research at Eli Lilly and Company, said, “We are excited to see the tremendous support for life sciences in New York from NYCEDC and Mayor Bill de Blasio. New York City has an amazing substrate of great academic and clinical science with a dense and diverse study patient population and talent pool. “This is why Lilly chose to be an anchor tenant at the Alexandria Center for Life Science seven years ago, participates in two New York-focused venture funds, and is a collaborator with ELabNYC and other New York life sciences initiatives. Lilly’s presence in New York City has contributed greatly to several of our recent successes and highlights the potential of the City’s life sciences community.”

Judith Dunn, PhD, Vice President, Global Head of Clinical Development at Roche Pharma Research and Early Development, said, “Roche established an Innovation Center in New York because we see this as one of the world’s most promising locations for revolutionary science and technology. We are hopeful that by addressing the most relevant challenges of facilities, funding and education, the Mayor's LifeSci NYC initiative will stimulate additional growth and investment in bioscience & healthcare innovation here and will enable the next generation of significant healthcare solutions to be delivered from NYC.”

Mikael Dolsten, M.D., Ph.D., President of Worldwide Research and Development at Pfizer Inc., said, “As one of the world’s premier biopharmaceutical companies, Pfizer is focused on delivering breakthrough medicines and vaccines to patients that significantly improve their lives. To achieve this requires a dynamic R&D ecosystem with the right partners that will help to accelerate and enhance our efforts. As a company founded and headquartered in New York, we are pleased with Mayor de Blasio’s efforts to grow the Life Sciences sector in New York City.”

Ron Cohen, M.D., President and CEO of Acorda Therapeutics, said, “New York City has the resources and talent needed to become a major life sciences center. We applaud the efforts of the Mayor’s Office to support the growth of this vital industry in New York.”

Jane Wasman, President of International and General Counsel of Acorda Therapeutics, said, “The biotech industry makes invaluable contributions to society by developing medications that cure disease and improve the quality of life for millions of people around the world. A vibrant biotech presence in New York City also benefits our local economy, including job creation and the expansion of our world-renowned academic centers.”

Mark R. Baker, CEO of Progenics Pharmaceuticals, said, “NYC offers biopharmaceutical companies like ours many unique resources. Progenics recently located to lower Manhattan to take advantage of the access to top hospitals, centers of research, and medical, scientific and technology talent that NYC provides. For us it is an exciting time to be part of the emerging group of companies creating a new geographic hub for the life sciences sector. We applaud the Mayor and City for this unprecedented commitment to and investment in the life sciences sector.”

Kathryn Wylde, President and CEO of Partnership for New York City, said, “The Partnership congratulates Mayor de Blasio, Deputy Mayor Glen and EDC President Torres-Springer on this important program for supporting the growth of a larger, more vibrant commercial life sciences hub in New York City. We look forward to mobilizing private sector investment to match what the City and State are doing to ensure that the medical research conducted by New York’s great academic medical institutions is translated into local jobs and economic activity.”

Maria Gotsch, President and CEO, Partnership Fund for New York City, said, “Our Partnership Fund has focused on life sciences for more than a decade and is well familiar with the challenges that biomedical spin outs face in starting and building their operations in the city. The plan put forward by Mayor de Blasio, Deputy Mayor Glen and EDC President Torres-Springer explicitly addresses these challenges and will serve as an important catalyst to drive the growth of commercial life sciences in New York City.”

Melissa L. Stevens, Executive Director, Center for Strategic Philanthropy, Milken Institute, said, “The Milken Institute’s Center for Strategic Philanthropy commends the de Blasio Administration and the New York City Economic Development Corporation for their thoughtful integration of philanthropic capital into the “LifeSci NYC” vision to create a world-class life sciences hub. Philanthropic investment can play an outsized role in the medical research ecosystem by building human capital, engaging patients, and “de-risking” the R&D process, especially in its earliest stages; and the result is often a faster path from scientific breakthrough to therapy. We look forward to working with other philanthropic leaders and LifeSci NYC, as it jumpstarts the critical life sciences industry in New York City.”

Joel Marcus, Chair, CEO and Founder of Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc. and Alexandria Venture Investments, said, “Alexandria, the national leader in developing dynamic urban cluster campuses and vibrant ecosystems, has dedicated substantial effort over the past decade to transform New York City into the growing entrepreneurial hub it is today. Turning a once-contaminated laundry site into what is now the Alexandria Center for Life Science, a thriving epicenter for the City’s leading life sciences companies to develop life-saving biomedical breakthroughs, is a point of tremendous pride for our company. Not only has the Alexandria team helped to recruit leading life sciences companies to NYC, creating hundreds of new jobs, we have also integrated those companies with other local stakeholders which has led to several new collaborations. As a first mover in bringing strategic risk capital to New York City, Alexandria Venture Investments has supported homegrown startups and retained them within the NYC cluster, while also attracting new companies from other cluster markets to establish operations locally. By bringing together our global network of biopharma leaders, academic institutions, venture investors, research foundations, government agencies and other thought leaders to the Alexandria Center, we have showcased New York City to the national and international communities as an attractive new destination for the life sciences industry. We are excited that the Mayor acknowledges the great potential for the City’s life sciences sector and is committed to helping our community continue to thrive.”

Adam B. Sichol, Managing Partner of Longfellow Real Estate Partners, LLC, said, “Longfellow believes in the great research institutions and bioscience talent base in the City of New York. The Mayor’s announcement today is a further indication of the City’s commitment to scientific research and commercialization, which have the potential to be one of the largest growth sectors in New York over the next 10 years and we believe on par with other important scientific clusters where Longfellow develops buildings, including Cambridge, MA and North Carolina’s Research Triangle. Mayor de Blasio and Deputy Mayor Glen have correctly identified the need to create research and development zoning districts in order to promote biotech in the City, and we applaud their efforts to create areas in the city where this important research can move forward.”

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Dr. Tom Maniatis, Chair of the Biochemistry Department at the Columbia University Medical Center and Director of the Precision Medicine Initiative at Columbia University, said, "The extraordinary academic biomedical infrastructure in New York City is predominant nationally in both quality and scale. However, the City has not emerged as a leading national biotechnology hub. The Mayor's commitment to invest and enable the life sciences in New York will be transformative. The initiative will make it possible to move discoveries from academic labs to the clinic thru the growth of biotechnology in the city. This will be driven by the exceptional New York universities, hospitals and by multi-university consortia such as the New York Genome Center and the New York Structural Biology Center, which bring both technology and infrastructure to the biomedical community".

Tony Coles, MD, Chairman and CEO of Yumanity Therapeutics, said, "This commitment of City resources to help create new companies and new opportunities in the life sciences industry is a pioneering initiative – and it comes at a time when science and technology are on the verge of great breakthroughs in the treatment of several vexing diseases. This investment will accelerate the growth of this vital sector and put New York in a leading position to attract top talent."

Sam Sia, co-Founder of Harlem Biospace, said, "We are thrilled about this Life Sciences announcement, which will help New York City capitalize on its base of world-class biomedical research. Harlem Biospace was founded as an initiative of the New York City Economic Development Corporation. Through that lens, we have seen glimpses of the potential for a thriving biotech economy, but also the challenges faced by entrepreneurs surrounding lab space and support mechanisms. With this important initiative which promotes an array of solutions, New York City will take a quantum leap in moving our biotech economy forward."

Johannes Fruehauf, M.D., PhD, Founder and President of Biolabs, said, “At Biolabs, we are excited and very bullish about the prospect for the life sciences industry in New York City. We look forward to helping start-up companies whose origins are in NYC’s world-class research institutions grow and succeed within our premier co-working wet laboratory space.”

Joe Landolina, Chief Executive Officer of Cresilon, Inc., said, “Cresilon, Inc.’s internship program was developed to expose young professionals to industry; in fact, over the last 3 years we’ve employed almost 40 interns, carefully selected from a candidate pool of 7,000 applications nationwide. As Cresilon grows, we welcome the opportunity to work with the City to expand our capabilities and provide young professionals a window into the fast-growing biotechnology sector in NYC.”

Dr. Angelos Stergiou, MD, ScD h.c., CEO and Vice Chairman of Sellas Life Sciences Group, said, “SELLAS Life Sciences is excited to be part of New York’s growing biotech community, with our subsidiary based here to conduct ongoing research and development. Our lead product candidate, galinpepimut-S, is a late-stage innovative WT1-targeting immunotherapeutic, licensed from New York’s world-renowned Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Galinpepimut-S is in development for a broad range of cancer indications and after promising data from studies to date, we look forward to initiating a Phase III trials for acute myeloid leukemia and malignant pleural mesothelioma next year. Albeit we are a foreign-based company, with our fully-owned subsidiary located in NYC, we are extremely proud to be part of the wider NYC biotechnology family and urge companies domestically, as well as internationally, to consider NYC home.”

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U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer said, "New York City is home to some of the world's best medical and research institutions, and this innovative program will do much to match young New Yorkers to paid internships and good-paying jobs in this exciting field. Mayor de Blasio's new LifeSci NYC initiative will deepen and diversify our economy by boosting the critical and growing life sciences and biotechnology sector. I applaud this important effort and pledge to fight for the federal resources needed to further grow the Life Sciences sector here in New York City."

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand said, "This is an exciting initiative for New York City and will help build the next generation of life science talent. These efforts will create a network of support and investment to translate more research into new companies and new jobs, spurring innovation and growth that will position New York as a leader in the life sciences industry."

Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito said, "Increasing opportunities for the study of life sciences in New York City benefits all of our communities by providing paths to stable, well-paying careers. LifeSci NYC will positively impact thousands of New Yorkers, and I would like to thank the de Blasio Administration for working hard to make this program a reality. I am especially proud that the New York Proton Center will be opening in East Harlem, where their services will touch the lives of thousands of cancer patients in need of treatment."

Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer said, "With dozens of innovative research institutions and unmatched intellectual capital, Manhattan is a natural home for the biotech industry, from right here at the Alexandria Center to incubators like the Harlem Biospace uptown. LifeSci NYC lays the groundwork to replicate these successes by spurring public and private investment in cutting-edge research and development, and making equitable employment a principal goal. I look forward to working with the mayor to strengthen our city's role as a global life science hub."

Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney said, "I am delighted that Mayor de Blasio is launching this initiative to encourage the expansion of life sciences enterprises in the City. New Yorkers have the expertise and experience for this industry to flourish, and with extra support from this Administration, I am confident that new businesses will grow, bringing jobs and opportunity."

State Senator Liz Krueger said, "It is essential that New York City maintains a strong and growing economy, and that all New Yorkers have the opportunity to benefit from it. Diversifying the kinds of industries that call New York home and investing in a 21st century workforce will move our city closer to achieving a strong economy that works for everyone. I thank the Mayor for making a bold investment in establishing New York City as a center of research and development in life sciences, and for making sure that New York's working families will reap the benefits."

State Senator Brad Hoylman said, "New York City's half billion dollar investment in the life sciences will help leverage our city's enormous bioscience resources to expand our knowledge-based economy, attract talent and create more jobs. Even more important, I'm excited about the promise of medical advancements and lives that could be made better as a result of Mayor de Blasio's initiative."

Assembly Member Brian Kavanagh said, "Many people in our community take great pride in hosting facilities like the Alexandria Center and the other world class academic and medical institutions that comprise our medical corridor and serve as a hub for New York City's life sciences sector. Such facilities allow experts to conduct essential research and lay the groundwork for developing technologies that can increase our understanding of the world and improve people's lives. An important part of these efforts is our city's commitment to expanding opportunities for education and workforce development, to ensure that New Yorkers remain at the forefront of this growing field. I applaud the Mayor's investment in our city's future and the forward-thinking initiatives outlined in LifeSci NYC."

Council Member Ben Kallos said, "LifeSci NYC will create well-paying jobs and put New York City at the forefront of the emerging Life Sciences industry. When a new treatment is discovered here in New York City, we must invest in growing that treatment into a company that will create jobs and revenues for New York. The East Side's hospital corridor is ready to leverage this investment to bring progress to our City. Thank you to Mayor de Blasio for his commitment and leadership in putting together this important deal."

Council Member Dan Garodnick, Chair of the Committee on Economic Development, said, "New York is home to the greatest scientific minds in the world, and it should be the greatest place in the world to start and grow a successful life sciences company. Continued investment in this sector is a wise strategy, and I'm happy to see EDC making a commitment to life sciences today."

Council Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer said, "It is essential that the City remain an attractive place for scientists, engineers and all who work in the life sciences. This sector offers the promise of great job opportunities, and we should make our City a hub both for the companies and the people they employ."

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James B. Milliken, Chancellor of The City University of New York, said, "At the center of CUNY's strategic plans are efforts to create new opportunities for our students to gain experience in growth sectors to help prepare them and allow them to better compete for exciting careers. The new life sciences internship program and curriculum development grants announced by Mayor de Blasio today advance these efforts significantly. We are grateful to the Mayor for these new opportunities for CUNY students to participate in an exciting and growing sector of New York's innovation economy."

Rockefeller University President Rick Lifton said, "The life sciences have tremendous potential, not only to transform medicine, but to transform the economics of the New York City region in the coming years. The Mayor's plan to encourage investment in this vital industry builds on existing momentum and will position New York as a leader in the development of new technologies and new drugs. It will provide highly attractive opportunities for the city's life science trainees, such as graduates of Rockefeller, to stay in the area, where they will contribute to a diverse local economy and a vibrant intellectual community."

Columbia University President Lee C. Bollinger said, "The potential the life sciences offer for saving lives and improving society is a core focus of our work at Columbia, from the new generations of targeted therapies and novel medical devices developed by our scientists, to the many startups emerging from University researchers. New York has become a thriving entrepreneurial environment for both scientific discovery and for translating those discoveries into products able to save lives and cure disease. We look forward to collaborating with the Mayor and the New York City Economic Development Corporation on the promising initiatives announced today and to building on the City's momentum in this field."

Susan L. Solomon, CEO and co-Founder of the New York Stem Cell Foundation, said, "Congratulations to Mayor de Blasio and New York City on today's announcement. The City has long been at the forefront of

clinical care and with this new initiative claims its place as a global leader of life science research and innovation. We are delighted to have the City's support as we open in January our new state-of-the-art research facility for advanced stem cell research, technology development, and clinical translation."

Cheryl A. Moore, President and Chief Operating Officer of the New York Genome Center, said, "The Mayor's Breakthrough Life Sciences 10-Year Plan will provide a platform to bolster partnerships among public, private and nonprofit life sciences organizations in the city, enabling industry growth, job creation and development of the next generation of Life Sciences talent in NYC."

Michael Foley, Ph.D., Sanders Director of the Tri-Institutional Therapeutics Discovery Institute and The Sanders Innovation and Education Initiative, said, "New York City is perfectly poised to be a leader in biopharmaceutical research and innovation in the US. The De Blasio administration's clear vision and leadership in this area will ensure that New York biotechnology reaches its full potential. The Tri-Institutional Therapeutics Discovery Institute is delighted to be a part of this new era of biopharmaceutical expansion in the greater New York area." Michael Foley, Sanders Director, Tri-Institutional Therapeutics Discovery Institute.

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16,000 new jobs at all education levels, 1,000 paid internships, average salaries of \$75,000

NEW YORK—Mayor Bill de Blasio today unveiled a \$500 million initiative, LifeSci NYC, to spur an estimated 16,000 new, good-paying jobs and establish New York City as a global leader in life sciences research and innovation. New Yorkers hoping to secure a career-track job in a growing industry and struggling with the rising cost of living will have access to 1,000 paid internships, new training programs and job placements in a field with average salaries of \$75,000. The City will develop a new “Applied Life Sciences Campus” mirroring successful Cornell-Tech model.

“We have to break the vice grip of stagnant wages and the ever-rising cost of living in this city. That’s why we are giving thousands of New Yorkers a foothold in the 21st century economy through paid internships, training and career-track jobs,” said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. “We are creating a springboard into the innovative Life Science economy for our workers, innovators and startup businesses that will make our whole economy stronger.”

“Increasing opportunities for the study of life sciences in New York City benefits all of our communities by providing paths to stable, well-paying careers. LifeSci NYC will positively impact thousands of New Yorkers, and I would like to thank the de Blasio Administration for working hard to make this program a reality,” said **Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito**. “I am especially proud that the New York Proton Center will be opening in East Harlem, where their services will touch the lives of thousands of cancer patients in need of treatment.”

“We are making strategic investments to diversify and grow our economy. We can lead the nation in Life Sciences and harness the sector’s incredible job growth. We already have the best research institutions in the world, and by investing in lab space, talent and emerging firms, we can vault New York City to the industry’s forefront,” said **Deputy Mayor for Housing and Economic Development Alicia Glen**.

“The life sciences industry is not only producing new discoveries that improve people’s lives, but it also has the potential to play a major role in the future of our five-borough economy,” said **New York City Economic Development Corporation President Maria Torres-Springer**. “We’re making these groundbreaking investments to bring 16,000 good

middle-class jobs to New Yorkers from all backgrounds. And working with industry leaders, we're going to help shape the sector's growth to ensure it remains accessible and inclusive."

The life sciences and biotechnology industry includes a wide array of disciplines focused on developing cures, treatments and technologies. Its companies work to develop new vaccines and pharmaceuticals, build advanced prosthetic devices, and design software that makes diagnostics more accurate.

With 16 percent growth in jobs since 2009, the life sciences sector is among the fastest growing in the city. It offers a wide range of technical jobs such as microbiologists and lab technicians, as well as non-technical jobs in areas like marketing and administration. Roughly 30 percent of jobs in the industry require only a high-school diploma or Associate's Degree, while another 50 percent of jobs require only a Bachelor's Degree.

With more than 100 research foundations and nine academic medical centers, New York City is home to one of the largest concentrations of academic life sciences research in the world. However, challenges such as a shortage of commercial laboratory space have made it hard for New York City to hold on to young companies spinning out of its research institutions.

'LifeSci NYC' will generate 9,000 new direct jobs in the sector, 7,000 new jobs in related fields, and 7,400 construction jobs, increase economic output by \$2.5 billion a year, attract \$6.5 billion in additional private investment, and generate \$1 billion in tax revenue. The City will develop a new Applied Life Science Campus along Manhattan's East Side or in neighboring Long Island City, unlock 2.8 million square feet of private investment in new commercial lab space, provide training programs for workers and facilitate collaboration between the City's leading medical research institutions, pharmaceuticals, startups, venture capital firms and philanthropies.

The ten-point plan includes a major focus on workforce development programs to connect New Yorkers to jobs, with 1,000 new paid internships at leading life sciences companies. Working with the City University of New York, other schools and teaching hospitals, the initiative will create new curricula focused on skills-building in the life science sector.

To further boost this sector, the Mayor will assemble a new Life Sciences Advisory Council, a world-class team of experts from academia, industry, philanthropy and finance, to advise the City on its life science programs and catalyze strategic partnerships with the larger industry. The council will be co-chaired by Doctors Harold Varmus and Vicki Sato. Dr. Varmus is a Nobel Laureate and former director of both the National Institutes of Health and the National Cancer Institute. He currently serves as a Professor at Weill Cornell Medicine and as a Senior Associate at the New York Genome Center. Dr. Sato is the Professor of Management Practice at Harvard Business School, the Chair of Denali Therapeutics, and a member of the Board of Directors of Bristol Myers Squibb. She previously served as President of Vertex Pharmaceuticals.

"As a strong proponent of New York City's contributions to the life sciences, I am pleased to have an opportunity to help expand this critical sector under City Hall's new initiative," said **Dr. Harold Varmus, co-Chair of the Mayor's Life Sciences Advisory Council**.

"As a relative newcomer to New York City but a long time veteran in the biotechnology and pharma industries, I look forward to working with Dr. Varmus and the Mayor's team to help create a world class biomedical innovation center in New York," said **Dr. Vicki Sato, co-Chair of the Mayor's Life Sciences Advisory Council**. "The rich history of innovation and biomedical discovery in this city, together with the commitment of its business and civic leaders, can deliver improved healthcare and catalyze economic growth."

The Ten-Point LifeSci NYC Plan

1. **Invest \$100 million to create a new Applied Life Sciences Campus.** The de Blasio Administration will provide funding to create a world-class facility along Manhattan's East Side or in neighboring Long Island City that drives bio-engineering innovations, research and development (R&D) partnerships and entrepreneurial training. The campus will serve as an institutional anchor for the life sciences industry, much as Cornell Tech serves as an anchor for applied sciences and engineering.

2. **Provide \$50 million to expand network of life sciences R&D facilities.** To remain at the forefront of the innovative research that leads to new businesses, the Administration will make targeted investments in New York City's existing academic medical centers and research institutions. The City will provide capital to a network of up to eight non-profit research facilities, to help create new workspace for research with a high potential for commercialization and job growth.
3. **Invest \$10 million to expand network of incubators** for life sciences start-up facilities. To provide affordable space for the next generation of life science startups, the City will invest in up to five new incubators and innovation centers, with the first expected to open in late 2017. Incubators will be located near existing research centers to better support innovators and connect skilled workers with jobs.
4. **Commit \$20 million a year in matching funds to support early-stage businesses.** Young life sciences startups often struggle to secure the capital they need to expand. By committing \$20 million in seed and growth funding, and seeking matching funds from private sources, the City will help spur growth of up to 80 companies, helping them expand and create new jobs for New Yorkers.
5. **Invest \$7.5 million to create internships and life sciences curricula.** The City will launch a new internship program next summer, which will connect students each year with opportunities at life sciences companies and institutions. Organizations that have already agreed to take on interns include global pharmaceutical companies such as Roche and Eli Lilly, research institutions such as the New York Genome Center, and investors such as Deerfield Management. The City will also provide funding to support the development of new curricula for local colleges and universities, based on input from local employers, to prepare the next generation of life sciences talent.
6. **Commit \$300 million in tax incentives to attract investment in commercial lab space** for life sciences businesses. The high cost of lab construction has resulted in a shortage of space for new life science companies. By offsetting that cost, the City will unlock affordable lab space for growing companies that provide accessible, middle class jobs for New Yorkers.
7. **Modernize land use policies to encourage new space for life sciences firms.** To more than double the potential areas for life sciences jobs, the Administration will clarify regulations to make explicit that lab space for life sciences R&D is permitted in the majority of commercial zones. In addition, the administration will leverage upcoming rezonings to include life sciences sites where appropriate.
8. **Provide \$7.5 million to create a Life Sciences Management Corps.** The City will provide financing to life sciences startups to help them secure experienced entrepreneurs to help launch and grow their businesses in New York City. These entrepreneurs will be committed to growing companies, cultivating new talent and creating good and accessible jobs in the five boroughs.
9. **Provide \$3.8 million to expand training programs for entrepreneurs.** The de Blasio Administration will provide funding to expand and improve on two successful programs, serving up to 500 companies over the course of the program. NYCEDC will expand its Bio and Health Tech Entrepreneurship Lab (ELabNYC) with new curriculum in areas such as corporate commercialization and project management. It will expand the SBIR Impact program, which helps life sciences firms compete for funding through the National Institute of Health's Small Business Innovation Research program.
10. **Launch the Mayor's Life Sciences Advisory Council.** The Life Sciences Advisory Council, with experts from academia, industry, philanthropy and finance, will advise the City of New York on its life science programs and catalyze strategic partnerships with the larger industry. The council will work with the administration to promote New York as a global center for life sciences.

Learn more at LifeSci.NYC.

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Following the meeting, the Mayor will hold a photo spray with Secretary-General of the U.N. Ban Ki-moon. This event is open to members of the media who have RSVP'd. For more information and to RSVP, members of the media must contact Jessica Ramos at JRamos@cityhall.nyc.gov.

Press Schedule

10:00 AM – Hosts Press Conference

Alexandria Center – Apella Event Space, 2nd floor
450 East 29th Street
New York, NY 10016

Video and still cameras must be in place by 9:30 AM. Footage will be provided by NYC Media and will be available shortly following the event on Encompass Port CTY- 4205. Official photos will be available at [flickr.com/nycmayorsoffice](https://www.flickr.com/photos/nycmayorsoffice/) shortly following the event.

4:20 PM – Holds Photo Spray with Secretary-General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon
Blue Room

City Hall

New York, NY 10007

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**STATEMENT FROM MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO ON RETIREMENT OF ACS COMMISSIONER
GLADYS CARRIÓN**

“Today I accepted the resignation of my colleague and friend Gladys Carrión. Gladys has spent four decades serving the public with excellence and an unparalleled commitment to the children and families of New York. Gladys’ leadership and reforms have ushered in a heightened level of accountability and performance at the Administration for Children’s Services. That progress must continue as we work to meet one of the most difficult missions and mandates in city government. With a search process already underway, New Yorkers can rest assured that the Administration for Children’s Services will continue to be led by a passionate reformer who demands results.”

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From: Mayor's Press Office
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Subject: CITY AWARDS CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE 550 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UNITS



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CITY AWARDS CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE 550 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UNITS

Supportive Housing Task Force makes recommendations to improve service delivery for the most vulnerable New Yorkers

NEW YORK—Mayor Bill de Blasio announced today that as part of his Supportive Housing Initiative, the City has awarded contracts to 11 organizations to provide 550 supportive housing units. The scattered site units are part of the plan to create 15,000 units of supportive housing during the next 15 years. In addition, the Supportive Housing Task Force, which was assembled in January of 2016 to assist the City in implementing this initiative, issued a report with recommendations to improve key aspects of supportive housing, including the referral process, development, and delivery of services.

“As we announced a year ago, increasing supportive housing is a key part of our effort to fight homelessness on every front. Our goal is to be able to provide permanent housing designed specifically for New Yorkers who don’t need just a place to live, but also support to overcome physical and mental health issues, and other difficult circumstances in their lives,” said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. “We are confident in the ability of these organizations to work with us to advance our efforts by helping New Yorkers in need on their path to wellness and stability. We also applaud the efforts of the Supportive Housing Task Force for providing a roadmap to improve the way we provide services.”

The contracts to develop the 550 supportive housing units were awarded to organizations with vast experience addressing the complex issues faced by homeless New Yorkers. These organizations are Common Ground Management; Bridging Access to Care, Inc.; Camba, Inc.; Odyssey House, Inc.; Federation of Organizations for the NYS Mentally Disabled, Inc.; Jericho Project; Unique People Services, Inc.; Faces NY, Inc.; Iris House: A Center for Women Living with HIV, Inc.; Urban Pathways, Inc., and Institute for Community Living, Inc.

“Decades of healthcare research have shown that a critical part of health and well-being is access to stable, long-term, permanent housing. This Administration has made historic investments to support the mental and

physical health needs of all New Yorkers, including our most vulnerable residents. These 550 units are just the beginning of our 15,000 unit commitment, and will begin to put vulnerable New Yorkers on a more sustainable path forward. I thank the Supportive Housing Task Force for their work in building a vision to provide critical services to those who need it most,” said **Dr. Herminia Palacio, Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services**.

“As we continue our efforts to provide homeless New Yorkers with the best options to overcome their challenges and achieve stability in their lives, these 550 City-funded supportive housing units will provide a critical pathway forward for vulnerable individuals. I am also proud to join forces with the members of the Task Force to improve services for our clients,” said **Department of Social Service Commissioner Steve Banks**. “The collective expertise of this group has provided invaluable insights into how to better serve the most vulnerable in our city”.

"For people living with a serious mental illness or a substance use disorder, supportive housing makes access to care as easy and convenient as possible," said **Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett**. "These new units will help hundreds of those in need have access to services that will enable them to live fuller, much healthier lives."

The units are procured by the New York City Human Resources Administration and will be administered by the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The populations targeted for these units are chronically homeless single adults and adult families who have a serious mental illness or substance use disorder, including those who may have a co-occurring serious mental illness and substance use disorder.

The selected contractors are required to provide a wide range of supportive services that align with the needs of the populations served. These services include case management, person-centered planning, health and wellness services, among others. Each contractor will develop, in conjunction with each client, an individualized housing-related needs assessment and support services plan, including an action plan with clearly stated goals aimed at assisting clients to achieve and maintain recovered, independent lives. In addition, each contractor will coordinate services for each client with the organization’s own programs or other appropriate providers in the community. Supportive Housing Initiative tenants will contribute a fixed amount of 30 percent of their gross household income toward rent.

The Supportive Housing Task Force, comprised of 28 experts from the public, private and non-profit sector, was formed to advise the City on how to implement the Mayor’s plan to provide 15,000 supportive housing units over the next 15 years. The Task Force spent six months assessing the current state of programs and providing innovative solutions to improve development and service delivery, streamline processes, and better tailor services to the needs of supportive housing residents.

“We are fortunate to have the leading practitioners, experts, and advocates in the field partnering with us to create the next generation of supportive housing for our most vulnerable New Yorkers,” said **Housing Preservation and Development Commissioner Vicki Been**. “The Task Force’s recommendations represent a blueprint for delivering the housing and services that will help homeless families and individuals secure a more promising future.”

“We are delighted to see progress being made toward realizing the Mayor's promise of creating 15,000 units of supportive housing over the next 15 years,” said **Laura Mascuch, Executive Director, Supportive Housing Network of NY & co-Chair, Mayor’s Supportive Housing Taskforce**. “The recommendations released today reflect the best thinking of the supportive housing community, including nonprofit providers, government partners, and researchers. These recommendations will help the City design the next generation of what has been the most promising intervention yet developed to help the neediest New Yorkers live in dignity in our communities.”

Among the recommendations issued by the Task Force are:

- Target units to three broad populations – adults, families, and youth – and incorporate a vulnerability index that will allow the City to identify and prioritize supportive housing to target those most in need.
- Allow additional professionals, such as licensed clinical social workers and psychologists, to complete mental health evaluations for the 2010e supportive housing application in order to expand opportunities for higher need individuals to be assessed and thereby increase access to supportive housing placements.
- Utilize evidence-based and evidence-informed practices and ongoing staff development across supportive housing, which will allow providers to deliver services that have been proven effective and will help to improve the quality of care and outcomes for residents.

For a copy of the report click [here](#).

Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams said, "My administration has been focused on creating and preserving thousands of affordable housing units across Brooklyn, including units for some of our most vulnerable residents who are in need of a helping hand. Supportive housing is key to this mission, and I am glad that the de Blasio Administration is equally committed to increasing this critical housing stock that is helping many New Yorkers not only survive, but thrive. We are a stronger city when all of our residents have a safe and supportive place to call home."

"Guiding our most vulnerable New Yorkers on the path towards stability and self-sufficiency requires a commitment to comprehensive and effective homelessness services," said **Council Member Stephen Levin, Chair of the General Welfare Committee**. "More than just a place to live, supportive housing provides individuals with tailored programs that address mental and physical health needs, as well as other barriers preventing the positive life outcomes our community deserves. I applaud the Administration's commitment to develop these supportive housing units — a huge step towards addressing this challenge. In conjunction with the most recent findings from the Supportive Housing Taskforce, I'm confident we are well equipped to continue making lasting progress."

"I applaud Mayor de Blasio's initiative in creating over 500 supportive housing units towards the ultimate goal of the City creating 15,000 units for homeless New Yorkers. The Supportive Housing Task Force should also be commended for their work in identifying ways supportive housing units should be improved, as we fulfill our constitutional obligation to shelter some of our most vulnerable New Yorkers," said **Assembly Member Andrew D. Hevesi, Chair of Assembly Social Services Committee**.

"I applaud the Mayor for making this historic commitment towards funding 15,000 new units of supportive housing and taking the time to seek input from providers. I am excited the City is moving forward with the recommendations from the Task Force and look forward to the impact permanent supportive housing will have improving the lives of the homeless," said **Muzzy Rosenblatt, Executive Director of BRC**.

"HELP USA was proud to participate in Mayor de Blasio's Supportive Housing Task Force. The task force brought together committed stakeholders to advise the Mayor on the deployment of his plan for 15,000 new units of permanent supportive housing. The process had true integrity, examining data and analyzing the lessons learned from the previous New York/New York agreements," said **George Nashak, Executive Vice President at HELP USA**. "We look forward to continuing the partnership with the administration to implement this significant enhancement to New York City's supportive housing portfolio."

Giselle Routhier, Coalition for the Homeless, said, "Supportive housing is a proven, cost-effective way to reduce homelessness and help vulnerable New Yorkers get back on their feet. Today's announcement is an

important step in tackling New York City's homeless crisis, and the Task Force's recommendations will help make sure we are making the most out of supportive housing resources."

"One never knows at the outset of a task force, but this one managed to make many useful recommendations that will benefit the homeless individuals and families who move into the next generation of supportive housing," said **Tony Hannigan, Center for Urban Community Services Founder and CEO.**

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From: Mayor's Press Office
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 10:20 AM
To: Mayor's Press Office
Subject: MAYOR DE BLASIO, COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL AND SMALL BUSINESS SERVICES
OPEN EAST NEW YORK CAREER CENTER TO TRAIN AND PLACE RESIDENTS IN GOOD-
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**MAYOR DE BLASIO, COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL AND SMALL BUSINESS SERVICES OPEN
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Promise in East New York rezoning fulfilled, increasing economic opportunities for families in the area

NEW YORK—Mayor Bill de Blasio, Council Member Rafael Espinal and Department of Small Business Services Commissioner Gregg Bishop today announced the opening of a new Workforce1 Career Center in East New York. The new Center is opening just six months following the East New York rezoning and is one of a series of investments that will increase residents' access to good-paying jobs. The center is located at 2619 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207 and is open 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM Monday – Friday.

The City is working with a coalition of community organizations in East New York to tailor the design of workforce services to meet local needs. East New York has a significant population of out of school, out of work youth and individuals formerly acquainted with the criminal justice system. The Center will offer an array of career services aimed at meeting the unique challenges facing these segments of the community's job-seeking population.

"We are investing in the people of East New York. We are committed to providing the training, the education and the job-placements families need to work their way into the middle class. Thanks to our collaboration with Council Member Espinal, we are making good on our promises to deliver the affordable housing, education opportunities and good jobs this neighborhood needs," said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**.

"While the unemployment rate nationally has been steadily decreasing, Brooklyn's rate of unemployment has consistently remained above the national level and in East New York unemployment is in the double digits – as high as 14 percent in 2015," said **Council Member Rafael Espinal**. "That is unacceptable. The economic

disparities in our city that has put a strain on so many New Yorker's must be addressed. That is why I pushed so hard to secure this Workforce1 Center as part of the East New York Neighborhood Rezoning Plan. After all, a house is not affordable without a job. It was so crucial to include a wide array of services with our housing plan – opportunities for jobs and economic growth, investments in schools and roads, a community center and much more. The comprehensive plan allocates over \$267 million, strategically invested to support the local community now and in the long-term. All New Yorker's should have access to good paying jobs and the tools they need to secure a bright future for their families. I am excited that the Center has opened so quickly, and I look forward to the opportunities it will create for our community.”

"I am pleased to see this neighborhood-based siting of our City's new Workforce1 Career Center in East New York, an investment that will assist this community's emerging popularity translate into prosperity for all of its longtime residents. Job placement and training are vital tools to closing the inequality gap, particularly for a neighborhood that has suffered from the impact of extended double-digit unemployment,” said **Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams**.

“A quality career opportunity can be a ticket out of poverty for all New Yorkers, including those formerly acquainted with the criminal justice system and out of school, out of work youth,” said **Gregg Bishop, Commissioner of Department of Small Business Services**. “This career center will be an asset for the entire East New York community, and we are working collaboratively with community-based organizations to effectively tailor the Center's services to meet pressing local needs.”

The East New York Workforce1 Career Center is a partnership with a coalition of community-based organizations that are contributing to the Center's service design. The Center connects job seekers and employers by using a unique combination of recruitment expertise, industry knowledge and skill-building workshops to strengthen candidates' employment prospects. The Center will develop relationships with employers and help career seekers hone the skills needed to qualify for career opportunities. The Center also offers resume and interview prep and the development of other soft skills.

To ensure equity of access for all career seekers, the Center will provide specially designed workshops to serve out-of-school, out-of-work youth and individuals formerly acquainted with the criminal justice system. Additional tailored services will be rolled out in early 2017.

In 2015, over 4,000 unique residents of the East New York community visited a Workforce1 Center elsewhere in the city to obtain one or more services. Over 600 unique East New York residents were connected to a job through a Workforce1 Center. Having a center located in the community, tailored to meet local needs, will bolster the impact on East New York.

“The need for a Workforce1 Center came up repeatedly from residents at our numerous outreach events during the formation of the East New York Community Plan. I am thrilled to see this become a reality. An essential part of our planning efforts is to see appropriate public investments and enhanced public services accompany new housing growth,” said **Carl Weisbrod, Chairman of the City Planning Commission**.

“The East New York Workforce1 Career Center is going to be a long-sought after path to opportunity for many struggling families in the community. Throughout the rezoning process, I heard from many constituents and local community organizations who wanted a plan that was tailored to the residents' needs. I commend Mayor de Blasio and Council Member Espinal. Together they managed to bring a shared vision to fruition and truly deliver for the people as promised,” said **State Senator Martin Malavé Dilan**.

About Workforce1 Career Centers

The City's 19 Workforce1 Career Centers are a service provided by the Department of Small Business Services that prepares and connects job seekers with career opportunities in New York City. The Centers aim to make

strong matches for both candidates and employers by using a unique combination of recruitment expertise, industry knowledge and skill-building workshops to strengthen candidates' employment prospects. For more information, please visit <http://www.nyc.gov/sbs>.

About the Department of Small Business Services (SBS)

SBS helps unlock economic potential and create economic security for all New Yorkers by connecting New Yorkers to good jobs, creating stronger businesses and building a fairer economy in neighborhoods across the five boroughs. For more information on all of SBS' services, go to nyc.gov/sbs, call 311 and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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On Monday, First Lady Chirlane McCray, Deputy Mayor for Strategic Policy Initiatives Richard Buery and American Horror Story actor Denis O'Hare will kick off a week of community action events to connect New Yorkers to free, confidential mental health help during the holidays.

Press Schedule

11:00 AM – Kicks-off Mental Health Week of Action

Pavilion at Union Square Park
New York, NY 10003

Official photos will be available at [flickr.com/nycmayorsoffice](https://www.flickr.com/photos/nycmayorsoffice/) shortly following the event.

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On Monday, Mayor de Blasio will appear live on NY1's Inside City Hall.

Press Schedule

7:00 PM – Appears Live on NY1

Inside City Hall airs during the 7:00 PM and 10:00 PM hour.

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*****Congressman Joseph Crowley's holiday party is closed press*****

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Later, the Mayor will deliver remarks at Congressman Joseph Crowley's annual holiday party. This event is closed press.

Press Schedule

4:45 PM – Delivers Remarks at Prophet Muhammad's Birthday Celebration

Albanian Islamic Cultural Center
307 Victory Boulevard
Staten Island, 10301

Note: Members of the media are asked to follow the guidelines established by the congregation. This includes wearing long skirts or slacks and long sleeves. Members of the media will also be asked to remove their shoes when they enter the mosque. Official photos will be available at [flickr.com/nycmayorsoffice](https://www.flickr.com/photos/nycmayorsoffice/) shortly following the event.

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6:30 PM – Delivers Remarks at Congressman Joseph Crowley's Annual Holiday Party

Queens Museum
Flushing Meadows Corona Park – NYC Building
Queens, NY 11368

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FIRST LADY CHIRLANE MCCRAY ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF NEW PROGRAM TO SUPPORT CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM TRAUMA

New program through ACS teaches families how to support emotional development, build resiliency in children

NEW YORK—First Lady Chirlane McCray today announced the launch of Trauma Smart, a new program through the Administration for Children's Services to help parents, caregivers and teachers better support young children who may experience adversity. This program is a part of [ThriveNYC](#), the City's \$850 million effort to prevent and address untreated mental illness and substance misuse.

On Saturday, December 10, at the Sheltering Arms Children and Family Services in the South Bronx from 10 a.m to noon, the First Lady will host an interactive morning of family friendly activities to teach parents, caregivers and teachers how to use strategies that help children navigate challenging situations and better handle their emotions.

"We love our kids, but sometimes, communicating with them about their feelings can be tough. That's especially true when a family is in distress. The goal of Trauma Smart is to help kids learn how to express their emotions in a healthy way, and help parents bond with their them. By incorporating ThriveNYC, our comprehensive mental health plan, into our Pre-K and EarlyLearn Centers, we're giving parents, caregivers and educators the tools to help children build healthy relationships, handle conflict, and make good choices. We're also providing parents with information and skills that can make it easier to connect with their child. We want all children to grow up healthy," said **First Lady Chirlane McCray, who spearheads the City's mental health and substance misuse efforts.**

"In building a mental health system that allows all New Yorkers to thrive, we cannot leave our youngest and most vulnerable behind. That's why "Act Early" is a core philosophy of ThriveNYC. Trauma Smart recognizes

the needs of children who may be experiencing very real and difficult life circumstances and sets them on a path to lifelong positive mental health, with help from the caring adults in their lives,” said **Richard Buery, Deputy Mayor for Strategic Policy Initiatives**. “Like ThriveNYC programs in Pre-K classrooms, Trauma Smart recognizes that most brain development occurs before age 5 and brings critical services to the places where they can be easily accessed by kids and their families.”

“We are thrilled to play a critical part in realizing the First Lady’s ThriveNYC comprehensive mental health plan, which seizes on opportunities to act early,” said **Gladys Carrión, Commissioner of the Administration for Children’s Services**. “Ninety percent of our children’s brains develop before the age of five. By bringing Trauma Smart to our *EarlyLearn* centers, we are making an important investment to support healthy social and emotional development for nearly 40,000 of our youngest New Yorkers. This initiative will not only help children and families address challenges as early as possible, but also bring tools that foster lifelong resilience.”

The implementation of Trauma Smart in ACS’ *EarlyLearn* child care centers and home-based child care programs is part of the Act Early portion of the ThriveNYC initiative, which emphasizes social emotional learning for young children. Over the next four years, ACS will implement Trauma Smart in its *EarlyLearn* programs, which serve children from birth to age five.

Ninety percent of brain development takes place before age five, which is why it is so important to provide the tools to adults that work with young children to assist them in building skills and the capacity needed to overcome adverse experiences. As part of Trauma Smart, social emotional learning training and coaching will be provided to child care providers, parents, social workers, assistants, other program staff and community members.

Trauma Smart will help children, families and providers cope with adversity and related stress, and:

- Prepare children for social and academic success;
- Actively include parents and families in their child’s school experience;
- Promote a positive and stimulating work environment for teachers and school personnel; and,
- Create practical and enduring change for children, families and communities.

Social emotional learning involves families and other key caregivers and adults supporting children as they build their capacity to cope with adversity and stress. In early 2017, ACS *EarlyLearn* sites will begin implementing Trauma Smart’s new social-emotional learning practices, which helps teachers, staff and parents to better support and nurture children’s social and emotional development. [Studies](#) have shown that brain development begins at birth and that stress can negatively impact children’s brain development.

Adverse experiences of any kind, such as being abused, witnessing abuse, separation from parents or substance abuse in the home, can have a lasting impact on children’s brain development and health. Well-developed social-emotional skills can protect and reverse the negative effects of stress and trauma. Research shows that supporting social emotional learning skills in children helps build a strong foundation for success in school and beyond. Trauma Smart is modeled after Kansas City’s Crittenton Children’s Center’s Trauma Smart (TS) model, an early childhood trauma intervention initiated in 2008.

"Our children are most vulnerable during their early formative years," said **Council Member Stephen Levin, Chair of the Committee on General Welfare**. "Trauma Smart will equip our staff with the tools necessary to spot the signs of trauma early on, and will ensure our children have the best possible chance to overcome challenging life circumstances. I applaud the Administration's commitment to innovative initiatives that will positively impact New Yorkers for a lifetime."

“This innovative new approach to helping our kids cope with trauma will set them up for happy, healthy futures,” said **Council Member Corey Johnson, Chair of the Committee on Health**. “First Lady Chirlane McCray has been an incredible leader on mental health issues, and Trauma Smart is another accomplishment that will benefit our city tremendously. I thank her, as well as ACS Commissioner Gladys Carrión and her extraordinary staff for their important work.”

“The First Lady’s ThriveNYC Mental Health Roadmap is helping our communities develop the tools to become more healthy and resilient,” said **Council Member Andrew Cohen, Chair of the Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, Alcoholism, Drug Abuse and Disability Services**. “The Trauma Smart training being rolled out today for early learning educators will combat the negative effects of trauma on the development of young children. This is yet another step in the right direction for New York City.”

“Mental health is a critical yet frequently overlooked factor in the educational outcomes of young children,” said **Council Member Fernando Cabrera, Chair of the Committee on Juvenile Justice**. “Having worked in the mental health and counseling fields, I fully support good programs that address the impact of traumatic experiences on a child’s cognitive development, and that train teachers and parents to help children through these events.”

"I am thrilled that First Lady Chirlane McCray’s ThriveNYC Trauma Smart initiative will help our city’s children overcome negative experiences," said **Council Member Vanessa L. Gibson, Chair of Committee on Public Safety**. "Creating a trauma-informed environment in the classroom and home is the right step toward ensuring our children are able to thrive. I also commend ACS Commissioner Gladys Carrión for her work in ensuring the wellness of our children and families.”

“We know from national studies, one in four children will experience at least one traumatic event before the age of four, which can have a profound impact on their physical and emotional wellbeing. The Trauma Smart model is a means of establishing a culture of resilience that prepares children for social and academic success and is currently in operation in Missouri, Kansas, Alaska, Washington, Michigan and Wisconsin. We applaud the comprehensive and proactive approach the City of New York is taking to create practical and enduring change for children, families and communities,” said **Janine Hron, President of Crittenton Children’s Center**, “It is truly a privilege to be a part of this unprecedented initiative, ThriveNYC, to help build opportunities for tens of thousands of children over the next four years.”

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PUBLIC SCHEDULE FOR MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2016

On Saturday, Mayor de Blasio will deliver remarks at an event celebrating Reverend Ray Rivera's 50 years in Ministry. This event is open press. There will be no Q-and-A.

In the evening, the Mayor will host a Community Board holiday party at Gracie Mansion. This event is closed press.

After, the Mayor will deliver remarks at the Jamaican Rotary Club's annual winter dinner and dance party. This event is open press. There will be no Q-and-A.

Later, the Mayor will attend the Uniformed Sanitationmen's Association, Local 831 holiday party. This event is open press. There will be no Q-and-A.

After, the Mayor will attend the Brooklyn Kindergarten Society's 96th Yuletide Ball. This event is closed press.

Press Schedule

2:00 PM – Delivers Remarks at Event Celebrating Reverend Ray Rivera's 50 years in Ministry

Riverside Church
490 Riverside Drive
New York, NY 10027

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8:30 PM – Deliver Remarks at Jamaican Rotary Club's Annual Winter Dinner and Dance Party

Villa Russo
101-12 Lefferts Boulevard
South Richmond Hill, NY 11419

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9:30 PM – Attends Uniformed Sanitationmen’s Association, Local 831 Holiday Party

Mama Rao’s

6408 11th Avenue

Brooklyn, NY 11219

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TRANSCRIPT: MAYOR DE BLASIO VISITS CLEARVIEW SENIOR CENTER RESIDENTS TO DISCUSS WATER BILL CREDIT

Mayor Bill de Blasio: Thank you so much. Well, I'm really happy to be here with you. This is the – this is something that so many people care about in this city that I want to talk to you about, because, let's face it, it is hard to make ends meet in New York City, correct?

Not just a few people, millions of people – they get whatever income they have; whether it is a paycheck, whether it is social security, pension, whatever you have – and you try to make ends meet each month, and it is hard to do. The cost of living in this city is high. And what people care about is knowing that – anything they spend money on – that they are getting a fair deal.

If they are paying taxes they want to know they get their money's worth. If they're spending money on housing, they want to make sure they are living in a good place. That is how people's lives go. I want to talk to you, today, about something that was done the wrong way for years and years in this city. It took money out of the pockets of New Yorkers, unfairly. It took money out of the pockets of homeowners, unjustly. And we are righting that wrong, but we have one challenge and I want to talk to you about it. I want you to hear about it. There's something you can do about it.

First, let me thank everyone who makes this center great. I just want to say a few thank you and acknowledgements upfront. Let's thank everyone at Clearview for the great work they do.

[Applause]

I want to thank our great Commissioner for the Aging who supports senior centers all over this city, Donna Corrado. Thank her for all she does.

[Applause]

I will [inaudible] our new Borough Chief, Chief Holmes, we thank you for all you do to protect us; our wonderful acting Commissioner at the Department of Environmental Protection – that is who provides all our water – Vincent Sapienza thank you.

[Applause]

There he is, sorry.

And then you're going to hear from my colleagues in government; your Councilmember Paul Vallone, that does such a great job for the community.

[Applause]

And the Chair of the Environmental Protection Committee in the City Council, who looks out for the water supply for every single New Yorker, Councilman Costa Constantinides – thank you – from Queens – from Astoria.

[Applause]

Alright, let me tell you this story it's so important. So, I said we had to create fairness for people. We had to help people make ends meet. There are a lot of things we have to do to do that. We had to find a way to keep the water bill as low as possible. There's been – every year there's some increase in the water bill because it cost more money every year to provide water. This year was the lowest increase in 16 years. It was only a two percent increase. So, for so many people, thank God, that lightened the burden.

We provided 120,000 seniors with relief on their water bill – 120,000 New Yorkers got relief on their water bill because of their income level. And then we said we wanted to do something more. We wanted to give something back to people who had worked so hard. So, I said it is time to stop what was a hidden tax in the water bill. For years and years you paid the water bill, but you didn't just pay for water. There was a hidden tax baked into it; had a strange title. They called it a rental payment – it didn't make any sense. What it was was a hidden tax. People were spending money on the water bill. It was going to things that had nothing to do with water. I said if you pay a water bill you should just pay for the water. I'm a homeowner myself in Brooklyn. Every homeowner – over 600,000 homeowners – deserves a water bill that actually is just about the water.

So, what we decided to do earlier this year was no longer have the hidden tax, cancel the hidden tax, no longer burden the homeowners, and give money back – \$183 per homeowner – \$183.

[Applause]

Now, everyone knows it is a rare thing for the government to actually give money back to people. This was righting a wrong for the past. Everyone deserved this money, so we started the wheels in motion and people were supposed to get that money over the summer. You were going to get \$183 credit on your water bill. Why didn't it happen? Because the landlord lobby sued us. The landlords – the big landlords that own big apartment buildings, they are called the RSA – the Rent Stabilization Association. They sued the City of New York to block us from giving 600,000 people money back. A bunch of powerful, wealthy landlords who could afford all the lawyers in the world sued your city to stop 600,000 people from getting money back, and then tying us up in court. We're going to fight them and I believe we're going to win in the end.

By the way, when we gave a rent freeze to 2 million New Yorkers – over the last two years we have had a rent freeze in this city for 2 million people. You know, don't you?

[Laughter]

They sued us, the same landlord lobby – the RSA sued us to stop the rent freeze. Think about that. It affects two million people and they tried to stop it. So, we're going to fight back in court and we want all New Yorkers to be a part of supporting us in this because it is just not fair. It's not fair that hardworking people are being kept from money they deserve. We're going to keep going to court as long as it takes. We expect to prevail. And one day, I hope, soon everyone who has to pay a water bill see that credit in their water bill.

Now, as I said, we have gotten such wonderful support and efforts to help everyday people make ends meet from our colleagues in the City Council. They have been extraordinarily in fighting for the needs of homeowners and for renters and everyday people. And when I talk about ending the hidden tax I got a lot of support and a lot of amens from the City Council. And none stronger than my good friend and your councilmember – I want you to hear from him now – Paul Vallone.

[...]

Question: As a long time rent controlled tenant, along with my husband, I wanted to know how rent-regulated tenants can get increased savings. And I'd like to plan something in your [inaudible].

Mayor: Yes.

Question: If you're familiar, you must be, with the maximum base rent law – there is another line item, fuel [inaudible], which I think at this point should be revisited because the [inaudible] goes up to seven-and-a-half percent every year. And I think things will be equalized.

Mayor: Excellent. Thank you, Rochelle. First of all, thank you, you're a knowledgeable citizen. Excellent – and we're going to work with the Councilman on that particular issue. You know your facts, and we're going to work with him on that one, so make sure we follow up together. But let me tell you – to your question – the question is for those who rent, for seniors who rent what can be done to give them some help and to lighten to burden. So, here's an amazing number – it blows me away – there are almost 80,000 seniors and folks with disabilities in this city who are eligible for a rent freeze and are not getting it because all we need them to do is fill out some paperwork, and they don't realize it's as simple as that – 80,000 New Yorkers. Those are folks who are eligible for what's called SCRIE and DRIE – two rent increase exemption programs that we run with the State. We are now sending out teams of people all over the City to find people who are eligible for these programs and get them signed up. Any senior who makes less than \$50,000 can qualify for a rent freeze and any disabled person who is low income and over 18 years old can qualify for a rent freeze, but as I'm telling you 80,000 people are not getting the rent freeze they deserve. So, we're trying to do something about it, going out to communities, working with our colleagues in the City Council, and if anyone knows anybody who might be eligible, we want to get them those forms. It's easy to do. We're going to help them fill out the forms and get them the rent freeze.

And then for everyone else – as I said – for two years running we've done a rent freeze for two million people in rent-stabilized housing. There's one more thing I want to tell you. There are people in this city who have been harassed by their landlords, not given heat and hot water, not given repairs when they ask for them, overcharged rent, being told the rent is higher than its legally allowed to be, and worst case there are people in this city who have been illegally evicted by landlords. It used to be a lot of those people did not know their rights and did not have a lawyer. We've done something. We put \$62 million into giving people a free lawyer to stop an illegal eviction, to stop overcharges of rent, to stop harassment by a landlord. All you have to do is –

you think you're a victim of any of those kinds of situations, you pick up the phone and you call 3-1-1-. It's all you have to do. You pick up the phone you call 3-1-1, describe the situation. Our lawyers will look. If they think there's a violation of the law, we will give you a lawyer for free to go to housing court, to fight for your interest. As I mentioned a moment ago, since we've started giving people free lawyers, evictions have gone down in the entire city 24 percent in just the last two years, and we are going to go farther. So every time you stop an illegal eviction – especially of a senior – they get to keep the affordable housing they have for the long-term. So please, if you know anyone who's being mistreated by a landlord, tell them to pick up the phone and call 3-1-1. It's as simple as that. Thank you.

[Applause]

Who else has a question? That one?

Councilmember Vallone: Did you have a question you wanted to ask?

Mayor: Hold on, wait for the microphone coming to you.

Question: I'm reading over this pamphlet – this little piece of paper they gave us – it says about the \$183 of water credit, is this going to be open to everyone or just seniors?

Mayor: No, the water credit is for 600,000 homeowners, all over the City, all five boroughs. Homeowners who pay the water bill, every single one of them will get the \$183 credit. On top of that seniors who are lower income can get relief from the water bill in addition to that, but the \$183 is literally for every homeowner in New York City.

Question: Thank you because my water bill is astronomical. I'm a – I just live down the block from here, and I know my neighbors and everybody. We've been complaining. It's been out of control, totally out of control these bills. I'm glad that something is being done.

Mayor: We're going to keep doing everything we can. Let me tell you – and what you know now is you will not be paying for anything more than water. When we prevail in court, you'll get your \$183 credit. We're going to keep the increases – when we have to do them – we're going to keep them as low as possible to keep up with the cost of providing the water, but the other thing is we're going to make sure if anyone qualifies for a further reduction in water bill – especially because they're a senior – we're going to help them. 120,000 seniors have already benefitted, so we're going to make sure we get to even more. Thank you.

[Applause]

Councilmember Vallone: So, the Mayor is the Mayor for the whole city. He's got five boroughs to run, too. He's promised to go to some of the tables, so for the questions he's going to come around. I just wanted to take this minute to give you one last easy question because every day I drop my Charlie Vallone – fourth grade over at [inaudible] and I looked at Charlie, and I said, Charlie, what would you ask the Mayor since he's coming today? And he said – you know, he's big into the holidays – ask the Mayor where he and his family are going to be spending Christmas this year? And I said, that's a great question. Where are you going to be spending the holidays?

Mayor: Paul, the most wonderful thing for me is just to be with my family, so we're going to be at Gracie Mansion. My daughter graduated college in June, and we're very proud of her, and she's living with us like pretty much every young person now lives with their family. So, that's good. We've got room for her. We're thrilled she's here. My son is going to college. He's a sophomore at Yale. We're very, very proud of him, so

he's nearby. He'll come home for Christmas, so it will be a nice Christmas together at Gracie Mansion. It doesn't get better than that.

Councilmember Vallone: Perfect. That's as good as it gets. Let's give a big hand for our great Mayor everybody. Thank you to Self Help as always and to [inaudible] and for all our seniors – God bless every one of you. Have a wonderful, happy holiday season and Merry Christmas.

Mayor: Let me add to everyone – let's make this a beautiful and peaceful holiday season for everyone. It's a troubled world, but, I have to tell you, this city – I always say – this city – look around the room, every kind of person from every part of the world – no matter what religion you are, no matter what country your family comes from, no matter what language you speak in this city we find a way to live and let live and get along, and that's part of what New York City has to teach this country and this whole world, and we should celebrate that with the holiday season.

So, happy Hanukkah; Merry Christmas; Happy New Year to everyone.

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PUBLIC SCHEDULE FOR MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2016

On Friday, Mayor de Blasio will deliver remarks at the Pennsylvania Society reception. This event is open press. There will be no Q-and-A.

Press Schedule

Approximately 6:30 PM – Delivers Remarks at Pennsylvania Society Reception

Inside Park at St. Bart's

325 Park Ave

New York, NY 10022

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TRANSCRIPT: MAYOR DE BLASIO HOSTS ETHNIC MEDIA ROUNDTABLE

Mayor Bill de Blasio: Good afternoon, everyone.

I'm very happy to have everyone here. I'm just going to say a few things upfront and then we will get to as many questions as we can.

I'm joined by some of my colleagues who may jump in to help me answer questions or I may turn to; our Community Affairs Commissioner Marco Carrion, our Commissioner for Immigrant Affairs Nisha Agarwal, our Human Rights Commissioner and Chair Carmelyn Malalis, Commissioner for Consumer Affairs Lorelei Salas, and our Senior Advisor on Minority and Women-Owned Businesses Jonnel Doris. So, I welcome them all.

I want to thank all of you. I think it is very, very important to have an opportunity to directly speak to the communities of this city through all of you and with all of you. I look forward to giving you my thoughts; I look forward to your questions and the issues that you raise. This is something we intend to do more frequently here at City Hall. We think it's a very good and helpful way to maximize communication between the government and the people we serve; to work with so many of your publications and outlets; each of which have such important audiences large audiences in communities all over this city – and obviously speak all the languages of this city. So, this is something we're very proud to be doing and we look forward to doing more frequently going forward.

Let me say upfront, the theme here, #AlwaysNewYork, that you see right here this is important because in light of the election results what I have made very clear is that our New York values are not changing and the policies of this city government are not changing. We are [inaudible] society, a multicultural society, a multilingual society. We are proud of who we are here in New York. We are proud of being the ultimate city of immigrants. We are proud of respecting all religious faiths. This is who we are. This is who we have been for

decades and we will always be that way. And a single election does not change that in the least. So that is why we want to keep reminding all of your viewers, listeners, readers that this is the essential reality of this city.

Turning that into action takes many forms and I want us to, of course, there will be questions today related to the new circumstance post-election, but I want to remind you one of the central point I've made post-election is that local governments govern their own affairs. Our constitutional system puts a huge amount of power in the hands of localities and obviously states as well.

So much of what happens in this country is determined at the local level; policing, schools, public hospitals, so many things that happen are based on local decisions, local policies, local personnel, and we – based on the election we had in 2013 – set forward a vision of how we're going to govern this city. We have continued to act on that vision. That was the election that determined so much of the day to day life in this city and the policies that affect every day New Yorkers. I'm not belittling the effect of a national election. I'm saying they are two very different things. Certainly there are many national policies that have a big effect on New York and things we are deeply concerned about. There are opportunities to address some problems. There are real concerns we have about setbacks that we may experience, but it is crucial that people understand how much of the decisions that affect them are made at the local level. And I want to give you some examples right now. And I want to say some of these are about economic fairness; some of these are about human and civil rights. What I have found in years and years of representing people and serving their interest is people at the local level think about their family; their neighborhood, the school their child goes to, their job. They think about the basics in life and they need to know that the city government is serving them on those most basic levels. For so many people in this city it is tough to make ends meet. This is something I knew when I ran and I have known it ever since; that this is – obviously is an expensive city; the cost of housing in particular, so expensive. People are looking for anything that their government can do to lighten their burden. We knew that when we started our vision on affordable housing; when we implemented things like free re-k and free after school for middle school students, paid sick leave. All of these initiatives were to try to lighten people's burden; the economic challenges that family's face.

Now, there is more and now I want to talk about very quickly and one of them has to do with something that homeowner's experience. We have over 600,000 homeowners all over the five boroughs. I am one of them by the way, in Brooklyn. For years and years homeowners were complaining, rightfully so, that they were having to pay a hidden tax in their water bill. You think a water bill would be about paying for the cost of water. Well, for years it turned out – decades in fact – hidden within the water bill was additional charges that basically provide revenue to the City government and had nothing to do with water. I said we would end that. And we finally got to the point working with the City Council earlier in the year where we announced we were going to no longer have any hidden charges in the water bill, only the cost of actually providing water would be in the water bill. And in fact, we were ready to give money back to homeowners -- \$183 for every homeowner in New York City. We were ready to give them a credit on their water bill. Now, \$183 for most of us in this city is a very big deal. You can do a lot with \$183. We were going to do that this summer. It was blocked because of court action by the landlord lobby – the rent stabilization association, which represents the big landlords of rental buildings. And that lobby group – very powerful group with lots of money – they went to court to block this action. We are still fighting them in court and we believe we're on very strong legal ground, but I want you and all of your constituencies to know that the only reason they haven't already gotten \$183 back on their water bill is because the landlord lobby is in court trying to stop it. The City of New York is defending the interest of homeowners in fighting to overcome that restraining order that we're facing right now, so we can put this money into people's hands. And thereafter, we will never charge for anything other than water in the water bills.

Second issue that I started working on back in September; we have – the estimation is about 65,000 workers in this City – low wage workers, many of whom work in fast food restaurants, who in addition to low wages are suffering because they are not given regular schedules like most working people. They are forced to deal with

schedule making that is decision at the very last minute regardless of their family situation, regardless of whether they have a second job and have to keep to that schedule. They are constantly forced to have to show up for work at the last moment; arbitrary schedules, no warning or else of course there is a danger they might lose their job. We believe that it is crucial to have fair scheduling. We are very sensitive to the reality of the modern family. Families are stretched nowadays. People are stretched trying to afford the cost of living in this city; people having trouble making ends meet; trouble doing all they'd like to do for their family. And so, so many people are working two jobs, some even more. And so many people are struggling to balance their work life with their family life – with their obligations to their children in terms of healthcare, education. To not be able to even know what schedule you will be working is unacceptable. We said very simply in legislation that I support that is now before the City Council. There should be [inaudible] for these companies to provide a schedule two weeks in advance, stick to that schedule. If there is an unforeseen circumstance and they need to ask a worker to do something at the last minute compensate them; provide them extra pay for the burden of having to change their schedule at the last moment and having to in many cases cancel other things that are very, very important in your life. That is something that would just be an act of fairness for working people and fairness to families. And again, you know, the phrase was used long ago in American politics 'Family Values'. Well, here is an example of actual family values, things that help families to stay together and to be able to make ends meet.

A couple more quick points, we believe deeply in correcting the wrongs of history, something this administration is very keenly aware of. And we know for years and years not only has there been economic disparity, there's been economic disparity that very much reflected other problems in our society – structural racism, sexism, anti-immigrant attitudes etcetera. We believe in economic fairness. And one of the vehicles we have in government is to provide contracts to minority and women-owned businesses.

Mayor: And the more contracts we provide to minority- and women-owned businesses, the more we address the mistakes of the past, the more we create economic empowerment, the more we create jobs in our neighborhoods. You know every time the City of New York gives a contract to a minority or women-owned business, there's a much greater likelihood that that money is staying in the five boroughs and not going to a company outside of New York City, and that that money is being used to hire people from our neighborhoods and who look like every part of New York City. We have committed to a goal of 30 percent of all City contracts going to minority- and women-owned businesses by 2021. But to achieve that goal, we need help from the State legislature. We need authorization for several reforms that will allow us to move more aggressively to achieve this goal, and it's something we're going to be working with leaders in the city – all over the city – and our State legislators to achieve.

Couple more quick points, and then I look forward to your questions.

Now getting to the concerns of immigrants and protecting people's rights, especially in this moment after the election.

IDNYC has been a tremendous success – well over 900,000 people have now signed up. I'm sure so many of you have heard the positive impact this has had on people's lives. I want to affirm today how committed we are to all that we've achieved in IDNYC and to protecting the folks who have signed up – that we are resolute about the fact that we made a promise and we passed a law to give people the benefits of IDNYC and to protect them in the process. And so we continue to be committed to preserving any background information that we received in that process and making sure it is not. When I say preserving – meaning it will not leave the hands of New York City government. It will be kept time, and at the appropriate time destroyed, so it will not fall into the hands of other levels of government. Next, I want to talk about another issue that facing too many immigrants right now, and this is not new, but it is unfortunately being exacerbated in this moment because there's so much fear about the possibility of deportation. So unfortunately in this crisis environment, there are some who are taking advantage of immigrants. And that's in every community, and they have different approaches and

different names. One name that these folks are known by is notarios – people who pose as notary publics without having the authorization to do so, and claim to be able to provide services, but don't do it. Department of Consumer Affairs over the last three years has been very aggressive in going after people who are trying to scam immigrants. They have taken action in almost 200 cases. We can go into more detail if you want, but the important point is to say that folks who need help, who believe they are being scammed, can call 3-1-1. We will go and send inspectors and go after any bad actors who try and take advantage of immigrants. Finally – say one more thing and then just a few words in Spanish. Hate crimes are on the rise. It has been documented. The NYPD spoke to this earlier in the week. Some commentators are trying to suggest it's just anecdotal or parenthetical. No, it is factual. There has clearly been a real rise in hate crimes in this city and around the country since the election. That's a problem. It's a huge problem. It's generated by the rhetoric that was used in the election. It's not a surprise. We are going to be address that not only in word, but in deed – very aggressively – prosecuting any individuals who create a hate crime. And the NYPD has done, I think, a fantastic job of identifying those who have broken the law and showing that there's real consequences. I know the District Attorney share that commitment to prosecution. What we need is people to speak up more. There are cases we believe where there have been bias attacks, and they have not been reported. Absolutely essential any bias attack – any threat, any physical assault, any hate speech – be reported. If you see something, say something. And much better that a threat, for example, be reported so we can follow up on it through the NYPD, than it be minimized and then God forbid later on prove to be true. So we want – please very important to get across to all of your constituencies – much better to report. And when in doubt, pick up the phone and call 3-1-1. Or if it's emergency, of course, call 9-1-1.

But I don't want people out of either fear or resignation to fail to tell the police what they are seeing. Because you actually by reporting something might stop a much worse act from happening. In fact, again, some people follow through on their verbal threats. If we don't know about it, we can't stop it. So it's so important to tell people to report. And it is of course confidential, as it would be by the way for anybody, anytime, in anything involving a crime. Of course, the report is confidential. And it is important that every one of your constituents knows that.

Just a few words in Spanish, and then we will open up for questions.

[Mayor de Blasio speaks in Spanish.]

We are always New York.

With that, we welcome your questions.

Question: Mr. Mayor, can you summarize [inaudible]. And you met with the President-elect [inaudible]. But we are not seeing the reaction from [inaudible].

Mayor: I think you're right. I think there have been moments like the 60 Minutes interview, where he took a step in the right direction, and I'm glad he did. One of the thing I thought was most important about my meeting with him was to say – this is your city; I know you love your city; and there are many, many thousands and thousands of people, hundreds of thousands of people who are fearful right now, who are scared because of the things you've said, and the things they fear your government will do. I want him to understand to any extent I could get it across to him emotionally. I want to believe that he does mean to cause that fear in so many people's lives, but that he needs to understand that's exactly what's happening.

We should all in every way we can set the bar high and say we need to hear a lot more from him telling people not to engage in acts of hate or to use hate speech. Obviously I believe also in terms of the choices he's made including Mr. Bannon as one of his advisors sent a very negative message, and I made that clear as well. I think more important for us here in New York City is action. I'm not going to wait on someone else to have a

conversion experience. I'm going to act right now to protect New Yorkers and to set our own tone. So for example when officer Elsokary was threatened over the weekend, I wanted very much the people of New York City and the people of America to see this good young woman, 11-year veteran of the NYPD in her uniform with her hijab on and to hear her New York City accent because she was born here and raised here, and I wanted them to hear I'm a New Yorker, and I'm a member of the NYPD. And that someone had the disgusting audacity to tell her to go back to her country when in fact she was right here in her country right now. I wanted people to see and feel that. I think we all have to do a lot of educating of people, too, hoping that our president sends a better message.

Question: This is a twofold question. First of all on the hate crime, most of the – I mean – at least half of the hate crimes were reported anti-Semitic and my question is what is it – this is something that was before the election as well and might have increased because people, more people report about it or it is reported in face of the election. So what is being done effective immediately to decrease hate crimes in general. And my second question is you're running for re-election next year and many of your Jewish voters, your Jewish supporters – mostly orthodox – also voted for Donald Trump, how do you balance that?

Mayor: On the second question, I'd say that there are a lot of people who voted for Donald Trump whether in this city or anywhere else in the country who were expressing their anger at the status quo, and I disagree with the decision to vote with Donald Trump, but I'm also angry at the status quo in this country. And I've said that I thought in many ways my party needed to have done a better job explaining what we stood for and why we could address people's real concerns, particularly their economic concerns. I want to separate immediately those among the Trump voters who may have been voting out of divisive beliefs. I think that's a smaller percentage by far, but let's face it – there were a lot of people who voted for Donald Trump who had previously voted for Barack Obama, you know, or for other Democrats. I think it's absolutely unfair to miss the fact that those individuals who were largely voting out of economic frustration – and valid economic frustration. In terms of this community here in the city, it's not a surprise. There are some members of the Jewish community who have been friends and supporters that I disagree with on some issues. They disagree with me on some issues, but we've found a huge amount of common group in terms of needs of the community. In terms of working on things like affordable housing, public safety, trying to make sure that all communities are respected and their faiths are respected and their cultures are respected. We've found lots of common ground, and I think that will continue.

Previous questions, I would say a couple of things. I believe there's a version of carrot and stick when it comes to dealing with hate crimes. There is an increase since the election, but you're right. In terms of anti-Semitic activity – I've spoken to this as you know – I've seen an increase around the world, around the western world certainly, and that has worried me for many reasons. This has exacerbated – this election has exacerbated it. There is some reality to the notion that a sense of permission was given to some people, or they received a sense of permission to act out even more blatantly on their hatred, and that's taken three forms primarily in NYC – anti-Semitic incidents, anti-Muslim incidents, and anti-LGBT incidents. Given that environment, my answer is that we will be even more aggressive in terms of arrest and prosecution of anyone who acts illegally; that we will clearly whenever we sense a systemic threat that we can identify we will proactively have a lot of NYPD presence available; that we have to do more to get people to report what they know. Again, as I said earlier to stop things from happening before they happen, and that we have to aggressively put forward the positive examples. So I will spend a lot of time in the communities that are affronted in solidarity and to show that we're with them, and that's part of again why I had officer Elsokary with me on Monday to make very vivid the fact that we're going to stand by any community under attack.

Question: Can you give us your reaction to the lawsuit that was filed by two Republican State Assembly members in order to try to stop the city from erasing all those personal –

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Question: So, I'll follow that question – do you have like the timeline when because they're talking about the laws about you destroying the database and when and do they have like the timeline about that and also because they said an ID card, and if you destroy the database how to like to prevent someone like you make a fake card or you know to – like the something or –

Mayor: I would like Nisha to go into some of the details because very elaborate work was done to make it hard to fraudulently reproduce the card, and that's why we spent a lot of time preparing to do it right, and the NYPD was deeply involved to make this a very secure card. The law makes clear the deadline of December 31st this year in terms of destroying background documents, but Nisha can go into more detail.

Nisha Agarwal, Commissioner of the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs: Exactly. So I think the thing I would emphasize is that the issue here is not destroying the entire database or the entire program. In particular the law specifies the underlying documents that individuals produce to establish identity and residency. All other security features, including as the Mayor said, the actual items on the card that you may not even be able to see that prevent it from being forged etc. will – would remain in place as the law was originally drafted and contemplated. So the card can persist, and it can exist even if those documents were under law removed.

Question: Like the – like someone who can apply for a card a year ago or two years ago or – like someone who just applied for a card like in this month are you also destroying that, you know, that –

Commissioner Agarwal: So I think the cleanest example would be if the law were moving forward – so January 12 was the date that we launched the card. Two years after that date all the people who got their card on

that date, their documents would be removed. That's just, you know, sort of what would've happened. And so yet their cards would still exist. The program would still exist. That's exactly what was imagined.

Question: [Inaudible]

Commissioner Agarwal: And if you – exactly – so if you renew your card all of the key information that would enable renewing is still there, so the card program can still function. It's just those sort of initial documents to establish identity and residency.

Mayor: Yes?

Question: Mr. Mayor, I'm [inaudible] from MTV a new [inaudible] in the city. It's American-Chinese news station. I want to ask an issue about receiving refugees. As we understand, some of the Chinese – local Chinese people – voted for Mr. Trump because they have the security concerns. Are you saying that when there is new federal policy in this regard that the city will carry on in their usual practice? Can you explain that?

Mayor: Well, let's – I appreciate the question, but I think there's an assumption that I might disagree with in the question. We – the City of New York has been very clear as have cities all over the country that we would welcome refugees fleeing violence, fleeing oppression, which is I think part of the history of New York City that we have welcomed such refugees for generations, and so many of us are the children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren of those refugees. So it would be hypocrisy for us to say 'well, you know, 50 years ago or 100 years ago we were willing to accept refugees, but not anymore.' That's a different question from how the processing of refugees occurs. Under the current administration in Washington, there's a very extensive vetting process for refugees. We don't do that. No city or state does that. The federal government does that. The intelligence agencies do that. They come to a determination of who should be let into the country. And as you know it's a very small number to date, so no I have great faith that our federal government has created a very extensive and rigorous screening process. The new administration will determine what their approach will be, but we are ready to receive refugees who pass through that process effectively.

Look, I would say to anyone who voted for the President-elect because they thought there was a challenge with refugees, I would tell them to look carefully at how many refugees have come and how few have been involved in any kind of act of violence. I think it's a horrible stereotype to suggest that refugees – overwhelmingly by the way families, children. They did not commit the acts of violence. A few stray individuals have, but juxtapose that against all the stray individuals who commit violence every day who are born here in America, and it becomes a very different issue. The mayor of Dallas, Texas a week or two ago said something very powerful on this issue. He said he was much more concerned, in terms of protecting his people, about all the American born people who get an illegal handgun and shoot a theater full of people or a school campus – that that is doing much more harm to his community than any refugee ever did. So I would urge people to not accept stereotypes and look carefully at where the harm really is coming from.

Yes?

Question: I want to ask a twofold question. Number one, there's this perception that the City's relationship with the incoming administration of the President-elect is colored by how his stance on immigration is on refugees. There are calls in Congress to withhold funding from New York City [inaudible] other cities that are on the other end of this argument. We just had a couple years ago the administration had a battle – a political battle – with the State Senate. It didn't end up that well for New York City.

Mayor: I don't know which one you're referring to.

[Laughter]

I mean it seriously. To make your point you have to – but what when you say a political battle that didn't end up well for New York City, what are you referring to?

Question: Mayoral control of the school system. There was this Medicaid battle about the taking – giving the city less money for Medicaid.

Mayor: I think you're mixing – respectfully – I think you're mixing a bunch of things together. I will answer your question, but I first have to correct your facts. Mayoral control of education – and I'm going to do this just one second – mayoral control of education has been approved every time. I agree that it has not been approved in the years I think it deserves, but it's still been approved. The Medicaid cuts that were proposed were rescinded. So I would be a little careful on the assumption, and I think it actually begins to answer your question.

Political differences do not necessarily deliver policy outcomes or determine policy outcomes. If people in Washington want to say they disagree with our policy on immigration, they can say that. That's a lot way from that to restricting funding, and there's a lot legal limitations – even Supreme Court decisions – that limit the way those kinds of funding decisions are made. I would caution you further that the things I talked about in terms of respecting and protecting refugees, especially from a public safety point of view – the same things that Jimmy O'Neill and Bill Bratton believe about not cutting off communication between immigrants and police including undocumented immigrants – that was the policy even when Rudy Giuliani was mayor, too. So it doesn't matter if you're a Democrat, an Independent, a Republican. Over the last decades in New York City we have adhered to a policy of our police not being immigration agents, not turning over people to immigration authorities. Unless you're telling me you think Rudy Giuliani was too liberal, I think you would see that this is a very consistent policy and a smart one. If someone threatens our funding, we'll cross that bridge. But I don't think it's as easy as you might think to cut off funding.

Please yes –

Question: I don't know how other people feel about this but, we had a meeting, the same type of meeting [inaudible] last time a year ago. One of the main things that was brought up was ethnic media's access to City Hall, City Hall advertising in ethnic media. [Inaudible] They say that there were no differences.

Mayor: Let me suggest a point on this and Jessica will follow up specifically with you. But, first of all there are many, many outlets and as with all media you all are within the same field and there is natural competition and one thing [inaudible].

We have to make a decision in each case of which outlets makes sense given whatever ad campaign we are doing given which community we are trying to reach, etc. etc. So I am going to be just objective and say upfront any outlet might look at what advertising it's gotten and not feel it was enough or want more. That's one question: what was each outlet's individual experience and that's always going to be different for each one. The overall is: in the last year advertising spending for ethnic media has increased 43 percent and we can give you the documentation or the breakdown on that. Since three years ago when the administration began, advertising buys have increased almost 300 percent in ethnic media. So Jessica, stand up so people can see you. Jessica will follow up with anyone who wants details on this – both with the overall numbers. If you have a specific concern about your outlet, please let her know and she will make sure people follow up on that.

And I know Hamodia well and I can say even though I thought your first question was wrongheaded it's a very well-respected outlet and very well-read so if you're not getting advertising dollars we have to figure out how to fix that.

Question: [Inaudible]

Mayor: I didn't go there. Again, I wasn't trying to achieve a conversion experience. I did not think I was going to have one meeting and he would suddenly see it my way. I was trying to sensitize the president-elect to the reality in his own city. I think I have a special role to play. I can speak to him about his own city. And he knows a lot about New York City He's lived here all his life. I think he does have a deep sense of feeling for his city and I want that to be a prism to show him what's happening – what's the result of what he is saying and doing. I would like to believe if we do that often enough it will have an impact. I'd like to believe that a lot of voices of conscious speaking up will move him and his team but, I also don't believe it's going to happen overnight and I don't believe it's going to happen completely because he ran the campaign that he ran and he said the things he said. And I couldn't believe half those things were being said. They are unprecedented for a major party candidate. So it will be a long hall but we have no choice but to try and move things and change his mind and change the minds of the people around him.

Yes –

Question: Mr. Mayor, the president-elect said to the [inaudible] in the interview that now he wants to help [inaudible]. Do you expect [inaudible]?

Mayor: Well, I raised the DACA issue when I was with him. I was well briefed by Nisha, thank you. And I just tried to put it in human terms. I just tried to let them know that there are tens of thousands of young people here in this city who were contributing to our city in so many ways who were model residents and that one thing you could say even if you wanted to debate the choices that adults made in coming here without documentation, you cannot debate the choice that a child made. They did not make the choice. And I think that's a strong moral ground to appeal to him and his team on. The children who came here when they were one years old, four years old, seven years old – they didn't make that choice and they should be treated with special consideration so I made the argument to him. I think that's a common sense argument. I also said to him what a lot of people said. Are you really going to take a young person who's never known life in Mexico or El Salvador or you name the country and send them back to a place they have no relationship to anymore? I think it's a tough example to ignore. So if he is showing some openness, I think that's great.

Yes –

Question: Yes my name is Javier from Queens Latino. We all know that President-Elect Trump is hiding people to scare people but at the same time he is changing the talking. Now he seems more democrat [inaudible].

Mayor: I don't think I'd say that but OK. See it's not just you, I'm going to tell him that question's wrong too.

Question: [Inaudible] covering these type of media gatherings, press conference. It seems to me that he's not [inaudible] an answer to whatever he's proposing or planning to do. Do you think that in many ways the City or the State is scaring immigrants especially those who don't speak English.

Mayor: I don't understand how you're getting to any of your conclusions. There is nothing that Donald Trump has done that suggests he would be taking on or surpassing the positions of Hillary Clinton. There is some language he used on economic issues that you could argue was more populous than Hillary Clinton – that's true but in terms of his overall stance on all of the issues he just discussed- again no conversion experience happening here at all. There is a moderation of tone.

Question: [Inaudible]

Mayor: Yes, that's true. And at the same time, he's choosing some very, very ideologically rigid people for key roles. So, I would be careful to judge anything yet. I think this is an individual we do not yet understand. And, his actions often – and his words often appear to be contradictory, and we won't know until we actually fight each fight, which is why I think you don't see a perfect, unified plan yet because we don't even have a stable target to start fighting. We will when confirmation hearings begin, when budgets start to be passed, legislation starts to be moved. But, words are really easy. You know people use all sorts of words in elections. No one has ever done what he has done. But to be so insensitive with some of the words, but we will see from the actions who we are dealing with, and then we will fight them. But how on earth – I don't – I totally disagree with your analysis. People were fearful immediately. We heard it from so many quarters. It wasn't local leaders raising the concerns that made people fearful. They were fearful from listening to a year-and-a-half of being told that they might be deported, they might have to go on a religious registry, etcetera, etcetera.

Question: [Inaudible] I have two questions about the idea. The first one is basically when are you going to make the decision to destroy the information [inaudible]. And the second time is are the IDs going to be [inaudible]. How can you guarantee [inaudible] that the federal government is not [inaudible] having access to the names and addresses?

Mayor: Well, we're going to be able to answer both those questions better after we go through more of the activity on this new court case. This was just initiated this week – as you know – the lawsuit. We'll know a lot more in the next few days, and we'll be able to say a lot more in the next few days. But it's – our intention is clear. We're not going to let the documentation fall in the hands of the federal government. The law is clear. By the way, the law was never challenged. The law was passed two years ago – never challenged legally. So we've got to go through some hurdles, but I think we'll be in a position to say a lot more shortly.

Anything you want to add?

Go ahead?

Question: Hi, Mr. Mayor. [Inaudible]. I have two questions. Firstly, I want to ask some practical advice from you to – the [inaudible] applicants for [inaudible] told me that they have been told they have crying since the election, and they are thinking to move because they don't feel they are safe when their government knows their address. And also, for people who are told to go back to your own country – I know that you said to report to the police afterwards. But when that happens, how should they react? And the second question is are you going to attend the inauguration.

Mayor: I don't plan to attend the inauguration.

And on your other questions, Nisha can add, but the – I would say, first of all, this city has a very consistent history – as I said, going back to Rudy Giuliani and before – that we do not share our information from police encounters with the immigration authorities. Now, we have a law that says if someone is convicted of serious crimes and are in our jail system, that's a different matter – but not the vast majority of encounters that people have – if they witness a crime, if they go to an officer to tell them they were a victim of crime – that does not involve anything with the immigration authorities. That has been true for decades and decades. Nothing here has changed. And the federal government cannot make us act differently. That's just the fact.

In terms of DACA and people feeling exposed, I certainly understand that. Again, Nisha will speak to the overall situation. But I at least want all of your readers to understand that we, the City of New York – we have a 36,000 police force. The federal immigration authorities, obviously, covering a whole country, are much smaller proportionately. We are not going to participate in tracking down DACA applicants, and we're going to protect them in every way we can.

Commissioner Nisha Agarwal, Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs: And what I would add to what the Mayor said is for DACA recipients, it's very important that they talk to a lawyer if they are having concerns before they make any drastic decisions. The City provides through ActionNYC legal services. You can call 3-1-1 and make an appointment. Just say ActionNYC and get that legal counsel for your particular situation.

I will also add that with many of the agencies at the table, we have put out information to the community in many different languages that reaffirms that City resources and services are still available, regardless of immigration status. And in addition, we have put out with the Thrive program information about how to access mental health resources if people are feeling very troubled about the circumstance and want somebody to talk to, those services are also available in multiple languages and totally confidential.

Mayor: Hold on, I'd like our Human Rights Chair Carmelyn Malalis to jump in.

Chair Carmelyn Malalis, Commission on Human Rights: I would also add to the extent that people are made to feel unwelcome in their own communities, or to the extent that folks in their places of employment, or housing, or as their trying to access public accommodations are meant to feel unwelcome. The Human Rights Commission is certainly another avenue that they can investigate. For criminal activity, certainly the NYPD is the place to report. For folks who are being discriminated or harassed in their communities in the areas that I've said, they can always call and contact the Human Rights Commission. They could call 3-1-1, ask for Human Rights. They could also 7-1-8-7-2-2-3-1-3-1. I think a lot of the communities that are represented here – you know the kind of constituents of the outlets that are here – know that we have offices in each one of those boroughs. Our language capacity at the commission has increased over the last two years from six languages to 28. We very much want to be a city agency that's representative of our communities and along those lines have been really strengthening our relationships with different communities. It's been a long election season sadly. This is not something that's just come up in the last three weeks. So we have a lot of those relationships already I think with communities based organization and also faith based organization in these neighbors, so please do contact the commission.

Question: [inaudible]

Mayor: Well first – on the first point I want to say, and I say it every time I speak publicly. As an American I am troubled that only one piece of the story of November 8 is being told – the Electoral College piece. And it's not invalid – those are the rules of the game. I think we must abolish the Electoral College. I knew that in 2000. The year 2000 a lot of people knew it in the year 2000. We should've acted on it then. I feel upset that a lot of us didn't focus on it back then. But that was a walk in the park compared to this. That was a difference of a half million votes in favor of Al Gore. This is – today as of this morning 2.6 million votes more for Hillary Clinton. So we cannot say that American changed. We can say that Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio voted differently than expected. You know states that Virginia, Nevada, Colorado were not necessarily sure things for Hillary Clinton. They went with her. It was really that a few states went a certain way by small margins that we are here in this situation. But 2.6 million more people according to one person, one vote, 2.6 million people supported Hillary Clinton therefore it's not like the soul of America changed or that the American set of values changed, and that's where there's a contradiction in so much of the public discourse right now. I think the positions of inclusion and respect for all faiths, respect for all people, respect for immigrants are actually majority positions. I think the Electoral College results have obscured that fact, but in terms of next year – no look I think the election next year will be about NYC. It will be about everyday life in NYC. It will be about people's economic needs. It will be about, you know, their ability to make ends meet. It'll be about their schools for their kids and the safety of our streets. I think that's what local election are supposed to be about. I'm going to be focused – as I am every day – on those issues. Meanwhile, I have a new job also which is I have to protect the people of this city against federal policies we did not expect. You're absolutely right. Not a single person – not a single major news outlet or leader said hey guess what Donald Trump's going to win on Tuesday. No one heard that, so we did not prepare for that possibility, and we now have a set of policies that could hurt the

people of NYC every day. By the way, I'm concerned about the ACA. How many tens of thousands or hundreds of thousand will not be able to get insurance or lose insurance? That will have a huge impact on our public hospitals. I'm concerned about the proposed tax cuts for the wealthy and corporation if that reduces federal revenue will that then come out of the section eight program for affordable housing. Will that come out of public housing support? Will it come out of support for mass transit or public schools? So all of these things could affect NYC deeply. We're focused emotionally of course on issues like deportation and religious registries. We should be, but there's a whole set of economic and budgetary problems that could now occur to us, and those are going to affect the everyday life of people, so I've got to defend us against those challenges.

Question: Bronx Street Press, earlier you reference the city's efforts to crack down on notaries who were preying on immigrants and to prosecute more of those cases. Could you and DCA provide more details on that?

Mayor: Let me have – I'm not sure which side – I'm not sure which way to turn. Lorelai, there.

Lorelai Salas, Commissioner for the Department of Consumer Affairs: So the first thing we want our communities to know is that they need to protect themselves against fraud, right. DCA along with our sister agencies we just published a brochure with information for immigrants on how to protect themselves against all kinds of fraud including notario fraud. Notarios or immigration legal – immigrations service providers who market themselves in the communities that you know in Queens, Brooklyn where our immigrants live often times mislead individuals into coming in and seeking advice from them. Immigrant legal advice can only be obtained from trusted sources, and as Commission Ag ActionNYC is there providing free, expert legal advice. So that's the first thing. Do not go to a notario for immigration legal advice. If you do end up going to a service provider who typically all they can do for you is translate a document, maybe help you fill out a form without telling you what to write in the form. What we see a lot is people who are often made to sign documentation without all the information being there in the documents and then they place themselves in worse situations. We will take those complaints. If someone has fallen victim to fraud and we will investigate. We have inspectors who go out there in the field. All we need is an address. We don't even need a name from a complainant, but it's much better to work on prevention than to try and fix the problem after.

Yes?

Question: [inaudible]

Commissioner Salas: They can provide us with confidential, you know, information. We will investigate those cases, but if we want to actually try to address that individuals potentially getting a refund for the money they spent obviously we're going to have to get their contact information.

Mayor: Who has not gotten a chance so far?

Question: [Inaudible] how can we make sure hate crimes don't continue to rise?

Mayor: Look I would say this is a community issue meaning it's one thing the rhetoric of a national leader, and I don't for a moment – history teaches us over and over again that when a national leader use divisive language it does spark action tragically, so anyone who attempts to say there's no correlation between a year and a half of hate speech on the election trail and what's happening now is missing their history and the obvious. But that being said, each community has to make a decision, and I think one of the things history teachers us – the most painful examples in the history around genocide, it all comes down to what did leaders in each community do. What did clergy do? What did elected officials do? What did thought leaders do? What did police officers do? You know it comes down to people making choices of whether to participate or not participate or look the other way. Thank god we are not talking about anything that extreme, but we can say we see an uptick in hate speech, hate crimes. Every one of us has to do what we can to stop it. IN our own families, in our workplaces, if we here

such language to confront it if it's physically safe to do so obviously, to report it, to hold up examples of people under attack who are our brothers and sisters and show respect for them. You know, if all of the people who form public opinion do that, the hate won't spread. And then on top of it we have something which was not available in many previous circumstances which is muscular enforcement whether it's human rights commission or NYPD. So stamp it out at the point of contact is what I'd say. Do not let it grow.

Who has not asked yet – yes?

Question: Radio Sole a Haitian radio station. I want to take note of the fact that all establishments – the Democratic establishment and the Republican establishment they are very critical of the President-elect Trump. He has a program to the tune of 1.5 million expected expenditure proposal. If he were to do that [] passing the Democrats in Congress –

Mayor: Which proposal? Rico, which proposal?

Question: [Inaudible] Steven Bannon is talking about that [inaudible] infrastructure or which program?

Mayor: The infrastructure vision, okay, yeah.

Question: Democrats in Congress and Republicans in Congress we've got [inaudible.]

Mayor: This is a very good question, I appreciate it. This is going to be a qualitative issue. If Donald Trump says I looked at the Obama stimulus, it was too small, I want to do something even bigger. I want it to run through local governments. I want to fix roads and bridges and mass transit etc. etc. water supply. I would feel – if it was honestly going to reach the people of NYC and affect our lives and create jobs – I'd want to find a way to work with it. But if he says alternatively, I want to do tax credits for private corporations and then they will invest in infrastructure, and they'll end up owning our water supply, our roads, our bridges, which is – you know there is that mindset out there of let the private sector own all our infrastructure, which has proven to be very dangerous and very ineffective. Well that's the kind of thing I'd obviously oppose. So I think we need to understand what is this vision. I think in the first scenario you could see Democrats supporting it because ultimately we're here to serve people regardless of partisan label. In the second scenario, I think Democrats across the board will oppose it. So I don't think they even know – meaning the Trump people even know – what their proposal is yet.

Question: Mr. Mayor can you talk about the \$16 million of the MWBE and also what the city is doing to make sure that those who are entitled to that money know about the certification because the certification process can be very overwhelming and sometimes people tend to give up due to things of that nature.

Mayor: Yes, we want to fix that. Thank you for the question. So the \$16 billion commitment you refer to is in our One NYC plan. It's a vision of long term investment through MWBEs in terms of city contracts, and this 30 percent goal assuming we can get the legislation we need in Albany obviously will animate that \$16 billion reach and potentially even surpass it. The certification process, you're right, is the first key on getting people in the game, so to date I know Janelle will have these numbers handy than I, but I know we've set a goal of 9,000 MWBE firms certified by 2019. We have about half that now. We've steadily increased the number of certifications, but we want to double it. In terms of making it simpler, let me have Janelle speak to all that we're doing on that front.

SBS: Yes, so, in the certification process we began to look at it a bit differently hearing back from the communities. There are some components in there – particularly in the recertification pieces – that we are looking to make the program more accessible in the sense that there's sort of information there that we can pre-fill some of the forms. We are upgrading the portal – the SBS portal that you actually use to get certified – and

we're also looking at the various components of the actual certification that if we can gather from other city agencies we can get that information from them to actually use in the certification. So we're looking to make that more accessible particularly the recertification pieces. The side that we also want to say is, you know, we also have to have – protect the integrity of the program so folks who are saying that they are MWBEs are truly [inaudible]. You know we are seeing that that is improving, but there is some need there, and we are looking to correct that in order to meet the Mayor's 9,000. Well we are doing pretty well. We're about 4,800 now up from about 300 or so in the last year already – in the last fiscal year. So we are really moving to that target, and Mr. Mayor just want to add we are at 3.54 billion that's 23 percent in our One NYC goal, so we're actually ahead of schedule, and we're pretty excited about how that's going.

Mayor: Excellent. Who has not had a question? If you haven't had a question – okay?

Question: [Inaudible] I'm from [Inaudible] can you let us know about how the NY climate change agenda for NYC will change under Trump because he keeps calling the climate change thing a hoax?

Mayor: It won't change. Our – we're very concerned. I was happy Al Gore met with him the other day. I hope that was a wakeup call for Mr. Trump. We're very concerned about his assumptions on climate change. Thank god, President Obama achieved what he did and got to the Paris accord, and that creates a momentum separate from what America does from this point on. I think a lot of countries around the world have come to the conclusion that this has to be addressed, and I don't think – sort of the change in the American political landscape will not dissuade others from action, but I'm certainly not happy about it. NYC will continue to do everything we're doing. We have a very strict goal of 80 percent reduction of emissions by 2050. We're moving to an all electric municipal car fleet. We are requiring building owners to retrofit their buildings, and we're doing that for all public buildings right now. None of that is going to change.

Who has not had a question? If anyone has not, go ahead.

Question: Mayor, what is your recommendation on when you [Inaudible] immigrants who has a criminal record?

Mayor: I'll start, and I've have Nisha join me. Look – again, my first recommendation to everyone is follow the law. I want to be very clear. I really do respect the immigrant experience in all its forms, but I also want to be very clear that anyone who comes here should follow the law, and I don't think even as a progressive there's any contradiction in that statement. So if someone has committed a minor offense, we obviously are not going to turn over them to federal authorities. If they have committed a major offense, and I think there's 60 categories within the city law that are major offenses, and if they're convicted of those offenses we will. But for the vast majority of people when you say someone's broken a law, it's a minor thing. It's a very small crime, and I would say they should understand we believe in respecting the people of our city. We do not want our police and community torn apart and not able to communicate. And that we're going to do everything we can to ensure fairness for people, and it's very important that no one hesitate at this moment if they see a crime or are a victim of a crime. That's something that – I don't care what someone's past history has been, there's nothing about this people that should convince them to hold back from going to a police officer when they see a criminal act. Do you want to add?

Commissioner Ag: Yes, and the only thing I would add is for individuals who have these minor crimes and they are concerned about how it might impact their immigration status in the future, the message is always the same – get good, safe legal services. And again I just offer Action NYC as one way to do that.

Mayor: I'm going to do the last to someone who hasn't had a question if there even is anyone – wait, wait – this is going to be the last word out of fairness.

Question: Do you have another hashtag, logo, maybe campaign slogan for next year for 2017? What are your priorities for next year, and if you could wish our viewers a happy new year?

Mayor: First of all, I wish your viewers a happy new year.

[Laughter]

This is not a political campaign. This is about New York City, so #AlwaysNewYork and #SomosSiempreNuevaYork and we're doing that in lots of languages I believe is remind people that our values and our approach are going to continue regardless of this election. In terms of what we're going to say to the people next year in the election, well the election is next year and that's when we'll say and that's when I'll provide a vision for this city, but I guarantee you there will be a lot of continuity between what I came here to do to begin with and the vision I've put forward so far.

Do you have another question? Okay, did I cover it all? Wait – woah, woah – did you ask before? Okay, I'm going to give you final word. That's it – no, no, you can't pass!

[Laughter]

No, no, no, no, nice try. Nice try. Okay? I want to thank everyone for being here, and again we look forward to gathering you together soon. Take care, everyone.

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TRANSCRIPT: MAYOR DE BLASIO HOLDS MEDIA AVAILABILITY TO DISCUSS THE DEATH OF TWO CHILDREN IN THE BRONX

Mayor Bill de Blasio: I wanted to speak for a couple of minutes and then take questions about the tragedy our city experienced yesterday in the Bronx. And I visited the apartment where the two children passed away – Ibanez and Scylee – two-year-old and one-year-old – and it is very painful to see that. My heart goes out to this family – to the parents who have lost their two children. I can only imagine that pain. Two beautiful children – there were photos on the walls; drawings on the wall. It was a very – clearly a warm, and loving household, there is no question about that.

And the loss that we all feel here – I was with the precinct commander and some of the detectives from the precinct – everyone felt the sort of [inaudible] silence looking at this room and sensing the loss that this family had experienced. And it was really hard to talk about. And I have to tell you, there's going to be a very full investigation – rigorous investigation to figure out what happened here. NYPD is doing an investigation – of course, the Department of Homeless Services and our Housing Department – HPD – are investigating as well.

But what we know so far suggests an extraordinary an unprecedented accident – something that we – no one that I have talked to so far in any agency has ever seen anything like this. Steve Banks, who has so much history – for 30 years worked with the homeless and [inaudible] leading experts on building [inaudible] for New York City – no one has ever seen anything like this. And we need to understand what happened here. We do not see any precedent in anything that has happened before. This was a freak accident, a series of painful coincidences that led to the loss of these children. HPD went through the building and the adjoining building. They apparently have an adjoined boiler system – went through, went to every apartment last night, did not find anything [inaudible]. They restored the heat as a result. There were no specific complaints that we knew of that would have indicated anything like this. There had been an inspection of this apartment last month. We are trying to put the pieces together, but so far cannot understand how something like this could happen.

So, I will take some questions now and do my best to answer with the understanding that we only have preliminary information. But I would just say one last thing, I think a very natural question – should New Yorkers be concerned about their radiators? What I can tell you is, again, we have no history of something like this specific incident. We will – if there is anything we learn from the investigation we are going to make it the public immediately, obviously, that would tell people to take a precaution, but so far just appears to be an extraordinarily unusual and particular incident – but horribly, horribly tragic.

I'll take some questions.

Question: Mayor, I guess just generally, do you feel that the City should have moved faster?

Mayor: [Inaudible]

Question: I guess my question was, do you think that the City should have moved faster to close these cluster sites? I guess just generally that had been the plan. Are we not on the timeline?

Mayor: Josh, I think there's a couple different things happening. We absolutely, as planned, will close all the cluster sites. There's aggressive work being done to do that now. But so far what we are seeing – this is not because this is a cluster site. The building had been inspected last month. There were not the highest level health and safety violations present in the building. I looked at this apartment personally very, very carefully. There were not evident health and safety dangers in this apartment. This is not because – from everything we know at this moment, it's not because it was a cluster site. Something very unusual happened here. And now that being said, we want to get out of the clusters as soon as possible, but we need the space to do that. We have to have a place. If someone is truly homeless – and we don't want them on the street – they need a place, so we're going to be talking about the timeline we're working on to get out of as many clusters as possible, but I don't want people saying that this incident is because of clusters, because we don't know that at all yet. We need to [inaudible] we literally do not know how this specifically could've happened.

Question: Mr. Mayor, the radiator obviously came out intact, so what exactly exploded? Was it the [inaudible]?

Mayor: The best I can tell you now, Juliet, is the valve that every radiator has – something happened with that valve. We do not know if it was something wrong with the manufacturer of that unit. We do not know if it was altered in some way. Something unusual was going on. That's what we have to figure out, but somehow the valve – even though it was a low pressure system. I just talked to deputy commissioner [inaudible] who was there himself and again is an expert on repairs in apartment buildings – the low pressure system – the boiler was in another building, there was nothing that indicated the valve coming off, but apparently somehow it came off and steam came out in an extraordinary quantity. We don't know how or why. It has nothing to do with the rest of the surface of the radiator. It's just the valve.

Question: How old was the radiator?

Mayor: What's that?

Question: Do you know how old it is?

Mayor: The – no, [inaudible] did not know that yet.

Question: What is the vetting process like for the City [inaudible] apartments and does that need to be more stringent?

Mayor: Let me say – and to answer your question, but before I do that – the families [inaudible] families have been moved out of precaution [inaudible] but again every family mainly the building is people who rent apartments who are not homeless. Every apartment [inaudible] all were cleared [inaudible]. This building, as I said, was inspected last month did not [inaudible] violations. So, we're working with the building. We have [inaudible] the staff to make sure that it meets standards. But the problem, as you know, is we've got to keep going back. [Inaudible] Steve Banks – speak with him later – know that he can [inaudible]. But the most recent inspections [inaudible] suggested nothing like [inaudible] suggested [inaudible]. From looking at that apartment – was it perfect? No. Was it – compared to many, many apartments out there in New York City – you know, private sector, public sector – was it a perfectly habitable apartment? Absolutely.

Question: Have you determined whether the [inaudible] landlord here – the same [inaudible] who appeared on the Worst Landlord List. If so, is there any crosschecking that occurred before you used the building as a cluster to see if it had [inaudible] on it?

Mayor: Commissioner Banks can go into the details. We want to get out of all clusters. Clusters, by definition – we've said this a long time – it's not where we want homeless people to be. That our goal in many cases is to turn over these clusters to new ownership and get them fully updated and repaired. I don't know if this is the same person. I don't know whether it is or it isn't has any bearing on this situation. Because there is a management – a non-profit management company that actually [inaudible]. So I'll have Commissioner Banks answer that.

Question: I was just wondering Mr. Mayor, I know that you don't have all the details about the inspection but do we know if in those inspections, they do check radiators. The reason why I asking you that is because we were with residents yesterday and we did hear complaints that they've said that sometimes their heater was working, sometimes too much heat; sometimes they would see some steam in other apartments so I was just wondering if in those inspections you checked the radiators. Because, we also checked that building, it had prior violations, not necessarily related to radiators but –

Mayor: This is the problem. I don't know the exact nature of the inspection. We can get, again Commissioner Banks, Deputy Commissioner [inaudible] can go over with you exactly how they do it. Problems with too much heat are very common in this City. Even some steam coming off a radiator, per se, is not unusual. Something here happened though – unprecedented, absolutely unprecedented. We've got to know why. We do not know why yet. But in terms of how they inspect the radiators. I will make sure that we get to that answer.

Question: Mr. Mayor, Is there any indication that [inaudible] and in Staten Island that were housing homeless families. You vowed then to cut down the numbers. We've seen the numbers have went up since then. Why should [inaudible]?

Mayor: I don't think it's about vows, David, I think it's about when we get it done. We will see it with our own eyes. We said very clearly we were going to get out of clusters and we were going to [inaudible] but we have got to do that – we have to speed the production of affordable housing and supportive housing. We need help from the State, which might happen now in the special session in Albany. We need to keep getting people out of shelter which is why we announced this new initiative to get people reunited with their family and we would provide a subsidy to help that happen. We have to do all of those things simultaneously to be able to take down the number in the hotels and take down the numbers in the clusters. And the clusters that I said we're more and more going to try and convert them. It'll be that playing out very soon. But no, the vow is where we have to go, but I don't control the number of people who become homeless – new – who then we have to accommodate. We are trying to get to the root of the problem but it is a very big problem.

Question: [Inaudible]

Mayor: We don't – I'm sorry. It's just too early in the investigation. That's possible, but we don't know that.

Unknown: Two more questions. [Inaudible]

Question: [Inaudible]

Mayor: I want to check – the 3,000 sites – I want to check that number.

Question: 3,000 cluster units.

Mayor: Yeah, I think it's units, not sites. Sites suggests buildings. Yeah, units – correct.

Question: Given this tragedy, how does it bolster [inaudible] frustration with your administration's inability to reduce the number of cluster sites?

Mayor: Again, I want to separate the different pieces. Guys, this is a real serious matter. Two children died. If you reported it as it's because it's a cluster, you may not be reporting the truth. We have to get the truth of what happened here. We do not know that yet. We are going to provide it for you the second we do. Meanwhile, we want to get out of clusters – that's a long-established rule of this administration. But let's come to grips with some facts – the cost of housing in this town continues to go up; wages are not going up anywhere near the same [inaudible]; more people are becoming homeless. We're trying everything we know to keep them out of shelter, to find any other way to get them someplace else better – or, they get in shelter, get them out, [inaudible] quick path to some kind of housing. But this is a constant flow of people we're trying to support and address. Until we can stabilize that situation, we can't arrest the number of clusters the way we want to. I believe everyone is doing everything they know how and we've put a huge amount of resources into doing it, but the problem is the front-end of the process. There's constantly more and more people who are economically falling apart and cannot afford the cost of housing.

Unknown: Last question – last question.

Question: You've said that you have a new plan [inaudible] –

Mayor: Yeah.

Question: [Inaudible] what is it?

Mayor: Well, I'll say a couple of things [inaudible]. One – we have announced the HOME-STAT initiative to get people off the streets, which, by the way, would mean more people, at least temporarily, in shelters, in Safe Havens, because everyone who comes off the street [inaudible]. We don't want them in the street – that's the worst of all situations. We'd rather get them into shelter and then work them from there into permanent housing. So, actually, as we have seen some success getting people off the street because of HOME-STAT, they end up in shelter. The second is – everything we've done with rental systems, which has now accounted for over 40,000 people coming out of shelter in the last few years and into permanent housing – everything we're doing with rental systems to keep people from going into shelter. And in the case we talked about recently – to get families reconnected. We're saying to family members, take in your family member. We will give you the money for the rent. And we think a lot of families will agree to do that. So, all of that is part of the plan – and the anti-eviction legal services [inaudible] that stops people from ending up in shelter. All of the pieces are part of the work we have to do, but a lot more [inaudible] is a vision of how we take it over the next few years and turn this number [inaudible] and we hope once and for all.

Unknown: Thank you, guys. Thank you.

Mayor: Thank you, everyone.

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*****Media availability added*****

On Thursday, Mayor de Blasio will hold a brief media availability to discuss the death of two children in the Bronx. There will be on-topic Q-and-A.

Following the media availability, the Mayor will visit residents of the Clearview Senior Center to discuss the \$183 water bill credit the Water Board approved in April. This event is open press. There will be no Q-and-A.

Later, the Mayor will appear on WCBS 880. This is a taped appearance, and timing is subject to change.

Press Schedule

12:15 PM – Holds Media Availability

208-11 26th Avenue
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A press van will depart the east gate of City Hall at 11:00 AM. Footage will be provided by NYC Media and will be available shortly following the event on Encompass Port CTY- 4205. Official photos will be available at [flickr.com/nycmayorsoffice](https://www.flickr.com/photos/nycmayorsoffice/) shortly following the event.

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PUBLIC SCHEDULE FOR MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016

On Thursday, Mayor de Blasio will visit residents of the Clearview Senior Center to discuss the \$183 water bill credit the Water Board approved in April. This event is open press. There will be no Q-and-A.

Later, the Mayor will appear on WCBS 880. This is a taped appearance, and timing is subject to change.

Press Schedule

12:15 PM – Visits Residents of Clearview Senior Center

208-11 26th Avenue

Bayside, NY 11360

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“Our city is mourning the loss of two young children in a tragedy earlier today that appears to be connected to a steam radiator in their family’s Bronx apartment. We are in the preliminary stages of what is a highly active, multi-agency investigation into what happened in this home and whether there’s anything that can be done to help prevent such an unspeakable event in the future. Our law enforcement, buildings, fire and social services personnel will not rest until we can answer what has given rise to this heartbreaking incident.”

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**FIRST LADY CHIRLANE MCCRAY LAUNCHES MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS
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NEW YORK—First Lady Chirlane McCray, Deputy Mayor Richard Buery and Department for the Aging Commissioner Donna Corrado today launched ThriveNYC’s Geriatric Mental Health Initiative, a package of mental health services that will be offered at 15 senior centers this year and at an additional ten centers in 2017. Mental health clinicians will provide on-site therapy, as well as educational workshops, mental health screening, referrals, and engagement activities that help de-stigmatize mental illness. Through ThriveNYC, the Department for the Aging will also launch friendly visiting to homebound seniors to help prevent social isolation, which increases the risk of chronic health conditions, depression, anxiety and other serious health issues.

First Lady Chirlane McCray, who spearheads the City’s mental health and substance misuse efforts, said, “My own parents suffered from untreated mental health problems that prevented them from fully enjoying the success they earned through many years of hard work. Stigma and lack of resources kept mental health in the shadows and kept my parents from seeking out support that could have improved their lives. For too long, seniors have suffered from mental illnesses with shame and few options to help them get well. But we’re changing that. People get stronger and stigma weakens with every open and honest conversation, and we are creating more resources to make sure those conversations continue. Through the ThriveNYC Geriatric Mental Health Initiative, we’re putting clinicians at dozens of senior centers across the city and launching home visits to decrease social isolation. The lived experience, wisdom and work of our elders are an important resource for our city. We’re proud to have another tool to support them.”

Deputy Mayor for Strategic Policy Initiatives Richard Buery said, “ThriveNYC is a comprehensive plan to strengthen New York City’s mental health system for everyone. That includes thinking about mental health and wellbeing at every stage of life – from early childhood to the senior years. The Department for the Aging’s Geriatric Mental Health and friendly visiting initiatives are directed toward the unique needs of NYC seniors –

a segment of our population that is most vulnerable to the impacts of untreated and undertreated mental health challenges. New Yorkers are living longer, and they are choosing to stay in the city. Our job is to make sure they can thrive as they do so.”

Department for the Aging Commissioner Donna Corrado said, “The further away older adults need to go to obtain mental health services, the less likely they are to follow through and use services. Research has shown that integrating mental health services into non-traditional settings improves services access, receipt of services and positive outcomes. Our Geriatric Mental Health Initiative follows this model by embedding mental health professionals in our centers. The embedded practitioners will become familiar faces seniors can trust. We are also so pleased to be able to offer friendly visiting through our case management agencies to homebound older adults at risk of social isolation.”

Prevalence estimates suggest that 20 to 22 percent of older adults meet criteria for a mental disorder nationally. Within New York State, the number is expected to increase by 56 percent, from 495,000 persons in 2000 to 772,000 by 2030, as the number of older adults in the general population increases. Many older adults are not diagnosed, are misdiagnosed, or do not seek treatment. Some older adults may have histories of psychological disorders, while others may develop new problems related to aging.

By stationing clinicians on site, the Geriatric Mental Health Initiative makes treatment more accessible and thus helps to overcome a major barrier. The mental health clinicians will also actively engage seniors in informal activities that help raise awareness about mental wellbeing and to de-stigmatize mental health treatment

The Department for the Aging is partnering on this initiative with four community-based providers of mental health services – CAPE at the Samuel Field Y, JASA, SPOP and Weill Cornell Medical Center. Each program will station one or more of their clinicians at assigned centers. JASA will be working with centers in the Bronx; SPOP with centers in Manhattan; CAPE with centers in Queens; and Weill Cornell with centers in Brooklyn and Staten Island.

As part of the ThriveNYC program, the City is also launching an initiative with the Department for the Aging to offer friendly visiting service to elders who live alone and are at risk of social isolation. Social isolation – the absence of a supportive network of family and friends and of opportunities to be connected and engaged – puts those who experience it at risk of higher rates of chronic health conditions, depression, anxiety, institutionalization and even death. In the past, this important preventive measure was not provided on a large scale by DFTA-funded programs, mainly due to a lack of resources. The service will now be available to many more vulnerable seniors through DFTA’s case management agencies.

The service will be provided through trained volunteers working with coordinators at the case management agencies. The volunteers will seek to develop meaningful relationships with the individuals they visit and to engage them in activities like shopping, library visits, and local senior center visits. To enrich the service, volunteers and friendly visiting coordinators will be trained on mental health first-aid because social isolation can put seniors at risk for mental health problems. An important purpose of the visiting service will be to link clients identified by their visitors as needing mental health intervention to appropriate resources.

"As Chair of the City Council's Committee on Aging, I see the need for mental health support amongst our senior population almost every day. This important effort to provide more health resources and to destigmatize mental health issues will literally save lives and increase elder adults' quality of life, their sense of well-being, and their connections with each other and their neighborhoods. I thank Mayor de Blasio, the First Lady, and Commissioner Corrado for their commitment to the health and well-being of seniors and all New Yorkers," said **Council Member Margaret Chin, Chair of the Committee on Aging.**

“I commend the First Lady, Deputy Mayor, and Department for the Aging for their success on the Geriatric Mental Health Initiative. The New York City Council has always had a strong commitment to assisting seniors whose mental health needs can often be hard to reach through traditional treatment models and the ThriveNYC initiative will continue to serve this important population. I am glad to see that the initiative has achieved funding at a level that will allow implementation throughout the city,” said **Council Member Andrew Cohen, Chair of the Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disability, Alcoholism, Substance Abuse and Disability Services.**

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"Today, the Senate passed H.R. 34., the most extensive Congressional investment in mental health in decades. This legislation moves our communities a step closer to getting the mental health care they desperately need and deserve.

"I, along with dozens of mayors from our [Cities Thrive coalition](#), urged lawmakers to pass H.R. 34. This legislation will help all of our families by extending existing federal mental health programs, investing in community-based mental health care, including underserved communities, and providing \$1 billion to combat the nation's growing opioid epidemic. It also recognizes the seriousness of the mental health crisis and establishes new leadership to address it by creating a new Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance, and Chief Medical Officer for Mental Health. We need this improvement and progress in the way we address mental health for the dignity and betterment of our communities.

"I urge President Obama to sign this legislation without delay. The strong, bi-partisan support makes it clear that our communities can no longer wait."

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Brian Lehrer: It's The Brian Lehrer Show on WNYC. Good morning everyone. New York and the Republican Congress seem to have an official fight on their hands over the protection of Donald Trump. A bill unveiled yesterday in Washington would provide just \$7 million to help pay for protecting Trump between Election Day and Inauguration Day. The City and State had asked for \$35 million and the money can only go towards overtime pay for state and local enforcement personnel assigned to Trump security. We will start there for this week's Ask The Mayor segment with Mayor Bill de Blasio.

Mr. Mayor, welcome back to WNYC.

Mayor Bill de Blasio: Good morning, Brian.

Lehrer: And listeners, our Ask The Mayor call-in theme for today is: How the City is Preparing to Deal with the Realities of the Trump Administration – Risks or Opportunities. Any questions for Mayor de Blasio about the City's strategic planning for the impact of Donald Trump in the five boroughs, you can call and ask 2-1-2 4-3-3-W-N-Y-C (4-3-3-9-6-9-2).

Mr. Mayor, maybe the \$7 million is a negotiating figure. You tell me. But, if it sticks, what would it cost New York City taxpayers to protect the president-elect between now and the inauguration?

Mayor: Alright, let me break out a few things here Brian. First of all, I am very disappointed by the action of the Congress. We have an unprecedented situation here in New York City. A president-elect living and working

in the same location, which is unusual to begin with, in the middle of Midtown Manhattan – one of the busiest intersections in America. So it seems to me, we have such an exceptional situation here that the Congress should have stepped up and acknowledged it from the beginning. But that being said this is a point in time there's a lot more to play out here. And, there will be another bite at the apple a few months down the line. We fully intend to keep working to get reimbursed and we have been well reimbursed in some previous situations – for example, during the visit of His Holiness last year – Pope Francis. So – not happy with round one, but it's only round one. This ain't over yet.

Lehrer: Well, one of the subsequent rounds will be beyond the inauguration. I've read a million dollars a day to protect Melania and Barron Trump, who will keep living here, not in the White House, until the end of the school year. Is that an accurate number? A million dollars a day – who pays for that?

Mayor: I think it's premature to say that. We put forward a figure for the period from the November 8th election to January 20th. That was approximately \$35 million. Remember Brian, that time frame – the discussion of that has not ended. This action reimburses us 20 percent of our cost but, there is no reason that we can't go and revisit that at the next opportunity with Congress at which point the president-elect will be president. And I do believe he understands personally and his team understands the challenges being presented to the NYPD here. And they obviously understand the NYPD's work very, very well. I don't think the president-elect and his team want to burden the NYPD. I think there is a good chance at the next go round that we will do much better. But nothing stops the Congress from reaching back and covering this time frame. Remember in the case of many other exceptional expenses, when there are emergencies – sometimes it takes months, sometimes it takes years for a locality to be reimbursed. We are not giving up until we get the reimbursement we deserve.

Lehrer: You mentioned Pope Francis' visit. Did the federal government pick up the tab for that in a different way?

Mayor: Very substantially and it's an example of where we saw great support from the federal government and that's why I think there is plenty of precedent to work from here to begin with but the other thing is, this is unprecedented as a specific circumstance. And I believe the more we get into a conversation with the leaders of the Congress, especially again, with President Trump in office, it will change the discussion. So to your other question, what is it going to cost going forward? That has not been determined. We are still in strategic discussions with the Secret Service and the NYPD to determine what post January 20 looks like. Obviously, the Trump family is going to make a lot of decisions that will affect the situation as well. So I don't think it's right yet to speculate on that dollar figure. I think, again, I'm disappointed. I think they should have done better by New York City but, this ain't over. There is plenty of time for us to recoup the money we deserve.

Lehrer: You mentioned that Donald Trump gets what the NYPD does and of course he is a New Yorker. Do you think he will come out on the side of the City of this issue? Because, he hasn't said either way right?

Mayor: Yes, I do. Personally I do. I think I have established I have many, many differences with Donald Trump. But, on this matter I believe he does love New York City. I believe he has tremendous respect for the NYPD. He sees everyday as a team, the extraordinary extent we are going to, to protect him, his family, his team and the building. Obviously the building is in a very sensitive location at this point. We have to protect it

on a variety of levels. He has eyes to see, so again I am hopeful as he starts working with the congressional leadership that, that will help us to get done what we need to get done. Look, in the meantime, we will provide the security but, I will not stop fighting until we get the reimbursement we deserve. And I remain optimistic that we will get it ultimately.

Lehrer: On another issue, maybe you should ask for extra federal protection for Muslims in the Trump transition and particularly Muslim women. We've now had a City cop who appeared to be Muslim accosted and told to go back to her country by a man who also shoved her teenage son, according to the NYPD, and an MTA worker who appeared to be Muslim pushed down a flight of stairs in Grand Central, as you know. This is getting serious, even here in relatively tolerant New York. Are you appealing to the Trump people to respond to these incidents in any particular way?

Mayor: Well, I've appealed previously for a different tone. And I've seen moments of that different tone but not enough. We, I want to be very clear though, because again, one of my central themes as we go through this very challenging time – I am saying to all of my fellow New Yorkers: New York City, we're going to take care of our own. We are going to protect people, we are not going to allow bias and hate crimes. Anyone who commits such a crime will be arrested, will be prosecuted, will face very serious consequences. And the individual who threatened Officer Aml Elsokary and her son who said go back to your country – this is what disgusts me the most Brian – he said go back to your country. Officer Elsokary was born in New York City, bred in New York City, has served in the NYPD for 11 years. She was off-duty at the time, so this biased person sees a woman in a hijab and said such a disgusting thing to her, not knowing, in fact, she is a member of our NYPD, that is so respected all around this country, all around this world. It puts a perfect point on how wrongheaded and unacceptable these acts of bias are. We are going to show through action that they will not be tolerated here in New York City.

Lehrer: Did you hear Senator Gillibrand's call for citizens of good will to intervene if they see bigoted harassment and progress?

Mayor: I didn't hear her call but I commend her and one of the things we are saying – we're taking the if you see something, say something concept and extending it here too. Any act of bias, any threat, any violence, any hate speech – we want people to report it immediately to 3-1-1. Obviously, anything that's an immediate physical threat, we want reported to 9-1-1. We need these reports to come in. One of the things New Yorkers can do is not only speak up if they see hate speech, it's the perfect opportunity to speak up and defend the person who is being attacked. But, if they see anything that might rise to a threat or violence, report it immediately so we can get the individuals involved.

Lehrer: Let's take a call. Dinah at Columbus Circle, you are on WNYC with Mayor de Blasio. Hello Dinah.

Question: Good Morning Mr. Mayor. I just have to tell you that you're the only Mayor that I really feel happy about and I think you're doing such a great job.

Lehrer: We only have one mayor, Dinah.

Question: I'll get to my question.

Lehrer: I'm just kidding.

Question: I just want to say thank you so much for trying to work for housing for everyone, which really means a lot to me. And will you be able to continue this great campaign to provide housing for all New Yorkers with Donald Trump thinking that he does high end, luxury real estate and that he's in bed with all these big landlords and all that. Will you still be able to fight for the people?

Mayor: You know I appreciate the question. I appreciate your kind comments as well. It is a great question for a couple of reasons. One – yes, New York City controls our own ability to crack down on bad landlords, on developers who try and cheat the City. We control that. Donald Trump and the federal government can't stop us from doing that so we have gone after bad landlords very, very aggressively. We just in fact also announced the fact that for a variety of landlords who get tax credits – is the 421-a program. And have not proven to us that they're providing the affordable housing, they're supposed to be in their buildings. We are going to, if we have to sue them to get back that tax credit money and return it to the people if these landlords don't do what they're supposed to do. We can keep doing that. We can keep doing things like setting the rent level for the two million New Yorkers in rent-stabilized housing at a fair level. That has led to a rent freeze the last two years. Donald Trump can't stop us from doing that.

What I am concerned about, Dinah, is federal aid for affordable housing. For example, the Section 8 program that so many New Yorkers depend on, obviously the resources for public housing that houses over 400,000 New Yorkers. Those areas are really in doubt at this moment especially with a Republican Congress that's been very negative toward a lot of cities. So Dinah, we will continue to be tough. We'll continue to require affordable housing to be built in major development when we do a rezoning. That's all within our power. What I am concerned about is will the federal support we've had in the past still be there?

Lehrer: And with Ben Carson as the nominee for Housing and Urban Development Secretary, people may not realize that you were the regional director of HUD for our area in the Clinton administration. What's at stake for the City that Ben Carson's politics might affect, even without Congress doing anything?

Mayor: It's an excellent question Brian and I have to be honest with you, I don't have a clear take on Dr. Carson's views on a lot of these policy areas and these funding streams that we rely on. That's going to be a big X- factor. I'm going to approach him with an open hand. I look forward to talking to him hopefully this week – congratulating him, inviting him to New York. I want to show him our public housing. I want to show him how much affordable housing programs are necessary in one of the most expensive cities in the country. But also, let's face it – we in this city contribute intensely to the American economy. We're one of the centers of the American economy. It is in everyone's interest for New York City to work well. And I hope to help him to see how much HUD is a crucial piece of that. I don't know what he intends to do. But what I will tell you is – I at least believe he has some perspective from his own life on life in our cities. I want to believe he is going to come into this open-minded. And I'll do everything I can to show him our – the reality – the reality of our people.

Lehrer: Locally on this issue – our reporter Mirela Iverac interviewed your former Deputy Mayor Lilliam Barrios-Paoli, who said your homelessness strategy won't reduce the shelter population because the subsidies

you've introduced aren't working as well as expected. And she called for bolder solutions – as she saw them – namely a City-funded Section 8 voucher program that landlords would have confidence in the permanence of. What's your reaction to any of that?

Mayor: Well, I think a couple of different things. I believe what we started during the Deputy Mayor's time and we've continued has been very effective. We have almost 50,000 people who either were in shelter and now have gotten out and have rental assistance, or we kept out of shelter to begin with because we have a rental assistance program that's working. That was not existent when we came into office, so we had to create a new approach. You know, once upon a time Brian, there was a thing called the Advantage program that worked pretty well. That was taken away in 2011 by the Governor and then-Mayor.

We created a whole new approach starting during Deputy Mayor Barrios-Paoli's time. It has worked on many levels. What we're doing – I think it's a fair point that landlords need to see it can work for them. We spend a lot of time and energy working with good landlords who want to be a part of this initiative – showing them it can work and showing them we're committed to it for the long term. And I'm going to make very clear – I've met with landlords who want to participate to tell them personally that this is going to be something that continues as a very important initiative so long as I am Mayor. So I think we are getting a lot done that way.

I think the big issue about starting new City-funded programs – it gets back to right, what we were talking about a moment ago – we don't know what our federal support is going to be forward. We don't know what's going to happen to the current federally-funded Section 8 program. We may be having to make up for a lot of ground in some very troubling ways. Until that shapes up, I think we need to keep doing what we're doing and continuing to keep people out of shelters with rental subsidies. We're also – as you saw, I think – doing a new subsidy program to get people to go back to their families or to go to family members who can take them in, especially for the holidays, but beyond. It is much more humane for a New Yorker to end up with a family member. And we will provide a subsidy to help make that happen – obviously much better for a family, much better for children – than being in shelter – and much better for the taxpayer. We spend almost \$40,000 a year for a family to be in shelter. We'd like to take a chunk of that money, give it to another one of their family members to bring them into their own home or apartment. And it's a much more conducive setting, particularly for children. I think that's going to get a lot of pick-up.

Lehrer: Those sound like good programs. But when you first came into office, you talked here about how the rising homelessness population could pretty much be hung on past City policies and State policies. Now, you're going into your fourth year. You've got to own the fact that we have a still rising and now record shelter and other homeless population – right?

Mayor: Yeah – Brian, I'd say a couple things. Look, I own it, but I also want to note some important facts. We had almost a year-long period where we were able to stabilize the shelter population. It grew again, but we are arresting that growth and starting to turn it. And I think we'll be able to show some real progress soon on turning it. Then we have to turn it even more for the long-term. The bottom line is – one, this city never recovered from the cancellation of the Advantage program in 2011. When you look at the numbers, it's astounding. There was about 35 – 36,000 people in shelter at the time Advantage was cancelled – April 2011. By the time I took office, there were 50,000 people in shelter. That was the moment where we really lost momentum. When I came in, we started all of these initiatives to get people out of shelter, to get them into

homes, to stop them from going into shelter – anti-eviction legal services, subsidies to keep families together, and keep them in shelter. These pieces are working. We predicted if we hadn't done these – our shelter population would be almost 10,000 people more right now. So, Brian, I have to own everything – the things that worked, the things that didn't. We're going to come up with a much more comprehensive vision on homelessness in the coming month. But I can tell you that a lot of these initiatives are taking hold, and I believe we will turn that number.

Lehrer: Mayor de Blasio with us for our weekly Ask the Mayor segment here on WNYC. And Ray in the Bronx is with us too. Ray, you're on the air. Hi.

Question: Good morning. I know it's been a part of Paul Ryan's agenda to repeal Davis-Bacon, and I know Donald Trump has had a lot of problems with the union building trades – not the City workers, but the building trades. If they do, somehow, figure out a way to repeal the Davis-Bacon Act – Mr. Mayor, are you going to support the union building trades?

Mayor: Absolutely. Look – Davis-Bacon has been a crucial protection for working people. I'm worried about that. I'm worried about everything around the labor relations that the federal government has regulated for decades going back to the New Deal. I think there's going to be an assault on working people in this new administration and new Congress. By the way, when that happens, and I can almost guarantee it will happen, I think a lot of people – including people who voted for Donald Trump – are going to be very upset and feel very much let down.

Lehrer: What is Davis-Bacon essentially provide?

Mayor: My colleague can tell you. But my shorthand was – a series of protections for people to make sure – for workers – to make sure they get fair pay and to create consistency and legal backing for that.

Lehrer: Ray, you want to say what you're concerned about with respect to Davis-Bacon?

Question: Yeah, well it will do away with our ability to negotiate our wages and stick together as a union. That's one of my concerns. Also, it's a lot of the – private sector has had a lot of injuries and accidents. I just – I just hope that we can keep working together because it's a lot safer and a lot better. And I know that Trump has had a lot of problems with the unions in Atlantic City, and I just want the Mayor's support.

Mayor: Yeah, no – there's no question. We in New York City will support labor. We will support fair wages. We will fight to regulate businesses to make sure they provide fair wages, especially those that we have anything to do with at the City government, in terms of contracting, etcetera. We in the city, and I think at the State level as well – we're going to have to fight. If they try and take away labor protections federally, we are going to have make sure our own are strong or even stronger. But I believe fundamentally in labor movement – every element of the labor movement. This is the way forward. And as bad as this moment may feel, the future still belongs to making sure we restore the middle class, for getting more people into unionized labor. So we – even if we've got to be one of the places that fights to maintain that tradition of organized labor against a bad national current, we will do it. And this town is a labor town, it's a union town, it's not changing.

Lehrer: Annette in Laurelton – you’re on WNYC with the Mayor. Hi, Annette.

Question: Hi, how are you?

Lehrer: Good, thank you.

Question: Good morning, Mayor de Blasio.

Mayor: Good morning.

Question: I think the issue of mental illness is a national issue. And I think that the federal government can play a bigger role, as well as State and local. This issue is constantly not being addressed. Now even at Creedmoor – Creedmoor is an outpatient – and they serve a population of you know – would you call people who are without housing. Now, right on the grounds of Creedmoor, they have buildings right there – they are boarded up. Those buildings could be used for housing for the mentally ill. Plus, they are selling off a lot of land that’s owned by the State and building houses and schools around the area, which I think should be used for the mentally ill. As a person who has someone in the family who suffers from that, I think this is a front – this is an issue that we must deal with – with compassion. And we must be able to solve it.

Lehrer: And we know –

Mayor: So, I’m asking you to include that as you speak to whoever is going to be in charge of the issue concerning health.

Lehrer: Annette, thank you very much. And I know this is obviously a central issue for both you and your wife, who is leading a mental health taskforce in the city. But is there a federal role in this too?

Mayor: Absolutely, Brian. And thank you, Annette, very much for the question. So a couple of key points. Creedmoor is – I agree with you – there’s a lot of land and buildings. And we would love to work with the State to get them turned into housing for people who need it and support for folks with mental illness. It would be a great location for a lot of supportive housing. The City has committed to 15,000 apartments. We will fund 15,000 apartments for folks who have mental health challenges and other challenges who need supportive housing. We are hoping the State will step up. They made a broad commitment. But Creedmoor is the kind of place where the State, working with us, could get a lot done and we could give a lot more people support. So, I hope they do that.

On the federal front, there has been real progress in the Congress, just even in the last days. My wife, Chirlane, has been working on this and talking to folks in Washington. There actually has been something of a bipartisan consensus toward greater support for mental health initiatives at the local level.

And finally, you know, Chirlane’s initiative, which is called Thrive NYC, is really starting to take off. And one of the newest elements – I want all New Yorkers to know this – is NYC Well. It’s a really straightforward concept. It’s a number you could call – 1-8-8-8-N-Y-C-Well; W-E-L-L – and you can call if you have a challenge you want to talk to someone about or you could call on behalf of a loved one or friend. Trained

counselors will help you get the mental health services you need. They'll not only tell you about it, they'll help connect you to the appointment. They'll follow up to make sure it's working with you – whatever that kind of service is. We've never had that before and this is something Chirlane really believed that we needed – an easy access point for mental health services and substance misuse services. This is, I think, going to revolutionize our ability to reach people in need.

Lehrer: Manuel in Rockland. You're on WNYC. Hi, Manuel.

Question: Good morning, Brian. Good morning, Mayor. I have a question. Why is the Mayor so negative about Trump. Let's be clear – I'm Hispanic and I'm not in [inaudible] Donald Trump [inaudible] Hillary Clinton but I would think he [inaudible] negative.

Mayor: Manuel, I would not say that. I believe that I have been fair. I, obviously, profoundly disagree with Donald Trump. Some of the things he has said, particularly in the campaign, were divisive and I think unacceptable. Some of the policies he has proposed I think are going to hurt working people. Obviously, something like a Muslim ban or mass deportation will create huge division in the country. But that being said, I went and met with him. I spent an hour talking to him. I thought it was a respectful, substantive meeting. I have said there are areas that he has talked about including infrastructure, trade, tax reform in terms of making sure hedge fund managers pay their fair share of taxes – those are areas that I could work with him on for sure. And I praised him for putting forward some of those initiatives.

I want to keep an open mind but I think it would be irresponsible for me not to stand up for my city that, right now, would really suffer if the proposals he made in his campaign were followed through on literally. If he's literally going to repeal the Affordable Care Act, that would have a huge negative effect on millions of my constituents. It's my job to stand up for them.

Lehrer: Manuel, thank you for your call. You know one of the side effects of Trump's election is that I have other items of City business I wanted to ask you about this week –

[Laughter]

From water rates – we did get into homelessness a little bit – to criminal justice and other things. But all the Trump related stuff has such fierce urgency. But let me ask you about a few other things in the news and we'll go down the list in short form, if we can. Okay?

Mayor: And I will take that. But just one moment in the water rates because this is going to come to [inaudible], Brian. We are trying to get 600,000 homeowners a \$183 credit on their water bills. We want to put \$183 in the pockets of 600,000 homeowners in this city because we're no longer going to charge them for things other than water in their water bill which was a hidden tax in the past.

Who is standing in the way of that? The landlord lobby, the Rent-Stabilization Association. The big landlords are trying to stop homeowners from getting money back on their water bill. We're fighting them in court. We're fighting the big landlords. I hope all homeowners understand that they deserve fairness and these big landlords are standing in the way.

Lehrer: The landlords of rent-stabilized apartments actually sued the City over this, right?

Mayor: They sued us. We were about to give – in the summer – \$183 credit for all homeowners, 600,000 homeowners in their water bill. That would have been money in their pocket. And then we said from that point on we were never going to charge for anything other than water in the water bill. This is an issue I fought on going back to when I was Public Advocate. No homeowner – I’m a homeowner in Brooklyn. We never should have had to pay for anything other than water in our water bill but it went on for years and years. We finally fixed it with great support from the City Council. And who stands in the way? Wealthy landlords through their landlord lobby, take us to court. I’d sure like all 600,000 homeowners to know that these big landlords are keeping them from getting money they deserve back.

Lehrer: There are a lot of little landlords of rent-stabilized apartments who would probably love to call up right now and say, what about us little landlords of rent-stabilized apartments who are getting by?

Mayor: Look, here’s my bottom line on this, Brian. We, when we decided to give this money back to taxpayers, give this money back to homeowners – because they really shouldn’t be charged for anything other than water. And the clearest most accurate way to do that was to give it to homeowners. We weren’t going to put it in the pockets of landlords who would not then pass it on to the people who deserved it. We wanted to give it directly to those who had clearly and directly paid. Now, when you think about that, that is an act of fairness and that’s an act of reform. It’s something people have been clamoring for, for decades – to stop paying for something other than water in their water bill. We finally did it. I think it’s unconscionable of the landlord lobby to harm the homeowners in this way.

On the larger issue, I’ve said all along, we want to work with the smaller landlords. We want to make sure they’re being treated fairly. A lot of them have asked for assistance from the City government. We try in every way we can to do that. But the bottom line, here, is this about the bigger landlords who are part of the Rent-Stabilization Association and were cynically trying to keep homeowners from getting that credit they deserve.

Lehrer: Another issue – Politico New York is drawing attention, today, to a fundraising letter you sent out taking credit for reducing stop-and-frisk 97 percent. But they point out that most of the reduction was already put in place by the Bloomberg administration in its final year, and that you have other pushback happening on criminal justice now. You’re resisting a bill to ban police chokeholds. Eric Garner’s mother says she opposes your re-election, and you’re being sued by the Legal Aid Society for withholding police disciplinary records. So, this area isn’t a political slam-dunk for you anymore, is it?

Mayor: I – look, Brian, you’re throwing a lot of pieces together. I would frame it differently. I came into office, said that we would fix the broken policy of stop-and-frisk. In 2011 – 700,000 stops. I will get you the figures for 2012 and 2013 when Michael Bloomberg and Ray Kelly were still in office. I don’t think the facts in Politico are accurate. I will get you that breakout.

We changed it intensely. When Commissioner Bratton and I came in, we drove down the unconstitutional use of stop-and-frisk deeply. It’s going to be approximately 20,000 stops or fewer this year at the same time crime

is going down more and gun seizures are going up, and we're using neighborhood policing to actually create a partnership and a bond with communities.

So, I think that Politico article is really off base. In terms of the other reforms. What did I say we were going to do? We were going to greatly decrease the use of stop-and-frisk. We did that. We were going to institute neighborhood policing. We're doing that. We were going to stop the things that were causing a rift between police and community. For example, we stopped the arrest for low-level marijuana possession. You know, we are now doing an entirely different training regimen for our cops including de-escalation when there are encounters with civilians. We're starting implicit bias training at the NYPD – a huge step forward for the largest police department in the country.

I think folks who want reform should look at all that – all the thing that they had said they wanted are actually happening. In terms of the disciplinary cases – each and every one of those is going to be seen through. As you know, the Garner case, right now, is in the hands of the US Justice Department. When they finish their process, if they do not bring charges, there will be disciplinary action determined through the NYPD's due process.

So, I don't put those pieces together the same way that some critics do. I think we have made steady progress on police reform. We've reinvigorated the CCRB which was moribund for most of a quarter-century. We have seen, at the same time, complaints against police go down. That's great combination of a stronger CCRB and reduced complaints about our police. We have now a Police Inspector General. We have so many elements of reform that some of these same advocates said, for years, would change everything. We're doing it. And body cameras – in the course of this year, you're going to see body cameras starting to be introduced on a large level in New York City. They will be expanded greatly from there.

Lehrer: You mentioned the federal review of the Garner case. Do you have reason to believe that that will be completed before the potential confirmation of Jefferson Sessions as Attorney General?

Mayor: There's no way to know. We, obviously, respect the choice of Attorney General Loretta Lynch. She has not indicated a timeline or what her decision will be. If the Justice Department brings charges, that will obviously lead to a longer payout. If they don't bring charges, we, then, will proceed with the NYPD disciplinary process which, again, is a trial. It's a public process. But I don't know which way they're going and, obviously, there's only a few weeks left for her to make that decision.

Lehrer: Last thing – we had that caller [inaudible] in the Bronx on labor issues. And I see that you're happy about a City Council bill known as Fair Workweek. You want to talk about that?

Mayor: Absolutely. Fair Workweek is really crucial because there are tens of thousands of workers in this city who get almost no notice about their work week, especially folks in the fast food industry. They are put in a situation. They're trying to live their lives. They have families. They're trying to balance, in some cases, multiple jobs just to get by. And they don't get notified until very late of what their schedule is, and then if they can't make that schedule because they have to take a kid to the hospital or because they have another obligation to a second job – of course, then they're penalized. This is ridiculous. This is the kind of situation that workers should not be put through. If we're going to fight for a fairer society, people need to know what their work schedule will be. This bill, which is in the City Council – the City Council's been wonderful on this issue – says

you have to give a couple weeks' notice of what your shifts are going to be so people can plan their lives. And if things come up at the last minute – okay. You can say to a worker, hey, we need you at the last minute, but then they have to be duly compensated with some extra pay for the dislocation that that causes. It's just a matter of basic fairness.

Lehrer: Mr. Mayor, thanks a lot – talk to you next week.

Mayor: Thank you, Brian.

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“The IDNYC program will be transitioning to a policy that does not involve the retention of cardholders’ personal background documents. During this transition, New Yorkers are encouraged to continue to call 311 and make an appointment to begin the pre-application process that remains in place. We expect to begin processing complete applications under the new policy in January.”

To apply for an IDNYC, call 311 and say “IDNYC” or visit nyc.gov/idnyc.

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"New York City taxpayers should not be on the hook for 80 percent of the national bill to protect our President-elect and his family's residence. We are counting on Congress to step up in the coming months to pay back what it owes our city. This is a national responsibility and the burden cannot fall alone on our city and police department."

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PUBLIC SCHEDULE FOR MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2016

On Wednesday, Mayor de Blasio will appear live on WNYC's Brian Lehrer Show. The Mayor will be taking questions from listeners.

Later, the Mayor will host an ethnic media roundtable. This event is open to members of ethnic media who have RSVP'd. The deadline to RSVP has passed. For more information, members of the media must contact Jessica Ramos at JRamos@cityhall.nyc.gov.

Press Schedule

10:00 AM – Appears Live on WNYC

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MAYOR DE BLASIO SIGNS PACKAGE OF LEGISLATION TO INCREASE GAS SAFETY IN NYC BUILDINGS

Also signs bill to establish electric car charging pilot program

NEW YORK—Mayor Bill de Blasio today held public hearings for and signed 17 pieces of legislation into law – Intros. 738-A, 1079-A, 1088-A, 1090-A, 1093-A, 1094-A, 1098-A, 1100-A, 1101 and 1102, in relation to gas safety; Intro. 1124-A, in relation to establishing an electric vehicle charging station pilot program; Intro. 1138-A, in relation to establishing a task force on affordability, admissions and graduation rates at the City University of New York; Intro. 1228-B, in relation to amending the New York City charter to review the operations, policies, programs and practices of the Department of Correction; Intro. 300-A, in relation to the removal of snow and ice from fire hydrants; Intro. 1147-A, in relation to establishing an Office of Crime Victim Services; and Intros. 1213-A and 1214-A, in relation to services provided to NYCHA residents, including the Jobs-Plus program.

“Gas safety is important for all New Yorkers, and this legislative package will resolve numerous regulatory oversights. These bills will help protect tenants in the event of an outage, and require greater information sharing between City agencies and gas utilities to enhance safety,” said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. “Most importantly, these reforms will ensure both property owners and utility companies are accountable for keeping buildings safe.”

“I would like to thank Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito for her continued support fighting for the safety of all New Yorkers and for sponsoring Intro. 1079-A. Additionally, I would like to thank Council Members Mark Levine, Rafael Espinal, Vanessa Gibson, Rosie Mendez, Donovan Richards, Ydanis Rodriguez, Jimmy Vacca and Jumaane Williams for sponsoring Intros. 738-A, 1088-A, 1090-A, 1093-A, 1094-A, 1098-A, 1100-A, 1101-A and 1102-A respectfully,” said **Mayor de Blasio**.

“Ensuring meaningful oversight in New York City jails is paramount to our commitment to a fair and equitable criminal justice system,” said **Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito**. “First proposed in my State of the City address earlier this year, establishing a permanent entity to monitor, review and report on DOC activity marks an important milestone toward achieving this goal. I thank Mayor de Blasio for signing this measure into law, and commend my fellow council members for their advocacy on this critical issue.”

The first bill, Intro. 738-A, requires that all work on gas piping systems be done by a licensed master plumber, a person with a gas work qualification or a person with a limited gas work qualification. This bill also requires that such qualifications be issued by the Department of Buildings.

The second bill, Intro. 1079-A, requires the final inspection of gas pipe systems to be conducted by the Department of Buildings in the presence of the building holder or the superintendent of the building.

The third bill, Intro. 1088-A, requires building owners to have their gas piping systems inspected by a DOB qualified inspector every five years. This bill also requires building owners to report on any fixes or corrections which were made after this inspection.

The fourth bill, Intro. 1090-A, requires dwelling owners to deliver a notice to all current and prospective tenants with written guidance of what they should do if a gas leak is suspected or discovered.

The fifth bill, Intro. 1093-A, requires gas service operators and owners to notify the DOB within 24 hours of gas service being shut off in a building. Additionally, gas service operators and owners must notify the DOB within 24 hours if gas cannot be restored due to safety concerns.

The sixth bill, Intro. 1094-A, requires an agency or office designated by the Mayor, to identify potential risk factors that may indicate a hazard to health or safety. Some risk factors include unauthorized gas usage, abandoned structures or structures condemned by the City and unusual gas usage for small buildings.

The seventh bill, Intro. 1098-A, requires gas utility corporations to provide annual reports with information on gas asset conditions, a summary of major planned infrastructure projects and investment priorities over the next year. This report will be discussed with City officials each year after being submitted.

The eighth bill, Intro. 1100-A, requires the DOB to establish or adopt a standard governing the installation and location of natural gas detectors after an industry standard has been promulgated. Intro. 1100-A also require that owners install and maintain these detectors.

The ninth bill, Intro. 1101-A, requires the Commissioner of the DOB to establish a penalty waiver program, allowing building owners an opportunity to bring appliances and systems up to code without paying a penalty. Eligibility would be restricted to building owners who own more than one building with fuel gas piping systems.

The tenth bill, Intro. 1102-A, classifies certain violations as “immediately hazardous,” including supplying or installing gas without a permit; operating an altered or newly installed gas piping system without first notifying the utility company; or operating an altered or newly installed piping system without completing a compliance inspection.

“I want to thank Mayor de Blasio and our partners in the City Council and in the construction industry for their effort on these bills. This package of legislation builds upon the Department’s work to enhance gas safety for all New Yorkers, while further enhancing coordination between DOB’s inspectors and utility companies,” said **Rick Chandler, P.E., Commissioner of the Department of Buildings**.

"In a relatively short time we've seen a number of gas explosions take place in the City; many of them due to failures to report and handle gas leaks properly. To ensure the well-being of New Yorkers and first responders, it's vital we pass legislation that will implement and enforce a system of safety procedures followed by all building owners and plumbers," said **Council Member Jumaane Williams, Chair of the Committee on Housing and Buildings**.

"Gas explosions are devastating, tragic and, in many cases, preventable. I applaud Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito and Council Member Jumaane Williams for championing a package of bills that will set forth new regulations for monitoring gas installations and enact harsher punishments against those whose actions put the safety of their neighbors at risk, and I thank Mayor de Blasio for signing them into law today. As we continue to examine the potential impacts of our aging infrastructure, I look forward to continued conversations with all stakeholders, the Administration and the public in pursuit of a better and safer New York," said **Council Member Vanessa Gibson**.

"We saw several explosions over the last few years related to gas from Harlem to the East Village, so my bill looks to identify risk factors that could lead to another fatal incident and have the city take more action in this particular area," said **Council Member Donovan Richards**. "We want to have a more proactive approach before we have to lose more people to these catastrophes. There are risk factors that the City, working with the gas companies, can identify. We want to catch the bad actors, the people cutting corners to save a few dollars. If we can identify a cracked pipe or illegal hookup early, maybe we can prevent a tragedy. I'd like to thank Mayor de Blasio, Speaker Mark-Viverito, and all of my colleagues in the Council who sponsored this package of bills."

"In the wake of several gas related tragedies throughout New York City in recent years, it is time that we reform our laws in relation to gas piping systems," said **Council Member Rafael Espinal**. "I was shocked to learn that the City has required inspections for boilers, elevators, water tanks, water recycling systems, and sprinklers, but until now, no inspections for gas piping systems have been required. I am proud to be the lead sponsor of Intro 1088-A, which will ensure proper monitoring of gas piping systems to prevent future gas related incidents. I would like to thank Mayor de Blasio for signing this bill into law and applaud Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, as well as, Chair Jumaane Williams on putting forth a comprehensive set of bills that will go a long way to ensuring lasting safety in our city."

"Natural gas alarms will make our multifamily dwellings much safer," said **Council Member James Vacca**. "I'm proud to sponsor legislation that will provide potentially lifesaving early warnings of a dangerous gas leak. We have seen horrible tragedies throughout our city due to natural gas explosions. By requiring natural gas alarms, we will treat natural gas leaks with the same care and concern we have for carbon monoxide and fires. I thank Mayor de Blasio and Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito for their consideration of this legislation and the package as a whole."

"I am proud to work with my colleagues in the City Council to have introduced a package of legislation aimed at preventing another disaster. We have a duty as legislators to make sure that we hold individuals and agencies accountable, particularly when the public is at risk. Intro. 1093 would require gas service operators and building owners to notify the Department of Buildings ("DOB") within 24 hours when gas service to a building is shut-off or not restored based on safety concerns. Our city has had several gas explosions in recent years, in particular the East Harlem in 2014 and East Village Explosions in 2015 that caused several casualties, unspeakable damage and shook New Yorkers to our core. Intro. 1093 coupled with the other bills in this legislative package will NYC safer and ensure that the agencies are receiving information in real time that will go a long way to prevent future disasters," said **Council Member Rosie Mendez**.

"After the tragic east Harlem explosion, it was clear our gas regulations needed an upgrade to prevent these catastrophes going forward," said **Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez**, sponsor of Intro. 1098. "The Council

has responded with important measures aimed at ensuring gas workers are experienced and licensed and that companies are attentive to decaying infrastructure."

The eleventh bill, Intro.1124-A, requires the establishment of an electric vehicle charging station pilot program. This program requires the City to install at least 25 electric charging stations across the city, with at least two stations in each borough. The pilot program will end on March 1, 2020. The Electric Vehicle Advisory Committee will monitor the results of the program. In his remarks, the Mayor thanked the bill's co-sponsors, Council Members Costa Constantinides and Ydanis Rodriguez.

"Reaching our 80 x 50 greenhouse gas reduction goal requires greater use of electric vehicles and the infrastructure to support them. This new local law launches an important effort to provide a public-access electric vehicle charging network that will empower New Yorkers to go electric when they purchase vehicles," said **Daniel Zarrilli, Senior Director for Climate Policy and Programs and the Chief Resilience Officer for the Mayor's Office**. "We applaud Council Members Constantinides and Rodriguez on their stewardship to make sure we can meet the growing demand for sustainable transportation options in all five boroughs."

"The adoption of electric vehicles is a critical component of the City's commitment to green the transportation sector within our 80 x 50 greenhouse gas emissions reduction plan," said **Mark Chambers, Director of the Mayor's Office of Sustainability**. "The pilot program that goes into effect with today's signing keeps us on the path to delivering cleaner transportation options for all New Yorkers. We thank Council Members Constantinides and Rodriguez for their efforts, and look forward to working with them to implement, support and grow these types of sustainable programs."

"The City currently operates 356 charging stations for City owned fleet vehicles, the largest single EV charging network in NY State," said **DCAS Commissioner Lisette Camilo**. "As DCAS grows this fleet network even further, we look forward to also supporting public access to charging through this bill."

"Thank you to Council Members Constantinides and Rodriguez as well as to Mayor Bill de Blasio for their leadership in reducing carbon emissions in New York City," said **Commissioner Polly Trottenberg**. "DOT already proudly hosts electric vehicle charging infrastructure at municipal lots in all five boroughs and the pilot established in this bill will help us to expand on this program to serve even more New Yorkers."

"Now more than ever, our City must implement innovative policies that decrease our reliance on traditional fossil fuels. Intro. 1124-A will help us reach our goal of reducing our carbon emissions 80 percent by 2050 by encouraging sustainable habits. A pilot program for electric vehicle charging stations will encourage more New Yorkers to use electric cars – a more renewable energy source than traditional gasoline. I look forward to continuing to be global role models in sustainability and to lead on environmental policy. I thank Mayor de Blasio and my Council colleagues for their support of this important legislation," said **Council Member Costa Constantinides**.

"The intersections between transportation and environmental protection are abundant and encouraging more environmentally-friendly vehicles is a serious first step toward a more productive future," said **Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez, Chair of the Committee on Transportation**. "I'm proud to sponsor Intro. 1124-A, so that New Yorkers become more familiar with electric vehicles and begin to see the value in them. This is a classic, 'if you build it, they will come' scenario, and we as a city should do all we can to lower our impact on the environment."

The twelfth bill, Intro. 300-A, requires property owners to keep snow and other materials from accumulating near fire hydrants which front their property. This bill will clarify the bounds of the area around the fire hydrant which property owners are responsible for clearing and removes the requirement that residents must clear snow from the street. In his remarks, the Mayor thanked the bill's sponsor, Council Member Andy King.

“There comes a time when all of us must shoulder the responsibility of keeping others around us safe, which is why I am pleased that today Mayor de Blasio is signing my piece of legislation, Intro. 300-A, into law. This law will make it so that there is a clear and explicit duty on building owners, homeowners, lessees and tenants to keep fire hydrants clear of obstructions such as snow or ice within four hours after the snow has stopped falling. This will add to the safety of our neighborhoods because it will prevent emergency responders, such as the FDNY that need access to fire hydrants, from being delayed in their work,” said **Council Member Andy King**.

“As Chair of the Council’s Sanitation Committee, I appreciate thoughtful legislation like Intro. 300-A. This bill helps provide better clarity over the responsibilities for property owners after a snowfall, and will require that fire hydrants are cleared of snow to help ensure the Fire Department has proper access to hydrants,” said **Council Member Antonio Reynoso**.

The thirteenth bill, Intro. 1228-B, requires that the Commissioner of the Department of Investigation permanently maintain a position to monitor and investigate the operations, policies and practices of the DOC. In his remarks, the Mayor thanked the bill’s sponsor, Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito.

DOI Commissioner Mark G. Peters said, “As the City’s independent Inspector General, DOI’s work to date on Rikers has resulted in 36 arrests for violence and contraband smuggling as well as better hiring procedures going forward. To that end, I particularly appreciate that this bill reflects that confidence through the commitment of additional resources to carry out further work on these issues.”

“We thank the Council for its support of our reforms. The legislation strengthens oversight by ensuring that our partnership with the Department of Investigation continues during future administrations,” said **Department of Correction Commissioner Joseph Ponte**.

The fourteenth bill, Intro. 1147-A, creates an Office of Crime Victim Services. This new office will be a resource to connect crime victims to services designed to support them. In his remarks, the Mayor thanked the bill’s co-sponsors, Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito and Council Member Laurie Cumbo.

"After surviving a traumatic experience, it can be challenging for crime victims to navigate through our City agencies and nonprofit partners in search of immediate assistance. Through my legislation, Intro. 1147-A, we will create a dedicated office that can connect New Yorkers directly to the vast network of service providers that will support their recovery," said **Council Member Laurie A. Cumbo, Chair of the Committee on Women's Issues and co-Chair of the Women's Caucus**.

“Following an attack, crime victims may need access to a number of services, ranging from trauma therapy to relocation. In her State of the City speech, our Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito proposed a new, cohesive strategy of victim services, one that centralized services to make life easier for victims and their families. I thank Mayor de Blasio, Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, and co-Chair of the Women's Caucus Council Member Laurie Cumbo for their leadership and their commitment to close this long standing gap in criminal justice reform. As Chair of the Committee on Public Safety, I am so proud to see this plan come to fruition and for New York City to have an office dedicated to ensuring victims can become victors,” said **Council Member Vanessa Gibson, Chair of the Committee on Public Safety**.

The fifteenth bill, Intro. 1138-A, creates a task force to examine ways to increase affordability, admissions and graduation rates at CUNY schools. In his remarks, the Mayor thanked the bill’s sponsor, Council Member Inez Barron.

"I am a proud graduate of Hunter College. I was fortunate to have attended CUNY when tuition was free. Our current CUNY students find themselves struggling to balance tuition, student fees, textbook costs, rent, food,

transportation and child care costs, as well as often times having work schedules. We, as elected officials have an obligation to assist with helping college students achieve a college degree. As we know, it is access to higher education that leads to improved academic, social and economic conditions, both for the individual and for the society at-large. It is our obligation and responsibility as political leaders to remove barriers to admission and completion of college. We know that student debt has surpassed consumer debt levels. Tuition cost is a contributing factor to students not completing their college program. In today's highly technological world, if we make provisions to provide for college as a mandatory post-secondary education, we will expand the opportunities and increase the number of those who have been marginalized and locked out of participating meaningfully in the world economy. It is my hope that this task force will conduct the necessary research and identify possible funding streams to lift the burden of students from having to pay for tuition,” said **Council Member Inez Barron**.

The sixteenth bill, Intro. 1213-A, requires the City of New York to report on utilization of services and the outcomes of services provided to public housing residents. This report will be completed on an annual basis. In his remarks, the Mayor thanked the bill’s sponsor, Council Member Ritchie Torres.

The seventeenth bill, Intro. 1214-A, calls for the City’s Center for Economic Opportunity to develop a recommendation for how the City might expand the Jobs-Plus program for public housing residents. Jobs-Plus is a comprehensive employment program including job and career support. In his remarks, the Mayor thanked the bill’s sponsor, Council Member Ritchie Torres.

"The Center for Economic Opportunity, housed within the Mayor's Office of Operations, is committed to building effective programs through data-driven and evidence-based decision making," said **Mindy Tarlow, Director of the Mayor's Office of Operations**. "Intro. 1214-A advances these goals by asking for a plan that shows how Jobs-Plus, a robust employment program, could expand to serve all eligible public housing residents."

“The Center for Economic Opportunity assesses programs and policies with two significant considerations in mind: Are they effective, and can they operate at citywide scale?” said **Matthew Klein, Executive Director of the Center for Economic Opportunity**. “We look forward to producing a plan that assesses how the promising Jobs-Plus model could be made available to all eligible New Yorkers.”

NYCHA Chair and CEO Shola Olatoye said, “Jobs-Plus is a proven-effective employment program that is strengthening pathways to opportunity for our residents and creating more connected communities. Thanks to Mayor de Blasio and Public Housing Committee Chair Torres, more residents will have access to this tool. Additionally, today’s legislation will increase transparency and help us ensure all of our residents receive services more effectively, efficiently, and equitably.”

“Jobs-Plus is NYCHA’s hidden gem that has proven to raise income and employment opportunities for public housing residents. It has been implemented in various parts of the country and in several public housing developments in the City, and has shown to increase the earnings of public housing residents by as much as 17 percent. Jobs-Plus should be expanded to all NYCHA developments so that residents have the tools to land jobs and stable careers. These 2 bills are steps in that direction and I look forward to them being signed into law,” said **Council Member Ritchie Torres of the Bronx, Chair of the Council’s Public Housing Committee**.

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From: Mayor's Press Office
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 2:54 PM
To: Mayor's Press Office
Subject: MEDIA RSVP: THIRD ANNUAL CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY AT GRACIE MANSION



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NEW YORK First Lady Chirlane McCray will celebrate the holidays again this year with children from across the five boroughs at Gracie Mansion. Approximately 200 children who reside in City homeless shelters and their chaperones will come to Gracie Mansion for the biggest Gracie children's holiday party yet. Visitors will take a tour of the historic house, do arts and crafts, learn about cultural traditions and decorate Gracie for the holidays.

Limited media space is available for Thursday upon request. Please contact Rosemary Boeglin at rboeglin@cityhall.nyc.gov to RSVP. Press must receive a confirmation in order to attend.

WHAT: 2016 Children's Holiday Party

WHEN: Press time: Thursday, December 8 from 5:20 PM to 6:00 PM
Press must RSVP and receive a confirmation in order to attend.

WHERE: Gracie Mansion
88th Street and East End Avenue
New York, NY 10128

WHAT: First Lady McCray will welcome approximately 200 children and their chaperones from City homeless shelters to Gracie Mansion to celebrate the holidays. Upon arriving at Gracie Mansion, docents will lead children on a short tour of the historic residence. After, the children will be invited to create ornaments, and decorate the trees and Gracie Mansion tent for the holiday season. The arts and crafts stations will teach the children about the various cultural celebrations that are observed during this time of year: Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa and the New Year. Children will receive goody bags with gifts from Nintendo of America Inc., The LEGO Group, Nickelodeon Radio, Discovery Communications, and Whole Foods Market. This event is made possible by a generous partnership with RBC Capital Markets.

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Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 2:12 PM
To: Mayor's Press Office
Subject: FORWARDING: NYC COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS PARTNERS WITH UNIVISION NEW YORK, OTHER MEDIA, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS ON 3-DAY "KNOW YOUR RIGHTS" PHONE-A-THON TO ADDRESS DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT CONCERNS FROM SPANISH-SPEAKING NEW YORKERS

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Commission joins Univision New York, El Diario, Radio WADO, New York Immigration Coalition, Catholic Charities, NY State Office for New Americans, and others to answer questions about discrimination and harassment facing our city's immigrant and other concerned communities who are the target of hateful speech and incidents

Spanish-speaking New Yorkers can call 1-800-566-7636 from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. December 6 - 8 to ask questions concerning their communities

New York – Today, the NYC Commission on Human Rights joins Univision New York, *El Diario*, Radio WADO, New York Immigration Coalition, Catholic Charities, the NY State Office for New Americans and others for a 3-day phone-a-thon to answer questions about issues impacting the city's diverse communities post-election, especially immigrants, and inform concerned New Yorkers about their rights under the NYC Human Rights Law which protects against discrimination and harassment in employment, housing, and public accommodations. The phone-a-thon will run from December 6-8 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and people can call 1-800-566-7636 to ask their questions.

“New York City has always been a welcoming city for all people,” said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. “Diverse communities across the city remain concerned about how the new administration in Washington D.C will affect their families. This timely phone-a-thon, thanks to Univision New York and partners, will answer many of those questions and give concerned communities the resources and information they need to report discrimination and harassment. New York City has and always will protect its communities.”

“No one in New York City should feel unsafe or threatened because of their cultural identity, their faith, country of origin, or immigration status,” said **Commissioner and Chair of the NYC Commission on Human Rights Carmelyn P. Malalis**. “The Commission is using every resource at its disposal to ensure that every community has the information and tools they need to remain free from discrimination and harassment. We hope this phone-a-thon reassures concerned communities that New York City has your back and fights daily to your rights and the rights of your families.”

“It is vital that our communities have access to trusted resources where their questions can be answered and concerns can be addressed, and Univision New York is committed to providing families and individuals with that access,” said **Senior Vice President and General Manager of Univision New York Ramon Pineda**. “We are pleased to partner with the NYC Commission on Human Rights and other leading groups to fulfill our commitment of informing and empowering our community.”

The “Know Your Rights” phone-a-thon will be staffed by Spanish-speaking staff and volunteers from the participating agencies and organizations. The phone-a-thon will offer people a channel for information sharing and an opportunity for participating entities to listen to the concerns of our communities, answer their questions and provide them with information on resources and assistance available across New York City and beyond. Univision New York, WADO 1280, and *El Diario* have promoted the phone-a-thon over the last week on air and on social media.

The NYC Commission on Human Rights enforces the NYC Human Rights Law, one of the strongest city anti-discrimination laws in the nation, which protects people from discrimination and harassment across 22 board categories, including race, color, religion/creed, age, national origin, alienage or citizenship status, gender (including sexual harassment), gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, pregnancy, marital status, and partnership status, among others. The law also prohibits retaliation, bias-based profiling, and discriminatory harassment.

Following the election, the Commission has increased its outreach to concerned communities, such as Muslim, immigrant, and LGBT communities, to educate them on their rights and ensure they have the resources and tools they need to report acts of discrimination. The Commission will also be hosting listening sessions with organizations serving these communities in the weeks ahead to understand their needs and concerns and will launch additional workshops and forums with elected officials so communities can ask questions and understand their rights. The Commission also set up a resource page www.NYC.gov/NYCVValues after the election with information targeted to concerned communities, including a multilingual list of resources by the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs and The City Council for NYC immigrants.

If you or anyone you know has been the victim of discrimination, call the 311 and ask for Human Rights or the Commission’s Infoline at 718-722-3131.

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From: Mayor's Press Office
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 1:31 PM
To: Mayor's Press Office
Subject: MAYOR'S OFFICE OF M/WBES AND SBS TO HOLD BRONX OPEN HOUSE



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MAYOR'S OFFICE OF M/WBES AND SBS TO HOLD BRONX OPEN HOUSE

Outreach effort aims to detail how the City will issue \$16 billion in contracts to M/WBES and award 30 percent of dollar amount of City contracts to M/WBES By 2021

NEW YORK—Mayor Bill de Blasio's Office of Minority- and Women-owned Business Enterprises and the Department of Small Business Services (SBS) will host an M/WBE Open House on Thursday, December 8 in the Bronx. The event will detail the City's commitment to issue \$16 billion in contracts to Minority- and Women-owned Businesses across all boroughs.

Mayor de Blasio has set a bold, new goal of awarding 30 percent of the dollar amount of all City contracts to M/WBES by 2021. Since taking office, the City has reached an all-time high of 4,500 M/WBES certified to contract with the City, half way to reaching 9,000 certified firms by 2019.

The City has awarded a total of \$3.54 billion to M/WBES since the program's inception in 2015, and in FY 2016, the City's combined prime and subcontract M/WBE utilization was 14.3 percent, up from 8 percent in FY 2015, representing a 6.3 percent increase in utilization.

Event attendees will also have an opportunity to learn about upcoming bids for City projects and to network with other businesses. Senior City Hall staff and City agency representatives will be available to speak directly with business owners and answer questions.

WHEN: Thursday, December 8, 2016
4:00PM – 7:00PM

WHERE: Lehman College, Music Building
250 Bedford Park Boulevard West
Bronx, NY 10468

Businesses can register online at bxmwbeopenhouse.eventbrite.com.

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From: Mayor's Press Office
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 12:27 PM
To: Mayor's Press Office
Subject: MAYOR DE BLASIO AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER ABEYWARDENA
ANNOUNCE RELEASE OF NEW STUDY SHOWING \$3.69 BILLION IN ECONOMIC
OUTPUT FROM HOSTING UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS IN NYC



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UN Community in New York City helps support and sustain economic growth

NEW YORK—Today, Mayor Bill de Blasio and the Mayor's Office for International Affairs, in partnership with the New York City Economic Development Corporation, released the United Nations Impact Report 2016, an analysis that outlines the economic costs and benefits to New York City due to the presence of the permanent headquarters of the United Nations. Using 2014 as the base year, the study presents the significant economic benefit from hosting the UN and UN Community in New York City and showcases how New York City supports this global community in its diverse metropolis.

"New York City is not only an economic and cultural capital, but a diplomatic one. We are proud to be the host city to the United Nations headquarters and the largest diplomatic community in the world. The impact of the United Nations stretches far beyond New York City, and this study reflects the city's enduring commitment to supporting this critical global institution," said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**.

"I am thrilled for my office to release this salient report which shows the concrete economic benefit – a significant \$3.69 billion in total economic output to New York City from hosting the UN Community. The nearly 16,000 individuals that make-up the UN Community, representing countries across the world, adds to the vibrant diversity of our global city. The UN is much more than the sum of its economic impact – working to address some of the most pressing challenges facing the world today, from catalyzing action on climate change to assisting refugees. Now, more than ever, the partnership between the City of New York and the UN is of paramount importance. This study celebrates that partnership and the UN presence in New York City for seven decades," said **Penny Abeywardena, Commissioner of the Mayor's Office for International Affairs**.

The United Nations Economic Impact Report 2016 illustrates the UN Community's role as a major employer and purchaser of local goods and services and how New York City realizes economic benefits from the UN Community by way of employment, earnings associated with those jobs, and tax revenue. It also highlights New York City's special role as host city to the UN, specifically the investment made in supporting the UN Community.

"From increased foot traffic to local businesses from international visitors, to the impacts of household spending of UN Community employees throughout the five boroughs, the presence of the UN in New York City is helping to create and sustain additional jobs for New Yorkers. We were delighted to work with the Mayor's Office for International Affairs to compile this analysis that shows not only what the UN brings to New York City, but also how the city supports the UN Community," said **NYCEDC President Maria Torres-Springer**.

"This study shows the strength of the long-standing partnership between the United Nations and New York City. The Organization brings enormous value to its host city, and UN staff members actively contribute to the communities where they live, while the City continues to support our diverse UN family. I thank Mayor de Blasio and all New Yorkers for their steadfast support. We look forward to continuing to work together towards our shared goals of global peace, harmony and prosperity for all," said **UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon**.

Among its findings, the UN Economic Impact Report shows that in 2014:

Benefits:

- The UN Community generated **\$3.69 billion in total annual economic output** to the City of New York's economy.
- The UN Community employed roughly **16,000 people with estimated earnings of almost \$1.64 billion**. These household earnings and the operating expenses of the UN Community help to create and sustain **7,940 jobs for New Yorkers**.
 - The UN issued over **30,000 accreditations for visitors** attending meetings and conferences. These visitors, on average, stayed in New York City for 14 days and received an average daily expense allowance of \$258. This spend **supported an additional estimated 1,210 jobs in NYC**.
- In terms of direct employment, the UN, and its Agencies and Affiliates in New York City, would have been the **22nd largest employer** in the New York metropolitan area.

Costs:

- New York City incurs costs by supporting the UN Community, estimated to be **approximately \$54 million**, including costs for security and education costs for staff members enrolling their children in public schools.
- New York City **forewent an estimated \$99 million in tax revenue in 2014** due to the UN Community's tax-exempt status.

"It has been terrific to partner with the Mayor's Office for International Affairs on innovative initiatives that integrate the UN into the fabric of this international city. I applaud the Mayor's Office for International Affairs for releasing this timely analysis that reflects the positive return on investment from hosting this vital international institution in one of the most global cities in the world. U.S. engagement at the UN has a return on investment that goes beyond our foreign policy and security goals – we also see a tangible economic benefit at home," said **Kathy Calvin, President & CEO of the United Nations Foundation**.

“For more than a century, New York has been a crossroads of trade, communication, and culture – and for seven decades, our special relationship with the UN has helped make New York a global capital,” said **Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer**. “We’re privileged to have the world’s diplomatic community here.”

"The United Nations belongs in New York City. It belongs because of our historic commitment to building a true global community, one where we come together to advance our common welfare. The City is affirming what we in Brooklyn have long known: the UN is an unbelievable asset that has produced long-lasting benefits," said **Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams**.

"The United Nations and New York City have a symbiotic relationship. An important international organization deserves an international city. And this analysis shows just how much an economic powerhouse the UN is for our City, and we are glad they are here," said **Council Member Dan Garodnick, Chair of Council Committee on Economic Development**.

In 1946, New York City competed with cities across the globe to host the permanent headquarters of the United Nations. In 2016, the de Blasio Administration, through its continued support for the United Nations and UN Community, champions multilateral efforts to find lasting solutions to some of the most complex and pressing challenges in the world.

The full report can be accessed on the Mayor’s Office for International Affairs [website](#) and additional information on data sources and methodology can be accessed by visiting www.edc.nyc/UNImpactReport2016.

About the Mayor’s Office for International Affairs

The [New York City Mayor's Office for International Affairs](#) works to foster positive relations and encourage collaboration between the international community and New York City's agencies and local neighborhoods. The Office is focused on sharing New York City's policies and best practices globally, as well as responding to requests from foreign governments, the United Nations, and the U.S. Department of State. For more information, follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Tumblr](#), and on our [website](#).

About NYCEDC

[New York City Economic Development Corporation](#) (NYCEDC) is the City's primary vehicle for promoting economic growth in each of the five boroughs. NYCEDC's mission is to stimulate growth through expansion and redevelopment programs that encourage investment, generate prosperity and strengthen the City's competitive position. NYCEDC serves as an advocate to the business community by building relationships with companies that allow them to take advantage of New York City's many opportunities. Find us on [Facebook](#) or follow us on [Twitter](#), or visit our [blog](#) to learn more about NYCEDC projects and initiatives.

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From: Mayor's Press Office
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 10:03 AM
To: Mayor's Press Office
Subject: STATEMENT FROM MAYOR DE BLASIO ON THE INTRODUCTION OF FAIR WORKWEEK LEGISLATION



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**STATEMENT FROM MAYOR DE BLASIO ON THE INTRODUCTION OF FAIR WORKWEEK
LEGISLATION**

“Earlier this year we promised to protect tens of thousands of hardworking New Yorkers from the struggle that comes from a lack of a predictable and stable work schedule. Knowing your hours ahead of time is too often taken for granted, though it is a downright necessity for arranging childcare, class schedules and budgeting for the week. Working with our partners in the City Council, we introduced legislation that would require fast food employers to provide advance notice of upcoming shifts. This is an important next step in protecting the rights of 65,000 New Yorkers and once again demonstrates that we are committed to being a city that is fair and equitable for all.”

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From: Mayor's Press Office
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 9:06 AM
To: Mayor's Press Office
Subject: MAYOR DE BLASIO, DOF AND HPD ANNOUNCE SUSPENSION NOTICES SENT TO OWNERS OF 3,000 RENTAL BUILDINGS OUT OF COMPLIANCE WITH 421-A



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Non-compliant properties have combined total of 37,141 apartments; letters are latest phase of a multi-stage, multi-agency enforcement effort

NEW YORK—Mayor Bill de Blasio, Department of Housing Preservation and Development Commissioner Vicki Been and Department of Finance Commissioner Jacques Jiha today announced that DOF sent letters notifying owners of 3,103 multi-family rental buildings, with 37,141 apartments, that their 421-a tax benefits will be suspended if they don't comply with the requirements of the 421-a program. This is the latest action coming out of a multi-year, multi-stage and multi-agency enforcement effort to ensure that property owners receiving valuable 421-a benefits are in full compliance with the law. If these buildings were not getting 421-a benefits, their owners would pay \$304 million in property taxes to New York City this year alone.

"It's outrageous that property owners accept tax breaks and then simply choose to ignore their legal responsibility. Enough is enough. Building owners who fail to comply will lose the benefit," said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**.

"The City is committed to ensuring that owners who accept valuable tax benefits are complying with their obligations," said **HPD Commissioner Vicki Been**. "Most building owners do the right thing, but we will not allow anyone to flout the law. We will continue to cooperate across levels of government to use all of our enforcement powers to crack down on those who would abuse the system."

"It is very important for landlords who have been receiving the 421-a tax benefit to file the necessary paperwork with our agency and to pass on those benefits to the tenants," said **DOF Commissioner Jacques Jiha**.

The enforcement action targets rental projects that have received 421-a benefits for at least five years but have not yet filed a required Final Certificate of Eligibility (FCE) with DOF. The letters give owners notice that the tax exemption will be suspended unless they submit their FCE. Buildings that do not comply within the 13-month deadline will have their benefits revoked by HPD, where appropriate. Approximately 173,000 units received 421-a tax benefits, worth \$1.2165 billion in forgiven taxes, in fiscal year 2016.

For many years, benefits were administered through a two-stage application process because the 421-a statute allowed a developer to apply to HPD for a Preliminary Certificate of Eligibility (PCE) once construction started, and again for an FCE when construction was complete. Even so, many owners, especially in smaller buildings with less than 100 units, failed to complete the FCE process.

During the FCE application review, HPD confirms that rental units are properly registered as rent stabilized with the New York State Housing and Community Renewal (HCR), and that the initial rent charged for each 421-a affordable unit does not exceed 30 percent of the income limits imposed upon the affordable units. While HPD already has contacted the vast majority of these owners to bring them into compliance, they are now on notice from DOF that they must complete the process and file their FCE or their benefits will be suspended.

To address the problem going forward, the de Blasio Administration, in 2015, proposed and the State Legislature passed 421-a reforms requiring a single application for retroactive construction period benefits along with post-completion benefits, which would ensure that compliance with all requirements of 421-a would be established before any benefits are allowed.

In early 2014, the City joined forces with Governor Cuomo's Tenant Protection Unit and Attorney General Eric Schneiderman's Real Estate Finance Bureau to begin investigating compliance of all building owners receiving 421-a benefits. The data-heavy investigation found that for rental properties excluding three family homes, 77 percent of units receiving 421-a benefits were in full compliance and that 3 percent failed to ever register their rents with the State. Of the remainder, 13 percent of units have missed the rent registration requirements for one year only, and the other 7 percent have some years of compliance and some years of non-compliance. Buildings receiving 421-a benefits that are not in full compliance are now the focus of a multi-stage enforcement action.

The 3,103 buildings targeted in today's announcement include all multi-family rental buildings receiving 421-a benefits who have failed to file their FCE application with HPD. This enforcement action comes after [revocation](#) letters were sent to owners of 178 condos and cooperatives receiving 421-a benefits last month. In September, HPD instructed DOF to revoke benefits to 35 buildings. Those buildings have a total of 244 apartments, and would receive a total value of \$4.5 million in tax benefits under 421-a.

New York State enacted Section 421-a of the Real Property Tax Law, known as 421-a, in 1971 to incentivize the construction of housing in New York City. The law provides a partial exemption from New York City property taxes for the owners of newly-constructed, residential multi-family buildings for at least ten years.

"We must hold landlords accountable," said **Council Member Stephen Levin**. "It's unconscionable that property owners are receiving millions in tax breaks to provide community benefits and are instead charging rents that push New Yorkers out of their homes. I applaud Mayor de Blasio's bold step to protect our city's tenants and put an end to this injustice."

"The 421-a tax abatement has the potential to be a win-win for developers and hard-hit New Yorkers in need for affordable housing. This has not been the reality. To make sure this tax incentive is not to the sole benefit of builders, we must ensure there are safeguards in place and investigations conducted to guarantee they hold up their side of the deal. I commend the Administration for taking action on this issue and making sure recipients

of this massive tax break are in compliance and supporting the recent bills the City Council put forth on this topic,” said **Council Member Jumaane Williams**.

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From: Mayor's Press Office
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2016 5:52 PM
To: Mayor's Press Office
Subject: PUBLIC SCHEDULE FOR MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2016



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PUBLIC SCHEDULE FOR MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2016

On Tuesday, Mayor de Blasio will hold public hearings for and sign 17 pieces of legislation – Intros. 738-A, 1079-A, 1088-A, 1090-A, 1093-A, 1094-A, 1098-A, 1100-A, 1101 and 1102, in relation to gas safety; Intro. 1124-A, in relation to establishing an electric vehicle charging station pilot program; Intro. 1183-A, in relation to establishing a task force on affordability, admissions and graduation rates at the City University of New York; Intro 1228-B, in relation to amending the New York City charter to review the operations, policies, programs and practices of the Department of Correction; Intro. 300-A, in relation to the removal of snow and ice from fire hydrants; Intro. 1147-A, in relation to establishing an office of crime victim services; and Intros. 1213-A and 1214-A, in relation to services provided to NYCHA residents, including the jobs-plus program. This event is open press. There will be no Q-and-A.

In the evening, the Mayor and First Lady Chirlane McCray will attend The Nation Institute's 50th Anniversary Gala Dinner. This event is closed press.

Press Schedule

4:00 PM – Holds Public Hearings for and Signs Intros. 738-A, 1079-A, 1088-A, 1090-A, 1093-A, 1094-A, 1098-A, 1100-A, 1101, 1102, 1124-A, 1183-A, 1228-B, 300-A, 1147-A, 1213-A and 1214-A

Blue Room

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The event will be live-streamed on [NYC.gov](http://nyc.gov), and a live feed will be available on Encompass Port CTY- 4205. Official photos will be available at [flickr.com/nycmayorsoffice](https://www.flickr.com/photos/nycmayorsoffice/) shortly following the event.

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From: Mayor's Press Office
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To: Mayor's Press Office
Subject: TRANSCRIPT: MAYOR DE BLASIO, COMMISSIONER O'NEILL DISCUSS NOVEMBER CRIME STATISTICS



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Mayor Bill de Blasio: Morning, everyone. We're here to talk to you about the month of November and how the NYPD did in terms of fighting crime in that month. But I thought it was very important to spend a moment upfront talking about an incident that occurred in this city in the last few days, and that is something that reflects a lot on the current moment – and we need to address it.

I have said many times – and I'm going to keep saying it – that there are not enough people who know there are 900 Muslim-Americans serving the people of New York City on our police force – 900 Muslim-American members of the NYPD, who, every day, put their lives on the line for all of us. Put their lives on the line for Christians, for Jews, for Hindus, for Muslims, for everybody.

And I was sick to my stomach when I heard that one of our officers was subjected to threats and taunting simply because of her faith. Now, it makes no difference to me whether she was off-duty or on-duty at the time. She serves this city. She is an example of everything we would want from our fellow citizens – a commitment to others, a commitment to service, the willingness to do something greater than herself. And what does she get for it? Threats to her life and bigotry and taunts.

We can't allow this. It's unacceptable in this city. It's unacceptable in this nation. And it's important to put a human face to this story, which is why I wanted you to meet Officer Elsokary. You'll hear from her in a moment.

But think of what we value in this city and in this nation. We value people who put on a uniform and protect us. We value people who have a faith and live it out. And she has done all of those things and it's absolutely unacceptable that she or anyone would be treated with hatred or bigotry.

So, I want the people of New York City to see the face of this public servant, this crime fighter, this person who decided that her mission was to serve the rest of us and understand what it means when hatred is exhibited.

Again, the suspected assailant may not have known she was a police officer – that makes the point even stronger. In a city where there are 900 Muslim-Americans on our police force, there's a lot of people you may not know are a police officer or a member of the National Guard or a member of the US Army. But that should make the point that every single one of them is our fellow American and worthy of our respect.

Officer Aml Elsokary proudly wears her hijab to work. She serves at the 9-0 Precinct. Some of you may know, she has served with distinction. In 2014 she ran into a burning building and helped to save a young girl and her grandmother.

And then on Saturday, she had to experience a man allegedly yelling at her and her son, "Go back to your country." Well, this is Officer Elsokary's country. She is an American. She is a New Yorker. She's already at home. And we cannot allow this kind of hatred and bias to spread. We have to stop it every single time.

It is important to know that as usual, the NYPD acted swiftly. The individual has been arrested and charged. And that is an example of what we will do every time we see an act of bias and hatred.

It is also a reminder to all New Yorkers to stand up for one another. There are many versions of the concept, if you see something, say something, and that includes when you see an act of hate. When you see violence toward your fellow New Yorker because of who they are, we need you to step forward and report it and help us stamp out hate.

We are always New York, and in New York we stand up for each other and we respect people of all faiths – that's the New York way.

Quickly in Spanish –

[Mayor de Blasio speaks in Spanish]

Now, let me say Officer, I want to express my appreciation and my deep gratitude for all you have done for this city. And I want you to know we all stand with you. We all stand with you and we feel that what you do is so important for the city and I want the people of this city to know you, to appreciate you and your family, and understand everything you contribute to us every day.

Officer Aml Elsokary: Thank you.

Mayor: Before we hear from Officer Elsokary, I'd like our Police Commissioner Jimmy O'Neill to speak.

Police Commissioner James O'Neill: Good morning, everyone. I did have the opportunity to meet Officer Elsokary about – I guess it's about two years ago after her rescue in the 9-0 Precinct. I met her in the emergency room at Woodhull Hospital where she was being treated – her and her partner were being treated for smoke inhalation.

I'd just like to say – to thank you for everything that you do every day in the 9-0 in Williamsburg and for keeping the people of this great city safe. You and your partner did a tremendous job that day and you do a tremendous job every day, as does more than 36,000 men and women of the New York City Police Department. We're going to talk about how safe New York City is in a couple minutes, and the [inaudible] civilians.

So, thank you for your service. And I'm sorry this happened to you and your son, but with your help we were able to make an identification and were able to arrest this man as quickly as possible so he wouldn't be able to do this to anyone else. And if anybody is thinking – in New York City – about engaging this type of behavior just, rest assured, that you will be identified and you will be arrested and you will be charged accordingly.

So, there's no place for that in New York City.

Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor: Thank you, Commissioner. Officer, I would love to hear a few words from you about why you chose to be a police officer and what this work means to you.

Officer Elsokary: Again, I'll reiterate – I became a police officer to show the positive side of a New Yorker, Muslim woman that can do this job, that is non-biased. I help everybody, no matter what's your religion, what's your faith, what you do in New York. I'm born and raised here and I'm here to protect you all and I know that my department and city is here to protect me.

I want to thank the Mayor, thank the Commissioner for their constant support. The department has supported me wearing my hijab, stood with me by my side. I want to thank my Muslim Officer Society for also standing by my side and being supportive, and everybody that has contacted me.

And, again, thank you for everything you have done for me.

Mayor: Thank you. Thanks for what you do for us every day. Thank you. Let's give her a round of applause.

Commissioner O'Neill: [Inaudible]

Mayor: Aml is the pronunciation. Aml.

Question: [Inaudible]

Mayor: Yeah, I'm going to say it. Even though it's A-M-L, you say it like an "E." Aml. Aml Elsokary – she is a police officer – 9-0.

Unknown: [Inaudible]

Mayor: No. Let me do it one more time for everyone just so everyone gets it. Officer Aml Elsokary. It's A-M-L – is the first name. Elsokary – E-L-S-O-K-A-R-Y. No hyphen – E-L-S-O-K-A-R-Y – 9-0 precinct. And how many years?

Commissioner O'Neill: 11.

Mayor: 11 years on the job. Okay. Let me turn to – oh, you're going to start?

Commissioner O'Neill: Yeah, going to start.

Mayor: Okay, go ahead.

Commissioner O'Neill: So, thank you everybody for being here this morning for our November crime briefing. Dermot Shea is going to talk about our crime stats and once again, we're doing – the city is doing very well.

We're down in November. We – you know what, I'm going to leave that to Dermot. He can go over all the stats.

But as you're listening to them, just really understand this is all as a direct result of the hard work of the men and women of the NYPD, and in conjunction with neighborhood policing. That is helping us push crime down even further. And then with Bob Boyce's people engaged in precision policing, where we're going after the crews and gangs. So, this is enabling us to push this. When you listen – when you hear the shooting number, you'll definitely be impressed. It's a record low. And again, this doesn't happen by accident. This happens because all New Yorkers are coming together to push crime down even further.

So Dermot's going to speak – the Mayor's going to speak, Dermot's going to speak, and then Bob Boyce is going to talk about a couple of cases, then I'm going to take some questions.

So, Mr. Mayor?

Mayor: Thank you very much, Commissioner. I want to offer my congratulations to the men and women of the NYPD – another fantastic month. I want to thank, of course, First Deputy Commissioner Tucker, all the members of the leadership who are here – a lot to be proud of.

It is also a pleasure to be here at the 1st Precinct, where this good work is done every day, keeping the people of this community safe.

What we're seeing now is precision policing in action. We're all seeing every single month more and more of the impact of neighborhood policing and the closer bonds between police and community. And that story will continue to grow and make an impact on this city.

Now, I wanted to start by saying one thing that is truly unusual that we've experienced in the last month – and it's something I know is on everyone's mind. Last month was the first time we had NYPD taking such a crucial role and huge role in providing security around Trump Tower. I know there's been, legitimately, a lot of concern about how that's going to play out. And one of those concerns of cost – of course is about the cost of providing the security. And as I've said, even though there's work to be done with the federal government, I remain hopeful because when you look at the history of how the federal government has handled a number of other situations where NYPD has provided extraordinary efforts, such as the papal visit last year, there's actually a pretty good track record on reimbursement. But we've got a lot of work to do.

Today, I'm sending this letter to President Obama to formally initiate the reimbursement process. We are going to be continuing very aggressively in the course of the next few days calls and meetings with members of the Obama administration and members of the Congress to nail down the reimbursements for the time between November 8th and January 20. That will be the responsibility of course of the current administration. So, this letter, and detailed budgetary letters, will go out today. A series of calls and meetings with administration officials and members of Congress will occur in the course of this week.

Further, as I said previously, we have become the process of dialogue with the incoming administration. I called Treasury Secretary-designate Steve Mnuchin to congratulate him, and we had a good conversation, including the fact that he fully understood that there was a real, important discussion to be had on how we deal with reimbursement issues going forward. He's a native New Yorker. So, I think that is a very helpful reality. But this is the time now to really lean in to nailing down the reimbursement, particularly for the period up to January 20. Let me also note that what we will be asking in the letters today to the President, to the administration officials, to the Congress – we will be asking for up to \$35 million in reimbursement for the period November 8th to January 20. That's, again, up to \$35 million for November 8th to January 20.

So back to the situation – November – really again so much for the NYPD to be proud of. Dermot Shea will go into details. But here's what I want to emphasize. Just looking at this month of November – this 30-day period in 2016 versus the equivalent period one year ago – overall major crimes down 9.9 percent – almost exactly 10 percent decrease in overall major crime. And when you look at it numerically, it is striking. That is the difference between 9,094 major crimes versus 8,194. Hundreds and Hundreds of crimes stopped by the NYPD, meaning a real tangible impact on people's lives.

Rape is down 20 percent. Robbery is down almost 16 percent. Burglaries are down 22 percent. There are definitely areas where we have to do better. And homicide is one of the them when you look at the month of November. But we know that this approach the NYPD is taking – the precision policing, plus neighborhood policing is more and more paying off, and these numbers are extraordinary.

Let me also note that we have not yet felt the full effect of the new officers coming on the job. We will get to that full complement – the 2,000 officer increase in terms of real patrol strength won't be fully felt until January. And then I think you'll see more and more impact from that addition to that police force – again, the first major addition to our force in 15 years. That's going to play out more and more after January.

Finally, since it's been such a part of the national discussion, I want to emphasize this simple fact. Since the height of the previous use of stop-and-frisk – 2011 – stop-and-frisk is now reduced 97 percent. Let me say it again – stop-and-frisk is down 97 percent since the high-water mark in 2011. And what we have seen is consistent drop in crime, and particularly this year – consistent increases in gun seizures by the NYPD. I think that says it all.

Just quickly in Spanish.

[Mayor de Blasio speaks in Spanish.]

With that – turn back to the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner. And thank you and congratulations again.

Commissioner O'Neill: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Now, before I introduce Dermot, I'd just like to thank Deputy Inspector Mark Iocco – he is the C-O of the first precinct – for hosting us here this morning. So, Dermot is going to go over the November numbers first now. Dermot?

Deputy Commissioner for Operations Dermot Shea, NYPD: Good morning, everyone. When we look at November's numbers, I'm going to be quoting statistics to you as of December 1st. Public Information Office will have all these numbers for distribution. November continued the year-long trend of reduced crime in New York City. Which just under four weeks left to go in 2016, we're poised to have really historic levels of both index crimes, as well as gun violence seen in New York City. We are not finished. Just as we sit here today, we're reviewing across the Department – deputy commissioner officers, different bureaus and divisions, all units – to look forward to 2017 – how we can push crime down even further. And we believe that we can.

Issues of data collection, analysis, deployment – with Terry Monahan sitting next to me – with patrol, with Bob Boyce's detectives and cases, as well as outreach – all areas examined to how we can even push crime further down.

In terms of overall index crime for November, as the Mayor alluded to, we were down nearly 10 percent, or over 900 crimes.

Murder – we recorded 23 murders, versus 22 the prior year. Three of those 23 were re-classifications, which leaves 20 actually occurring this November. The re-classifications – one was from 1993, one from 2003, and one from 2011.

Rape – down 20 percent.

Robbery – 233 fewer robberies this year – down over 15 percent.

Felonious assault – down six percent.

Burglary – down over 22 percent.

And this is across broad sections – different boroughs, different precincts. We're seeing dramatic crime decreases.

Grand larceny – down nearly five percent.

Stolen vehicles – 54 fewer in New York City. Pushing the record down even further – down 8.8 percent for November.

We saw reductions in transit crime. We saw reductions in housing crime.

In terms of shooting incidents – if you remember last November, we recorded 80 shooting incidents – that was a record at the time, never before seen in New York City since we've recorded shooting incidents. Versus that 80, this November we recorded 67 shooting incidents – a reduction of 16.2 percent.

Where does that bring us? Through the first 11 months of November – through November of 2016 – we're down 3.8 percent overall in index crime. It's a reduction of over 3,600 index crimes. When you look at shooting incidents, and again, this is through the end of November – we've actually gained on these leads.

But through the end of November, we're down 107 shooting incidents – over ten percent shooting reduction. 936 shootings, which is a lot, and we're going to push it even lower. But where were we last year? 1,043. We are shattering the prior record in 2013, in terms of shooting incidents in New York City. Murders – down 15 through the end of November for a 4.6 percent reduction.

And I'll just end quickly as a frequently do mention the enforcement efforts that's leading to this. Arrests through November 30th – down over 23,500 – just this year. Over two years, we're down over 21 percent in arrests – far greater number. Something I've mentioned before with this reduction in arrests, felony arrests up, gun arrests up over nine percent. We're not doing this alone. The most important party in all of this is the community and the tips that we are receiving, whether it's 3-1-1, 9-1-1, whether it's attending a community council meeting, whether it's showing up and following up at court with an arrest, so I praise the work that the public and all our prosecutors have in these numbers. We are really, truly not doing this alone. And those are the biggest part. Thank you.

Commissioner O'Neill: All right, thanks Dermot.

Just before I introduce Bobby, I had the opportunity to go out to the Academy on Saturday, and we had a family day for our recruits and their families, and I talked about how – why people become New York City police officers – and that's to make a difference. And with the 900 people-less that were victims of crime this year – that is a tangible difference. So, again – my congratulations to the men and women of this great Police Department.

Bob Boyce is going to update you on a couple of cases.

Chief of Detectives Robert Boyce, NYPD: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. If we could just put up that poster, please. That's a different one, but I'll go with that. Don't worry about it.

Mayor: He's very quick on his feet.

[Laughter]

Chief of Detectives Boyce: Okay. If you remember – we were looking for this lady right here. This happened at the Richard Rodgers Theater. There was total of 10 pick-pockets from – this is a career criminal right here. She has 52 priors. Her name is Michelle Vaughn – aka, Lin Vaughn. She's 48 years old. As I said, she has 52 priors, so she is a professional pick-pocket. We're looking for her now. We've been looking for her the last couple of days, and she knows we're looking for her as well. So 52 priors, 10 cases all and all, we have her identified in two. So we've made two cases on her. We believe she is the one – she is a person who obviously comes up with different disguises and works the Midtown area. So great work by the Grand Larceny Unit and Manhattan detectives as well.

Next poster please. Okay, we had a homicide in East New York, Brooklyn on November 30th, outside the Louis Pink Houses. A young lady, a 27-year-old female, Salaya Figueroa, was shot one time causing her demise. She was an unintended victim in this. They were aiming for someone else. We've identified these two individuals as the shooters – Frederick Coleman, he is on your left. He's got 19 priors. And with him is [inaudible]. He's got nine priors. We're seeking them now. We consider them to be dangerous individuals. Please call 9-1-1 if you see them. If you have any information, please call the tips numbers.

Last one, please. This is a person identified – well, a sketch of someone we're looking for. You'll see the car running away. This is from the case with the State Corrections officer who was shot with his wife out in the 113th precinct. We were able to do a sketch, as you can see the teardrop and the significant haircut. I don't know if he still has that, but we're looking for him as well. This car right here – you see, we see fleeing the scene. We were able to come up with an image of it. That is a Honda Civic, I believe – light blue in color. Any information that we have on this, please call the Police Department immediately on the tips line. If you see this car and that fellow sitting inside, please call 9-1-1.

Question: [Inaudible]

Chief Boyce: It looks that way. It looks like in a circular pattern, yes. So again, one time – once we put this out, sir, it's unusual that he keeps it. They usually alter their appearance immediately. So, if anybody knows him, please call. This case doesn't appear to have anything to do with what happened last night. This is a State Corrections officer.

Thanks.

Commissioner O'Neill: Okay, thanks Bob. Take some questions. Yes?

Question: [Inaudible] You mentioned 9.9 percent or 10 percent, is that year-to-date, or is that November year-to-last?

Deputy Commissioner Shea: That's for the month of this November verse the last November. And that brings our current year-to-date, through November 30th – 3.8 percent down.

Commissioner O'Neill: Juliet?

Question: [Inaudible]

Deputy Commissioner Shea: That's something that we're always working on. I am a firm believer – the answer is I don't have exact metrics – but I am a firm believer that if we are to continue to push the crime down, we will hit a level that we need the community support even more. And whether it's cooperating with cases that are going on already in the criminal justice system or increased participation, block watches, showing up at community council meetings – there's a variety of benefits that this gives to us – increases our eyes and ears on the street. The tips that come in to Bob Boyce's detectives, so just on a multitude of ways, we encourage all New Yorkers to get involved, to get involved more. They already are involved. For those areas of the city that – we still do still crime in New York City. It's at unprecedented lows, but one crime is too many. So when there is a crime that occurs, for example some of the ones Bob alluded to, we ask the people in those communities to get involved, become a part of the block-watchers, show up at the community council meetings. If you have a tip, call up. And this is going to just add – add to this crime reduction.

Question: Is the [inaudible] dollar figure he cited – is that the entire cost or is that just a portion of the full cost of the security?

Mayor: That's the – I will have the budget people confirm, but my understanding is that's essentially the entire cost from November 8th to January 20.

Commissioner O'Neill: Marcia?

Question: [Inaudible]

Commissioner O'Neill: Marcia, I'm going to have to get the stats on the hit-and-runs for you. I don't have them with me right now. And Ben Tucker will talk about the second part of your question – about the PR firm. Ben?

First Deputy Commissioner Benjamin Tucker, NYPD: Sure, Marcia. So, you may recall that we started almost three ago – at the beginning of the administration – to look at how we build trust. Right? I mean that's a big part of it. We started with the federal monitorship. We're still working with them. Of course, we're working on new stop-and-frisk and body-on cameras coming online in March. But beyond that – to Dermot's point – he said we need community support more than ever. We recognize that. That's how you build trust. And so the more we can do that, the better off we'll all be. So we're trying to do that. We've started out with our new recruitment campaign. We started out with training. So this has been sort of an ongoing process. And as a result, I think we're starting to see some results. As the Mayor said, stop-and-frisk – down 97 percent. Those are good. That's a good thing. And we haven't even begun to train yet on stop-and-frisk as part of the federal monitorship remedial measures process, but that's all underway. If you add to that the focus on our outreach around – to communities all across the city, which has been ongoing during this process as well.

So this is an ongoing process. This new procurement that we've put on the streets is designed to help us think about messaging. We're reaching lots and lots of people. Dermot mentioned community councils, mentioned block watches. But beyond that, there are other folks out there that are more on the margins that we want to reach as well. So we're trying to get messaging out. We're trying to be thoughtful about it. This will give us some opportunities to think about doing that.

Question: [Inaudible]

First Deputy Commissioner Tucker: Exactly. I mean we want to be as targeted as we possibly can. I mean one message may not reach all populations. And so, we're trying to think about ways in which we can – we can increase our bandwidth, increase our outreach in a way that tells our story. The fact that our crime statistics are extraordinarily low, and we're hitting record lows this year is important and certainly, critical. At the same time, we know that there are people we're not reaching, and who don't – may not even be aware of that. And that number – those numbers don't resonate because they may not experience it in their communities that way.

Commissioner O'Neill: Marcia, we'll get Tom Chang to be available to you later on for hit-and-run. Okay? And Ben – just to add what you were saying this is about recognition of change. We've done a lot of hard work over the last 35 months in the New York City Police Department to reach out and make things better for every New Yorker. So, this is part of that effort.

Question: Sir, [inaudible] January 20th [inaudible] protection then go around that area and hopefully [inaudible]?

Commissioner O'Neill: We are still in talks with the Secret Service, who – we've developed a great relationship with for our post-inaugural plan. It hasn't been firmed up yet.

Question: The number of suspected ODs on Staten Island [inaudible] last year. I'm wondering if there's more that the NYPD can do or at some point [inaudible] –

Commissioner O'Neill: Dermot can start and then I guess we'll turn it over to the Mayor. But we've done a tremendous amount of work on Staten Island with the new DA out there, Mike McMahon. But Dermot can give you some follow up.

Dermot Shea: The unattended overdose problem is not something unique to New York City. This is something that if you pick up any – turn on any TV or any newspaper, it's really spreading across the nation. And unfortunately, it's hit us too. This is not a Staten Island problem either. This is an entire New York City problem.

Recognizing this, we have really stepped up our efforts over the last six months particularly going back probably to the beginning of this year in recognition of the growth of overdoses across the department – taking part in multiple City agencies, speaking specifically to hospitals, Department of Health, Corrections, the Police Department, the prosecutors. This is clearly a problem that is – we are aware of and significant but it's not the answer to this, in my opinion – it's not going to just a police [inaudible].

So, I agree with you 100 percent. We have been looking at trying to identify, quicker than possible, share information with other agencies, coming up with a targeted response on the – in terms of interdiction and those selling those selling substances – Bob Boyce's. But this a very complicated problem that we are in the midst of and have been for some time.

To label it as Staten Island alone, I think we're missing some of the picture. We have literally every borough of New York and the suburbs seeing the same exact problem.

So, it's a multi-pronged approach. It begins with what we've already done – trying to get better and better information. Where are these happening. What's the substances that's causing these overdoses. Who are the people that are falling to these overdoses? Does it start with a prescription problem and then morph into it? A lot of problems – I can tell you that we've done a tremendous amount of work working with those that I've mentioned, working with the ME's Office to try to examine when somebody passes away, what can we learn from that incident, and then tailor our response accordingly.

A lot of work still to come. Definitely one of our high priorities. I mentioned earlier, I think the strategies for 2017 – we're not letting up on crime. We're certainly not letting up on gun violence, but we also identify that there are areas that we can improve and we plan to, and overdose is one of them.

Mayor: That's right. I want to follow up, Anna, on the point about what is important in policing and beyond policing. In terms of policing, it's obviously becoming a higher and higher priority for the NYPD all over the city. I would say we have a particularly major concern about the Bronx and Staten Island.

In terms of work with the DAs, this is becoming a higher priority and we're putting more resources into the prosecutions. The use of the reversal drug, naloxone, has been one of the – amidst a crisis – it clearly is – one of the bright spots has been the extraordinary achievements of the NYPD in terms of stopping overdoses in so many cases and saving lives. We're trying to get that drug out more broadly including into households that people fear their child, in particular, might be susceptible to an overdose. That's one piece of the equation.

I think the other piece of the equation has to do with treatment and the continuum between mental health issues and substance misuse issues. When my wife, Chirlane, announced a new NYC Well initiative – this is very pertinent to the opioid situation because now we have a single point of contact for any family. You know, the person who's got a problem can call 1-8-8-8-N-Y-C-W-E-L-L but a family member can call also and say, I've got someone in my household who is using prescription drugs inappropriately or is using heroin and I'm scared. What do I do? And there's a trained professional to help them figure out how to get the treatment they need or obviously if we need to involve law enforcement in any way.

But there's still a stigma. I think this is one of the things we have to overcome to deal with the opioid issue. There are family members who know that one of their loved ones has a problem but they don't know where to turn and they're embarrassed about it. They think it sort of reflects badly on them. People should never feel that. This is a physical problem. This is an addiction problem.

And so, we're hoping to – working with NYPD, working with schools, working with clergy – help people understand they need to come forward to help save lives in their own family. So, all of these pieces have to have [inaudible] available.

But we have an obligation to do, Anna, is to put this together into a very aggressive plan that the people of New York City can see and touch and feel and can see it's going to have impact on their lives.

Question: [Inaudible]

Mayor: I'll let law enforcement speak to that.

Commissioner O'Neill: I think that's something that should be left to trained professionals. You know, if people are doing that then they're living life on the edge. They're really taking serious chances with whether they want to continue on this Earth anymore. So, obviously, not recommended. Azi?

Question: [Inaudible]

Commissioner O'Neill: Yeah, Chief Boyce will talk about that. Bobby?

Chief Boyce: Good morning, again. This – right now, hate crimes in the city is up 35 percent from last year. Now, that being said, we're also up 45 percent in arrests on those cases. So, as they come in, we are making the arrests nearly immediately in some acts. Other acts, other times it's a little bit tougher investigation.

So, we also started looking at certain parameters. What happened post-Election Day? We had a huge spike right after the election. It's somewhat slowed a little bit. So, right now, since Election Day, it's 43 cases versus 20. They're up 23 which is a big percentage of 115 percent.

We've seen most of those are anti-Semitic – 24 versus eight. The anti-Muslim number is four versus two but this is yesterday's number so we don't have all the weekend. So, we're seeing anti-white as well and anti-sexual orientation.

So, we're seeing, across the board, an increase right now – hard to define with just metrics. Again, our job is to go out and make arrests immediately on these things which is what we're doing.

Question: [Inaudible]

Chief Boyce: No. No. Azi, you can go back each year after that but we're looking at something that happened last year. If you remember, two years ago, we had – Israel was involved in a war and we had a huge spike in anti-Semitic – the same thing happens. The national discourse has effects on hate crime – hate speech, I should say, hate speech.

Commissioner O'Neill: Rocco –

Question: [Inaudible]

Chief Boyce: I don't want to get into the fact that – Commissioner said he's a male with seven priors, lives in the neighborhood. So, I don't want to go into what initially started with her son. When she came into to call the incident in, that's when the hate speech actually came out. The threats – he actually threatened her with his pit bull. That's why we charged him with menacing with a hate crime.

So, the 16-year-old – she left her son while she went to get a parking spot. She came back, he was already engaged in an argument. The male lives nearby. So, rather than get into that, let's focus on what he said to her because she was wearing the hijab.

In response to the case in the 13th Precinct that happened Thursday night about 10:00 pm. The three individuals – the three perpetrators we're looking for and our victim get on a northbound 6-train at 23rd and Park. That's when the harassment begins, and he actually pulled on her tote bag. Right now, we're trying to find video to identify those three individuals.

Our victim gets off at 42nd Street and one does follow her up the stairs. So, we have a tremendous amount of work since then and now to find video depicting those individuals.

We'll ask her to come in and do sketches as well to see if we can get a sketch out on them as well. She describes them as being intoxicated males.

So, that's where we are with the case right now.

Question: [Inaudible]

Chief Boyce: Not very far. She went – once, I think my belief is and she couldn't articulate this because she didn't know that she went to get a police officer and then that's when he took off.

Commissioner O'Neill: David –

Question: [Inaudible]

Mayor: No, I will be very clear. It was – we spoke for probably ten minutes. It was not my formal effort to engage the incoming administration. It was simply a conversation to establish contact and let them know that I wanted to work together.

He is a New Yorker and he's very proud of that fact. I think that's important. But he was quite aware of the concern and looked forward to working on it. So, there's not anything definitive but I will say, again, I remain optimistic. I think the key individuals in the incoming administration including the President-elect understand what a huge commitment the NYPD is making and I have every reason to believe they will be sympathetic and do all they can do.

Question: [Inaudible]

Mayor: There's no – and again, I want to differentiate, always, the difference between a formal conversation and an informal conversation. But, no, I have not had any sense of pushback in any conversation.

Commissioner O'Neill: In the back, next to [inaudible], yeah?

Question: [Inaudible]

Chief Boyce: This young lady is 25-years-old. She was at her mother's residence in the 6-3 Precinct. Came out, was sitting in the car making a phone call. We have a male who appears to be waiting there in another car get out of that car – this was described in the press as a drive-by, it was not. He got out of the car and he fired five rounds into the car, striking her and killing her.

This male then got into a car and then drove away. So, that's where we are with the case right now. She has been at Rikers Island for only a month. She was a newly assigned Correction Officer there. We have a long way to go in this investigation, yet. So, I'd be speculative if I told you anything more than that.

Question: [Inaudible] Elsokary, did she identify herself [inaudible]? And what's the protocol when an off-duty officer is arresting [inaudible]?

Chief Boyce: Well, I think Officer Elsokary was thrust into a situation and it was so heated because of her son, she did not initially say she was a police officer – not unusual if you're trying to calm a situation. He then ran off after he made those comments.

So, that happens to people all the time as we [inaudible] the city. We have off-duty incidents and often officers are victimized. So, we have no problems when they're doing their job generally. And she did. She helped us identify that male –

Commissioner O'Neill: And just to –

Chief Boyce: We had him within 24 hours.

Commissioner O'Neill: Just on top of that – when they're off-duty, they don't have a partner and don't have a radio. They might have a phone but you have to go into these situations very carefully.

Marcia –

Question: [Inaudible]

Commissioner O'Neill: That'd be – I'm actually going to see Dan Nigro today and I'm sure I'll have that conversation with him this afternoon.

Question: [Inaudible] ACS investigation [inaudible]

Mayor: Yeah, well, I'm very concerned about this situation. This is a child, again, you know. Our job is to save every child. It's as simple as that. Sometimes we have information that can give us the best chance to save a child. Sometimes we don't. But our job is to save every child.

Full investigation underway – I ordered that immediately. What I can tell you is preliminary. I want to emphasize that – preliminary information that could well change as we get more detail.

My understanding is that a call was made to the State registry that as soon as ACS received that alert, that ACS workers went to the site they received about an hour-and-a-half later. This was a couple days before the tragedy. Apparently, the address that was given in the complaint was inaccurate. They searched at that address, could not find anything that suggested the particular case. Apparently, they did ring the doorbell of the home that is the one that ultimately was the pertinent home. There was response. They went back and continued searching for some kind of crosscheck, some kind of clues that would tell them what the actual name and address was.

They did that over the course of 48 hours, determined the appropriate name and address, were going back to that location once they had when this tragedy occurred.

So, there's a lot more we need to know. It's clear there was very focused action. It's also clear that this child died and my question is always going to be was there anything we missed? Was there anything we could do better? That's what this investigation will be about.

Unknown: In the front row [inaudible]?

Question: Just to follow up on that [inaudible]?

Mayor: I do have confidence in the ACS leadership, and I've been at this work a long time. As you may know I spent eight years as the chairman of the City Council committee that focuses on, among of other issues, child abuse. And when I started in that work in 2002 we were in much, much worse shape than we were – than we are today. After the death of Nixmary Brown in 2006, profound changes were made, and I credit the Bloomberg administration for recognizing those profound changes that were made. That continued up until the time I took office. We've added a whole series of reforms. As is true with policing in general, this is work that never ends. We constantly have to improve our work, but in fact many, many lives have been saved. You don't – understandably you don't get to hear those stories, but I am convinced the ACS is doing very, very important work all the time to save lives and is succeeding. It's the times when we lose a life that we've got to learn was there something we could do differently. Was there any opportunity that was missed? And that's what the investigation will look at.

Commissioner O'Neill: In the back.

Question: Mr. Mayor could you comment on the lawsuit by [inaudible].

Mayor: As I've said, we are very clear. If you look at the original legislation, which is the law of this city, it was quite clear that we were not going to be – we were not going to allow ourselves to be in a situation where those records would be turned over to the federal government. The whole ID – the whole idea – excuse me – of IDNYC was to give people an opportunity in this city to live a better life for themselves and their families, to

have a deeper connection to the city and the city government. That they could go visit a loved one in the hospital, they could go visit their child's teacher, that if they had an interaction with a police officer there was an ID recognized by the NYPD. It was a very basic concept. They could sign a lease, etc. And that was needed in this city. And it has been successful, but the reason people were willing to trust us is we made very clear that there would never be a situation where it would lead to their deportation, and we're going to keep that pledge, and it's also part of our law. It's quite clearly stated in the legislation, so we will follow through on that.

Unknown: We're going to wrap up the police part. Alright? We'll wrap up the police part and then we're going to continue with other topics. Any other police questions first?

Question: Mr. Mayor, given the security situation around Trump Tower [inaudible] what's the city doing to ease that? Do you have anything in the works to deal with that?

Mayor: Let me talk about Trump Tower – I'll pass to the Commissioner. There's plenty of other things I could say about congestion – I'm happy to – but let's just stay on Trump Tower while our police colleagues are here.

We take that situation very seriously as we've said before. That's constantly being worked on to improve the flow of traffic. There's a very substantial complement of officers and traffic agents that have been devoted to that concentrated area to improve the flow of traffic. I think we experienced in the first few weeks, obviously, the shock of something that took a whole new approach than we've ever had to before. I think the NYPD is working to improve that situation all the time.

Commissioner O'Neill: I don't really have too much to add to that. But at 5-7 and 5 is obviously one of the busiest intersections in the city, and we are putting in a tremendous number of resources there every day not just in the immediate vicinity but up and down 5-7 street, 57th street to keep the traffic moving, also along 5th avenue. We have a truck restriction at 59th street also, so this is – we're doing our best, and as I said before when I talked about this a couple of weeks ago New Yorkers are resilient. And as far as pedestrian traffic we are keeping most of the pedestrians on the West side of the street, but hopefully as we get better at this we'll be able to push more people on the East side of the street.

Thank you very much. We're good? Rich?

Question: Just to follow up on that. The chairman of the transportation committee wants the President-elect to take his cabinet-making business out of the city. Somewhere else. Any enthusiasm on the panel for that? Would you back him up?

Mayor: Any enthusiasm on the panel – I like that.

[Laughter]

I will say it very simply. He's the President-elect of the United States of America. I didn't vote for him. I don't agree with him, but he's the President-elect, and he has to do what he thinks will allow him to put together the team to govern this nation, and I don't want to second guess him as to which location is best to do that. Obviously, if it's a jump ball, I'd say go to that beautiful golf course in New Jersey.

Right? I know.

[Laughter]

But we really have to respect that each individual, especially trying to make decisions of this magnitude, has to be in the setting that works right for them, and that has ramifications for all of us as New Yorkers and America.

Unknown: Thanks very much. Please standby as we let the police leave. Thank you.

Question: [Inaudible]

Mayor: What? Jump ball? You've never heard the phrase jump ball?

Unknown: Like basketball.

Mayor: Mara's never heard the phrase jump ball – someone write about that. You want something interesting to write about? Write about that. Okay, show of hands, members of the media – how many have heard the phrase jump ball before? Raise your hand.

[Laughter]

Okay, for the rest of you, try and get up to date with American culture please. Watch an NBA game. They start it with a jump ball. They throw the ball up.

[Laughter]

That's really lame. Lame response.

Question: [Inaudible]

Mayor: Excuse me?

Question: [Inaudible]

Mayor: The letter to the president? Absolutely.

Question: [Inaudible]

Mayor: Yes?

Question: [Inaudible]

Mayor: I don't have an estimate immediately. Obviously at this moment we're about four weeks into this, and it's juxtaposed against the holiday season, which is a blessing and a curse, obviously because of all of the traffic that comes with it. On the other hand, I think we can safely say we are at our all-time high in tourists. We're expecting almost 60 million tourists this year. A lot of them come here to shop, and they're going to those stores. One way or another they will get to them. The economy, thank God, overall has done better. I think there are some compensating factors, but we don't have a formal study yet. We'll certainly work with the business community in Midtown to get a better sense of it. But look, right now I want people to recognize there are things we can control and things we can't. We can control how vigorously we fight for reimbursement. We're doing that right now. Again, I am hopeful. We can control putting the NYPD resources on site to maximize the flow of traffic and make things go as smoothly as possible. There's no lack of NYPD resources being applied. It's a tough situation. It's an unprecedented situation. It's going to get – I think – better after January 20 because the holidays will be over and most of the time the President-elect – will then obviously be president – will be in Washington. I think it will probably get better after June where after all accounts the family will then move down there full time. But, you know, it's a little bit of the serenity prayer. Let's work on the things we can work on and recognize the things that are beyond our control. Yes?

Question: As a former HUD official, I just want to get your reaction to the announcement [inaudible]

Mayor: Look, this is someone – of all the members of the Trump team this will be the person I will arguably work with the most, so I'm going to have an open hand here. I'm going to hope for the best. Dr. Carson is a very accomplished individual. He clearly understands a lot about life in an urban environment, and it's a personal passion of his to do something to improve people's lives. He's devoted his life to that through his medical work obviously as well as his charitable work. So I'm going to hope for a good relationship, and I'm certainly going to work hard to expose him to the needs of New York City and the reality of New York City. I think one thing that's true – because he doesn't have a formal background in housing issues, it will be important for him to see what the reality is for our people. I will welcome him here. I'll take him on a tour of our public housing and show him how important our affordable housing programs are. And I hope we can work well together.

Question: [Inaudible]

Mayor: I think it's too soon to speculate. I think it is fair to say we don't know a lot about the Trump administration's views on affordable housing and on urban policy in general. I've been working with my colleagues in the US Conference of Mayors, which is a bipartisan group, to establish a real rapport with the new Trump team and make clear to them how important it is to them to support our cities. And our cities are now the economic core of our nation more than ever in our history, so I think there's a real strong practical reason, and we're encouraged obviously by the proposals around infrastructure. That could really be a positive for New York City, but I think the housing issue if one of the big gray areas, and if you say do I expect it to be one of their number one priorities? No, I do not at this point. But that doesn't mean we can't get something done, so we have to see what he says, and the confirmation process will be fascinating because it will tell us a lot about his vision.

Juliet?

Question: [Inaudible]

Mayor: Yup.

Question: [Inaudible]

Mayor: Concerns me deeply.

Question: [Inaudible]

Mayor: Yes, there is no question about it. Juliet, there – you can't have a candidate for president single out groups of Americans negatively and not have some ramification for that – not have something that happens as a result of that. It is not a surprise; there's been a huge uptick in hate crimes. It's very troubling. Look, a few times recently the President-elect has spoken out against it. I think he needs to keep doing that. But it is obviously connected to the election. And it is dangerous. It is dangerous. It is – you know – thank God and most of these cases it is reduced to just speech or threats, but sometimes there are going to be people who follow through on those threats. We could lose lives because of this, and so, the temperature has to be brought down. We're going to do that by showing positive examples to people. And this is part of what I said at Cooper Union, New York City is going to be an example to this country of people working together across all faiths, all backgrounds. We're going to do that by upholding positive examples of some of those two have been denigrated. That's why Officer [inaudible] is someone I hope all Americans get to know her story, and think a little bit about this. Is this a person a threat to our national security? No, she is part of protecting our national

security. So, we've got a lot of work to do, but I also – I'm a big carrot and stick guy. The stick will be if anyone creates a bias crime in New York City to NYPD will get them and we will prosecute them.

Question: [Inaudible]

Mayor: Again, literally, what we did here – I wish it hadn't been because she had been victimized, but even at Cooper Union we had the police officer and his family do the pledge of allegiance. And there will be so many other examples like that of trying to show people the humanity – the common humanity. You know, when you talk about our fellow New Yorkers who are immigrants, which is one of the most important parts of the New York City tradition is immigration is who we are. Well, yes there are some people who came here in an undocumented way, but they are still our fellow New Yorkers. They are human beings that are contributing to life in this city. Look, I think – Pope Francis, when he was here, really powerfully spoke to this and he was so clear about we have to think about an immigrant first as a human being and many people have fled oppression; they have fled religious persecution; they have fled an economic circumstance where their family simply couldn't make it, or they are refugees from war as the case of the Syrians. I spoke at a church yesterday – a Baptist church – in the Bronx and I talked about some discussions that I have had with people lately about how many – to the credit of many people in the evangelical Christian movement they are strong voices reminding people the bible speaks powerfully to respecting and supporting and helping the stranger among us. It's in the bible. It's quite clear we don't turn people away because they are different. They are our fellow human beings and our job is also to respect them.

Yes?

Question: [Inaudible]

Mayor: It is obviously more complicated than that. It is not linear. Do I blame Donald Trump for using hate speech during his campaign? Absolutely – he did. It is a fact. He said horrible things about Muslims; horrible things about Mexican-Americans. I don't need to recount what happened for a year-and-a-half in this country. We can't airbrush that out of our history. It was not acceptable. We now need to work with him and he has a chance to make it better by amending his comments and being a force of reconciliation. I think he has to do more of that.

Marcia?

Question: [Inaudible]

Mayor: I will be consistent, first of all, by not saying his responses because I want to honor the confidentiality. What I spoke about was the amount of fear that was being experienced in New York City; how palpable it was including people fearing they would be deported, fearing they would be forced to be part of a religious registry – a whole host of things. And what I said to him was I thought it was important to change the approach. So, if you thought about it – I appealed to them very humanely. I said – you know – here is the reality, you're going to be the leader of this nation and many people are living in fear. That has to be changed. We can't go on that way. We have to do something different to address that.

David?

Question: Later today you're going to be meeting with Mayor's from around [inaudible] –

Mayor: Yes.

Question: [Inaudible]

Mayor: Not sure the relevance of that one, but I don't quite follow. I would be comfortable going for surgery with Dr. Ben Carson from everything I have heard of him, but again I think it is only right when someone has been appointed to give them a chance to articulate their vision and see if we can work together.

On the previous question, the New York State Mayors – this is an organization that has been around for many decades; kind of parallels the U.S. Conference of Mayors, obviously on a state level. We're going to be talking about the Albany agenda where we have a lot of common concerns. We all oppose [inaudible] mandates on cities. We all do not want to see encroachments on local self-determination. A lot of issues we have in common around things like affordable housing. So, that is what the – first and foremost to me it's going to be about. But we're certainly going to talk about how mayors can work together to influence the situation in Washington. And the good news is the group gathering today comes from all parts of the State. So, some of them are represented by Republican members of Congress and I'm hoping my fellow mayors can have a positive impact on them to help them defend the interest of cities both big and small in New York State.

Question: [Inaudible]

Mayor: Yes, I mean – it's just what we referred to a moment ago; we all want to be hopeful on infrastructure and we're all very concerned on affordable housing. That's the simplest [inaudible]. Yes?

Question: [Inaudible]

Mayor: So, on the situation with the Senate, as you know, they are still one recount continuing now into court. So, that will have an impact on the situation. Look, I have kept an open door throughout to the IDC to the Republican leadership of the State Senate. And as I've said to you many times, there is a constant dialogue going on between my office and the Governor's Office. I am not changing the basic approach. The approach for the Governor is when he does something good for New York City we will work with him and we will praise him. When he does something that is against the interest of New York City we will stand up to him. It is as simple as that.

Yes, Anna?

Question: [Inaudible]

Mayor: I do not know the answer to that question. I have not been confronted with that question before and I will get you an answer.

Question: [Inaudible]

Mayor: I don't know. That's another factual question. We'll get you an answer – and I would assume so, but I'll get you an answer on that.

Yes, Mara?

Question: [Inaudible]

Mayor: Yes.

Question: [Inaudible]

Mayor: Yes, we're not going to have any [inaudible] situations here in New York City. You know, this a direct message to all New Yorkers. If you see someone commit an act of hate you have to do something about it. At least report what you see to the NYPD. It's just unacceptable not to. You know what; it is really easy to report something nowadays. If someone is a victim of hate pick up the phone, go online, whatever it is report it and we've got to understand that us how you stoop hatred – is you make clear to people there are consequences and the NYPD cannot go after these people if the public doesn't help.

Last one.

Question: [Inaudible]

Mayor: The specific question of fingerprinting is a new one for me, so I will follow – we'll follow up on that. I want to emphasis that the law we passed was after a painstaking effort and very, very close working relationship with ICE and the Department of Homeland Security to determine what conformed to our values as New Yorkers. There are dozens and dozens of categories of crime – serious violent crime for example, but other crimes as well where we have made the determination and it is now the law of New York City that if someone commits those crimes they will be turned over to ICE. The central concern is always been about the very low-level crimes, which, of course, are the vast majority – the victimless crimes and the nonviolent crimes. And we will stay firm in accordance to our New York City law and how we comport ourselves. On the question of fingerprinting, which I appreciate you raising, we'll get an answer for you.

Thanks, everyone.

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**STATEMENT FROM MAYOR DE BLASIO ON THE MURDER OF CORRECTION OFFICER
ALASTASIA BRYAN**

“On behalf of all New Yorkers, I want to extend my deepest sympathies to the family and loved ones of Alastasia Bryan – a rising member of New York City’s Department of Correction who was senselessly murdered yesterday in Brooklyn. The NYPD is working aggressively to find the person responsible for this heinous act and will maintain its pursuit until they are brought to justice.”

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Public Design Commission resumes full schedule, with revamped tour

NEW YORK—First Lady Chirlane McCray today joined Commissioner of the Department of Cultural Affairs Tom Finkelpearl, the Director of the Public Design Commission Justin Moore, and curator Kalia Brooks to announce the re-launch of the City Hall public tour program. As part of the reopening, the City will unveil the exhibit "City at Work: Portraits in Civic Pride," a series of portraits of City workers and the New Yorkers they serve every day. The exhibit will be installed throughout the building, concentrated in the rotunda, and [open to the public through the Public Design Commission tours](#).

"City Hall belongs to New Yorkers, and should reflect the vibrant diversity of all the people who make our city great. The new public tour of City Hall, with the exhibit *City at Work*, features portraits of City workers from dozens of branches of local government alongside the people they serve every day. The men and women in these portraits keep our streets clean, our families safe, and our future bright. The art that hangs on the walls of City Hall is a reminder of our past and celebration of our present. I hope New Yorkers from all over the city have the opportunity to see these portraits. We want people to learn about our city's history and government, and be inspired to participate in making it even better," said **First Lady Chirlane McCray**.

A seventh grade class from University Neighborhood Middle School was the first to experience the exhibit as they walked through City Hall on a special tour with First Lady McCray, Commissioner Finkelpearl, Director Moore and curator Brooks on Monday morning.

“City at Work: Portraits in Civic Pride,” is a creative project by the Mayor’s Office and the Department of Cultural Affairs that aims to use the esteemed visual history of the City Hall portrait collection as inspiration for selecting new images that celebrate civic pride through the many people and cultures that the de Blasio Administration serves. These new images are a visual reference to the Administration’s commitment to the people of New York City, and represent a collective portrait of the individuals that City Hall and its agencies work on behalf of every day.

The installation highlights the City’s emphasis on public service by focusing on individual and group portraits of City employees and New York City residents. For this project, over 30 New York City agencies were contacted. The result is a selection of photographs that represent the interaction between city government and constituents through a variety of diverse agencies and jobs – from sanitation, to education, to media and entertainment, to the records department.

In conjunction with the *City at Work* exhibit, the Public Design Commission will kick-start its City Hall tour program, opening City Hall to the public with a full schedule of new tours. Based on in-depth historical research, the new tours will reveal the unique stories behind City Hall, the historic events that took place in and around the building, and the people who shaped the early development of the city and nation. Incorporating the contemporary photographs of *City at Work*, the tours will bridge the stories of the past to the lives of today – from the Dutch of the 1600s to revolutionary war heroes to the many people who now live and work in New York City.

"City Hall is an amazing building both for its past and its present. The refreshed tour program and the *City at Work* exhibition will enrich the experience of this great place as a historic building and as the control center of America’s largest urban workforce," said **Tom Finkelpearl, Commissioner of Cultural Affairs**. "I am proud every time I walk into City Hall, and will be even more so now with this exhibition honoring the talented men and women from all backgrounds who serve the public in every corner of New York."

The Public Design Commission is thrilled to be opening City Hall to the public through an expanded and enhanced tour program in coordination with the *City at Work* exhibit," said **Executive Director of the Public Design Commission Justin Moore**. "The tours will highlight City Hall's unique architecture, antiques, and art collection and will allow New Yorkers, school groups, and visitors to experience the history and stories behind the people whose actions have made an impact on our city."

"It has been a privilege to be part of this project. The City takes great care in the services it provides to its residents. I am thrilled to bring evidence of that to the public," said **curator Kalia Brooks**.

Thirty agencies are represented by approximately fifty images in the lower rotunda, Mayor’s Office, Bull Pen, and five conference rooms. Curator Kalia Brooks worked with First Lady Chirlane McCray and the Department of Cultural Affairs to select the images for the exhibition. The Mayor’s Office of Photography

The exhibit gives the public the opportunity to learn about the history of City Hall and City government through a contemporary narrative. It also provides opportunity for city residents and City workers to see reflections of themselves and other modern day New Yorkers on the walls of City Hall. Visitors will be able to sign-up for tours through the Public Design Commission’s website starting Monday, December 5. In December, tours for groups will be offered on Mondays and Tuesdays; tours for individuals will be offered on Thursdays. We will also continue to offer our non-reservation tours on Wednesdays.

No items from the existing City Hall collection were moved. The Department of Citywide Administrative Services produced and installed images in-house. The exhibit will be installed for up to one year. After the exhibition is taken down, portraits will be given to respective agencies to display in offices as a way for

agencies to celebrate the work of their employees. "City at Work: Portraits in Civic Pride" could serve as a framework for future temporary, rotating exhibitions at City Hall.

"It is a unique honor for the Mayoral Photography Office to capture our dynamic city at work," said **Michael Appleton, Director of the Mayoral Photography Office, which submitted several of the images for the exhibit.** "The opportunity to share these printed images so prominently within the Rotunda at City Hall is the icing on the cake."

Henry Garrido, Executive Director of DC 37, said, "This is a terrific way to reflect the diversity and vitality of our great city – and to showcase the very real and meaningful ways public service workers enhance our quality of life."

The full list of participating agencies:

1. Administration for Children's Services
2. Brooklyn Public Library
3. Commission on Human Rights
4. Department for the Aging
5. Department of Consumer Affairs
6. Department of Education
7. Department of Environmental Protection
8. Department of Homeless Services
9. Department of Municipal Records
10. Department of Probation
11. Department of Sanitation
12. Department of Small Business Services
13. Department of Transportation
14. Department of Veterans' Services
15. Department of Youth and Community Development
16. Fire Department New York City
17. Mayor's Community Affairs Unit
18. Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities
19. Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice
20. Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs
21. Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment
22. Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence
23. Mayor's Office of Photography
24. New York City Department of Parks and Recreation
25. New York City Economic Development Corporation
26. New York City Energy Management
27. New York City Health + Hospitals
28. New York City Housing Authority
29. New York City Police Department
30. New York Public Library

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*****Event added*****

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Later, the Mayor will host a meeting with the Executive Committee of the New York Conference of Mayors at Gracie Mansion. This meeting is closed press.

In the evening, the Mayor will appear on NY1's Inside City Hall. This is a taped interview, and timing is subject to change.

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Press Schedule

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7:00 PM – Appears on NY1

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7:45 PM -- Delivers Remarks at Brooklyn Bar Association's Annual Dinner

Marriot at the Brooklyn Bridge

333 Adams Street

Brooklyn, NY 11201

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PUBLIC SCHEDULE FOR MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016

On Sunday, Mayor de Blasio will deliver remarks at the New York Progressive Action Network Conference. This event is open press. There will be no Q-and-A.

Press Schedule

3:00 PM - Deliver Remarks at New York Progressive Action Network Conference

High School for Health Professions & Human Services

345 East 15th Street between 1st & 2nd Avenue

New York, NY 10003

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PUBLIC SCHEDULE FOR MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016

On Saturday, Mayor de Blasio will be in New York City. There are no public events scheduled.

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**STATEMENT FROM MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO ON INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH
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“Every person deserves a quality education, accessible and dependable transportation, access to affordable housing, and the opportunity to join the work force – and that includes the nearly one million New Yorkers across the five boroughs with one or more disability. In New York City, we have a proud history of fierce activism from generations of New Yorkers with disabilities, and honor that legacy by making disability access a [priority](#). As NYC celebrates the International Day of Persons with Disabilities with others across the globe, we reaffirm our commitment to ensuring every person can access the tools they need to live a full, productive and happy life. We also take this time to honor the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and look forward to celebrating the day it is ratified in the U.S. I join Commissioner of the Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities Victor Calise in recognizing this day, which serves as an important reminder of how far we have come and the important work ahead.”

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MAYOR DE BLASIO APPOINTS NEW COMMISSIONERS TO COMMISSION ON GENDER EQUITY

NEW YORK—Mayor Bill de Blasio today appointed Beverly Tillery and Beverly Cooper Neufeld to the Commission on Gender Equity, the advisory body that works across City Agencies to help achieve the Mayor's commitment to reduce gender-based inequity and build a safer, more inclusive and economically mobile city for women and girls. Tillery and Neufeld have strong track records advocating for the end of various forms of violence and empowering women and the LGBTQ community.

"New York City is built on the ideals that every single person, regardless of gender, should be given the tools necessary to succeed. This commission plays a key role in this pursuit, working to bring together all New Yorkers and to ensure that everyone in this city has the means to move up the economic ladder and reach their aspirations," said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. "Both Beverly Tillery and Beverly Cooper Neufeld have a proven track record standing up for women and the LGBTQ community, making them great additions to this commission as we look to create a fairer and equitable city for all New Yorkers."

"We are working hard to improve gender equity in New York City. Although we have made some progress, there is much more to do," said **First Lady Chirlane McCray, co-chair of the Commission on Gender Equity**. "The two women appointed to the Commission on Gender Equity today have spent their lives standing up for women, girls and the LGBTQ community. They will not stop fighting until every woman is paid fairly for her work; every transgender person feels safe living as their authentic selves, and women have full representation at every table and in every hall of power. New York City won't stop fighting either. I look forward to working with these two fierce leaders as we continue marching toward equity in New York City for all."

"The Commission on Gender Equity needs the best minds at the table as we advise the Mayor on policies, programs and legislation that will make our city stronger and fairer for women, girls and the LGBTQ

community. I am excited about the appointment of Beverly Tillery, Executive Director of the New York City Anti-Violence Project, and Beverly Cooper Neufeld, President of PowHer. I look forward to working with both of them as we take on effective strategies to end violence against the LGBTQ community and advance pay equity for women in the workforce,” said **Azadeh Khalili, Executive Director of the Commission on Gender Equity**

“It is a tremendous honor to be appointed to the Mayor’s Commission on Gender Equity. The Commission's dedication to promoting the well-being of women and girls in New York City regardless of race, ethnicity, class, gender identity or sexual orientation, aligns closely with the New York City Anti-Violence Project's mission and goals, and I look forward to working together to advance this important work,” said **Beverly Tillery, Executive Director of New York City Anti-Violence Project.**

“At this critical moment in the history of women's rights, I am especially honored to serve on the Commission on Gender Equality. New York has the opportunity to lead the nation in advancing economic justice for women and to stand up for the benefits of progressive policies. I look forward to working with First Lady Chirlane McCray, Executive Director Azi Khalili and the Commissioners to ensure that our city is the best place for women and families to thrive and succeed,” said **Beverly Neufeld, President of PowHer New York.**

About Beverly Tillery:

Beverly Tillery is the Executive Director of the New York City Anti-Violence Project (AVP), an organization that works to address and end all forms of violence through organizing and education and supports survivors through counseling and advocacy. She is an experienced leader, advocate and national organizer with nearly three decades of experience working in social justice movements. Most recently, she was a Deputy Director of Education and Public Affairs at Lambda Legal, an organization dedicated to achieving full recognition of the rights of LGBTQ people and people living with HIV. There, she led national educational and advocacy campaigns and community-based research projects aimed at changing policies as well as hearts and minds. Prior to Lambda Legal, she worked as an organizer, popular educator, strategist and staff leader at organizations such as Amnesty International, Service Employees International Union and ACORN.

About Beverly Neufeld:

To address the slow advancement of women's economic issues, Beverly Neufeld envisioned and launched in 2014 PowHer New York, a community working across typical barriers to connect organizations and issues, energize a movement and accelerate progress. Neufeld also leads a decade long campaign for pay equity reform, now a signature project of PowHer New York, which influenced the passage of the NYS Equal Pay Act and the Women's Equality Act. In 2016, working with 2020 Women on Boards and Catalyst, she rallied passage of a NYC Board Diversity Law for contractors and is pursuing similar state legislation. In September 2016, “PowHer The Vote” was launched under Neufeld’s leadership along with the support of over 100 groups. “PowHer The Vote” is a 10-week interactive program and social media campaign aimed at igniting and empowering a state-wide legion of activists to champion women's issues during the 2016 election season and beyond. A member of the national Paycheck Fairness Taskforce and the steering committee of the 850-member NYS Women's Equality Coalition, Neufeld is working on the federal, state and local fronts.

Previously, as President of the New York Women's Agenda, Neufeld invigorated the 20-year old institution with innovative programming, including the New York Women's Business Principles Initiative. As Executive Director of The White House Project, she oversaw research on women's leadership, and helped develop SheSource and “Vote, Run, Lead.” Beverly was Finance Director for Congresswoman Nita Lowey. Her board service includes 2020 Women on Boards, Free the Children, Sing for Hope, Women's Campaign Forum and Westchester Children's Association.

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On Friday, Mayor de Blasio and First Lady Chirlane McCray will attend Congresswoman Yvette Clarke and Dr. Una Clarke's joint birthday celebration, where the Mayor will deliver remarks. This event is closed press.

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**TRANSCRIPT: MAYOR DE BLASIO, COMMISSIONER BASSETT DELIVER REMARKS AT
WORLD AIDS DAY 2016**

Mayor Bill de Blasio: Well, please join me in saluting someone who has done so much for New York City with his performances. One of the great New Yorkers today – Billy Porter, thank you.

[Applause]

Look, this is one of those moments where you have to reflect, you have to feel emotionally the history that we're here to commemorate – and it is a history filled with pain. It's a very personal pain. It's something – every single person here has a story – those they lost, those they knew, those they loved and lost. There is clear pain. And, at the same time, what this symbolizes is hope because of the fight that was waged.

New York City – I remember the first days of this epidemic – the confusion, the frustration, the fear. New York City was pushed back on its heels, flat on its back, dealing with an overwhelming challenge. But one thing we know about our beloved city – we are not intimidated. We are never held down for long.

New Yorkers fought back; activists fought back; doctors, nurses fought back; scientists fought back, and worked to turn this around over years and years, and to demand the help people needed, the investment they deserve. In this city – which so proudly was the birthplace of the LGBT rights movement and so many other movements for dignity – in this city was also one of the most profound movements to address this unknown scourge. When we first confronted something we had no idea the magnitude of, this city was one of the places where we decided to fight back and take it head on, and believe that we could beat it.

And that's what I see when I look at this memorial. It makes me sad to think of a loss. It makes me proud to remember the fight, and a fight we are still waging to this day. And that work must deepen.

Now, I want to thank everyone who is here. I want to thank everyone who is here. Now, I know you're not just here for symbolism. I know you're not just here because this is a moment of memory. This is also a re-dedication to each other and to a fight. I want to thank the people who made this memorial possible – Christopher Tepper, Paul Kelterborn, Keith Fox. Let's give them a warm round of applause for their good work.

[Applause]

And the leaders who are here who believe in continuing a deepening of this fight – Speaker of the City Council Melissa Mark-Viverito; Public Advocate Tish James; Comptroller Scott Stringer; Senator Brad Hoylman; Councilman Corey Johnson – we thank them all for their good work.

[Applause]

We know in New York City we have a special responsibility not only to each other, but to the nation. There are 1.2 million Americans who are HIV-positive right now – 10 percent of whom live in our city. We have an obligation to get this right and to be a beacon for everyone else around our country. We are creating – this is the most important point today to say – we are creating a future without HIV and AIDS.

[Applause]

You're going to hear from our wonderful Health Commissioner Dr. Mary Bassett in just a moment. But two facts I want to emphasize – in the year 2015, basically 30 years into this fight, we had the lowest number of HIV infections in 30 years in this city.

[Applause]

And that is thanks to the hard work of so many people present today. This has been a fight not just waged by government, but waged by people at the grassroots.

In 2015, there were no HIV births in this city. That is real progress.

[Applause]

A year ago, I said clearly – policy of this city is HASA for All – an uncompromising vision of supporting those in need.

[Applause]

Since that time, almost 1,000 people who – have been served – who needed help and weren't getting it in the past – they're getting homes, they're getting help with transportation, they're getting the resources to heal. This city is embracing and supporting those who need that helping hand.

So, I conclude with this. It took a long time for this memorial to be created. And it will stand for a long time to keep our memories fresh. But most importantly, it will remind us – we have set a goal and we must achieve it – end the epidemic by 2020. It's as simple as that. Let this be the place where we recommit ourselves.

Thank you. Thank you so much, everyone.

[...]

Commissioner Mary Bassett, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene: Thank you. Thank you, Charles, for such a kind introduction.

I always like to be here on World AIDS Day. And all of us mark the day because it's a day for remembrance, reflection, recharging, and celebration. And now we have a beautiful place to do all of those things in the New York City AIDS Memorial. So, I want to thank all those who made the Memorial possible.

I always think that today is a day when we in government, particularly those of us who work in health in government, need to acknowledge the debt of gratitude we owe to activists and advocates. Without you, we would – none of us – be here today.

[Applause]

And I want to say that you didn't just make sure that we delivered on services, you made our science better. You accelerated discovery. And that's why it was such a pleasure to be introduced by Charles King. And I want to acknowledge the whole New York City coalition to end the epidemic. It's a combination of 70 different community organizations, who have worked to ensure that we in government are held to account.

So, you noticed that I flipped things a little bit. I'm a government appointee, but I do want to acknowledge that we in New York have some wonderful politicians who have stepped up and who have responded to the challenge of ending the epidemic, and that includes our Mayor, Mayor de Blasio, and our Governor, Governor Cuomo –

[Applause]

– Who, together, have worked with our City Council and ensured that we have the resources we need to make real ending the epidemic.

I became a young doctor when AIDS came to the wards of Harlem Hospital. And it reverberated across the world – affected my work as a doctor in Southern Africa – reverberated through my friendship network, my family – all of us are remembering how many people have stood up and how many people we've left behind.

I want to take a moment though to tell you some of the numbers that go with those stories because I am so pleased that, as New York City's Health Commissioner, I can tell you some great numbers that show the impact of the wonderful work that you're doing. You've heard we have fewer than 2,500 new diagnoses. The actual number is 2,493 here in New York City. That is a historic low. Thank you all. And thanks to our team at the Health Department.

[Applause]

And you heard the number of babies born with HIV. The number is zero. That's the number we want.

[Applause]

We like that number – zero.

So, I want to say a few words about how important disease elimination is to addressing disparities because, even though we got these great numbers, we still have a long way to go. 2,500 is too high. And there is a disproportionate burden being borne by the black and Latino community of this city. That's not fair, that's not necessary, and it needs to change. But when we aim for disease elimination, we eliminate disparities. We make it zero for everyone.

So, we need to not let up. We need to keep going. And that's why it's our collective responsibility to end the epidemic.

At the same time, there are some individuals who we need to acknowledge for their wonderful contributions over the years. And it's my pleasure now to invite the awardees this year to the stage – if they could begin to come up.

I'm going to – I have the great privilege as Health Commissioner to recognize the work of five individuals and one organization who have been tirelessly serving their communities for years. And I am going to tell you a little bit about each one of them. And then I'm going to ask you to exit with me. I'll give you your awards offstage.

So, let me first acknowledge Aisha Diori. Where is she? There she is – for her dedication to improving health and promoting health equity, social justice for the LGBTQ community, youth communities of color, and for her tireless efforts to create healthy spaces for LGBTQ communities in the house, ballroom, and Kiki scene. Thank you, Aisha.

[Applause]

Cristina Herrera – there she is – for her dedication to combating the spread of HIV, and her tremendous commitment to the LGBTQ health, transgender health, and the health of gender nonconforming communities. She is a champion of transgender health.

[Applause]

And my colleague, and now moving to activist – I imagine if he ever – many people move between these – Daniel O'Connell – for his tireless efforts to combat the AIDS epidemic since the beginning, for his unwavering commitment to ending the epidemic by 2020.

[Applause]

Gina Quattrochi – and you're – represented today by her dear friend [inaudible], who is the Assistant Director of the Bailey-Holt House and a long-time friend of Gina's. Gina is being honored for her dedication to providing stable housing for people living with HIV in order to live fulfilling lives, and also for her tireless commitment to ending the dual crisis of homelessness and AIDS.

[Applause]

And the last, but not least, individual – it's a great pleasure to acknowledge Ginny Shubert for her dedication –

[Applause]

– To finding stable housing for people living with HIV who often are turned away by other programs – for her commitment to achieving viral load suppression for all people living with HIV.

And for the organization –

[Applause]

Yes, let's give all four individuals a round of applause. We need to give people personal acknowledgment for the work that they do.

And now for the organization – the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center – about which so many people have already spoken today – for its commitment to creating a safe space and a home for LGBTQ and gender nonconforming communities, and for all the programs that they provide in terms of interventions, social services, and support systems.

All of you are going to be the people who stand up to whatever is coming our way because we in New York City know how to stand up and fight back. With that, I would like to invite the awardees to exit with me.

And I would like to introduce – I can't call him my sidekick, that's not accurate – our towering Assistant Commissioner for the Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control, Dr. Demetre Daskalakis.

[Applause]

You all know him. He combines excellence as a clinician, as a scientist, and as an advocate. It's my great pleasure to turn it over to Dr. D.

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Ebro Darden: Ladies and gentlemen, you've got on Ebro in the Morning – Laura Stylez, Rosenberg, friend of the show and also First Lady of our city, Chirlane McCray, is on our show. Chirlane – excuse me – Chirlane, Chirlane.

[Applause]

How are you today?

First Lady Chirlane McCray: I'm well, thank you for asking.

Darden: Chirlane, you are very active in our city with mental health and wellness, and all of it. And today, you're here to talk about the program you've been working on for some time, right? NYC Well – am i saying it right?

First Lady: NYC Well – yeah. It's a core component of Thrive NYC. We just celebrated our first birthday yesterday –

Darden: Right, right.

First Lady: That's right. So, it's a one-year-old. And NYC Well – we just launched a couple weeks ago and we're very excited about it. People have a place to call when they need help, when they need to figure out – I'm depressed, I can't get out of the bed in the morning, I'm stressed, I can't function properly – or my girlfriend is drinking too much, what do I do? They have a place to call – 1-8-8-8-N-Y-C-W-E-L-L – and they can talk to a trained counselor. And this is 365 days a year, 24/7 – free, confidential.

Darden: Nationally, is this something that other major cities have in place or are we leading the charge here?

First Lady: You can't separate the mind and body. We – you know, we need our mental health professionals just as much as we need our primary care doctors – we really do. It's so common – most people don't reach out to anybody when they need help, and that is bad because, you know, it can get worse.

Laura Stylez: Right.

Peter Rosenberg: Of course.

First Lady: The average time of feeling like, oh, something is wrong and actually getting treatment is nine years, which is way too long.

Rosenberg: That is an amazing statistic.

First Lady: We are leading the way as a city. It's the most comprehensive service of any city or state in the nation on this scale. I mean, because it is so common – yes, other cities have programs and lifelines and different – but this is more comprehensive than what anyone else has.

Stylez: Now, are people participating? Because a lot of the times when it comes to mental health I feel like – you know – especially like in, I know, in the Latino community, in the black community – a lot of people are still not as open to admit that mental health is an issue.

Darden: Them white people problems, man.

Stylez: Yeah, that's – we hear it all the time.

Ebro: We got this – go talk to abuela, she got you bro.

[Laughter]

Stylez: Do you guys collect data to see if it is successful in certain neighborhoods and certain areas of New York?

First Lady: Absolutely – collecting a lot of data. I want you to know that this service is provided in more than – translations in more than 200 languages. We've got counselors who speak Spanish, English, Mandarin, and Cantonese. Any language you speak, we've got you covered. And it is being used by folks who speak – from people of all cultures. We don't have great numbers, but I can tell you that more than 500 – the average is more than 500 calls a day so far.

Everybody is affected in some way. Every family is affected by this.

Rosenberg: Now, speaking of things that make you want to self-medicate. Take us through – if you will – the election night experience this year for you and the Mayor. What was that – what was that like?

First Lady: You know, we walked in there and we were feeling fairly optimistic –

Rosenberg: To the Javits Center? Where did you guys go?

First Lady: Yes. Yes, we went there. We felt pretty optimistic. We were getting ready to celebrate –

Rosenberg: We all were.

Darden: Getting ready to celebrate – Katy Perry, who had a stage, like, Lady Gaga had a stage show –

First Lady: Yeah, she was sitting in front of me there. J-Lo came in at some point.

Rosenberg: Everyone's ready to party.

First Lady: Everyone was ready to party. And those numbers started coming in and it was very quiet –

Darden: For hours right? Some people stayed until two, three in the morning, right?

First Lady: We did not stay that long. We saw the way those numbers were going, and we said we've got to get out of here and get ready for what we got to do tomorrow.

Rosenberg: Just that alone I know has been a big issue for the City.

First Lady: Yeah, it's a big issue for the City, so, of course, it's a big stress for him. There's a lot of anxiety daily, questions from people and press – it's a tough situation.

Rosenberg: You've had experience with the Trumps previously, I'm sure, personally?

First Lady: No. No. Absolutely had never –

Rosenberg: No? So, your husband has but –

First Lady: Never met them.

Rosenberg: Wow.

Darden: When we asked de Blasio about – he was like, I met them at some fundraisers, but it wasn't like they were –

First Lady: In our social circle.

Darden: Yeah. You guys didn't hang out.

[Laughter]

Rosenberg: Tell us this though – they did meet?

First Lady: They did.

Rosenberg: How did you feel the Mayor felt after the meeting?

First Lady: I wasn't there. I think that he felt it was very interesting.

[Laughter]

Darden: And de Blasio called in and he made sure – your husband did – that no president can just tell New York City what to do. They can pull funding from us and support from us, but they can't tell us what to do.

Rosenberg: Right.

Darden: Right. And that's something I think people the President is kind of, like, all-powerful and can kind of say, you're going to – and dictate to people how it's going to happen, and that's not the case for –

First Lady: Yea, fortunately –

Rosenberg: In the city or state.

First Lady: That's right. Fortunately, there are checks and balances. There are a lot of things we're doing – for example, our mental health program – this is not a federal program, this is a City program.

Rosenberg: We see trolls on the internet who say really mean things, but when we go out in public it's always very, very nice. What's your guys' experience like interacting with the public day to day when the Mayor's out?

First Lady: Lots of love. Lots of love, which is why it's good to be out there because if you stay in and just read that stuff online –

Darden: Oh yeah, if you trust the New York Post for feeling good about yourself, de Blasio –

First Lady: There's not a lot of love, there.

[Laughter]

Rosenberg: No, ain't no love. And Mrs. McCray, you're going to be upset. You're going to be upset.

Darden: Look, it's always good to see you, Chirlane.

First Lady: Good to see you too. Can I tell the number again?

Rosenberg: Yeah. absolutely. You can do that one more time.

First Lady: 1-8-8-8-N-Y-C-W-E-L-L. You can call. You can text or chat. The text number is 6-5-1-7-3. And you can go online as well, and go to nyc.gov/NYCWell.

Darden: NYC Well – a service provided to you by New York City –

Stylez: Completely free.

Darden: – And obviously our amazing First Lady and our Mayor.

Rosenberg: Thank you so much.

First Lady: Thank you. Thank you. It's always great to see you.

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Threat of similar withholding resulted in repair of nearly 1,200 housing code violations in 10 other buildings, home to 1,000 tenants

NEW YORK—Mayor Bill de Blasio and Public Advocate Letitia James today announced the City is withholding rent payments for tenants on public assistance in two buildings where the landlords have failed to repair hundreds of violations. The landlords are Jay Weiss, at 541 West 150 Street in Manhattan, and Agron Berisha, at 20 West 190th Street in the Bronx.

In May and using the Spiegel law, the City threatened to withhold rent payments to twelve “Dirty Dozen” buildings with a combined total of 2,081 code violations, the most serious of which included the presence of mold, leaks, broken windows, and missing window guards. The City’s action has resulted in 1,194 of those violations being cleared since May in 10 of the 12 buildings. As a result, the more than 1,000 tenants are living in significantly improved buildings.

“It’s simple, when you pay the rent, you should get a decent place to live. We are hitting unscrupulous landlords who refuse to repair their buildings where it hurts the most – their wallets,” said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. “We will continue to use every tool at our disposal to force property owners to follow the law, to clear housing code violations, and to ensure that every tenant in New York City has a safe home that they can afford.”

“New York City will no longer bankroll landlords who force their tenants to live in dangerous and unsanitary conditions,” said **Public Advocate Letitia James**. “By withholding rental assistance payments to these landlords, we will ensure that tenants are protected from hazardous conditions. Over one thousand tenants are

already living in drastically improved buildings due to our actions six months ago, and we will not stop until every New Yorker is living in a safe and decent home."

The 1962 Spiegel Law allows the Human Resources Administration (HRA) to withhold rent payments for tenants receiving public assistance if conditions in the building are considered "dangerous, hazardous or detrimental to life and health." The law specifically prohibits landlords from evicting their tenants for rent withholdings by the City. All of the owners of the "Dirty Dozen" buildings, listed below, were on the Public Advocate's Worst Landlord Watchlist.

"By enforcing the Spiegel Law, we are sending a strong message to landlords who disregard the safety and health of their tenants that their actions will not be tolerated in our city," said **Department of Social Services Commissioner Steven Banks**. "If property owners refuse to repair the violations in their buildings after receiving sufficient notice to do so, we will not hesitate to use every possible legal resource available to us to protect their tenants."

"The Spiegel Act provides us with an additional tool to improve the conditions of the city's most severely distressed properties and to protect our city's tenants. Many of the owners were quick to respond to our calls to improve conditions, and already we've seen violations reduced more than 75 percent in those buildings. HPD will continue to work with the Public Advocate and HRA to use all the available enforcement powers to ensure that landlords fulfill their responsibilities and properly maintain their buildings to keep New York families living in safe conditions," said **Housing Preservation and Development Commissioner Vicki Been**.

Last May, the eight owners of the "Dirty Dozen" buildings received a letter from HRA notifying them that the Spiegel Law was being invoked against them. They were directed to contact the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) within 15 days to request a re-inspection and Dismissal of Violations, which is an official confirmation that the conditions were corrected.

Six owners of 10 buildings have made substantial building-wide repairs since May, reducing the number of total violations in the buildings by 76 percent, from a combined total of 1,559 to 365. As a result, all tenants of the buildings, not just those on public assistance, are benefiting. The City will continue to monitor these buildings to ensure that the remaining violations are cleared.

Landlords Weiss and Berisha made some repairs but still left a substantial number of violations, including some of the most serious violations uncorrected. As a result, the City is stopping rent payments, totaling \$4,710.42 a month, for the tenants receiving public assistance starting on December 1.

- 541 West 150th St. has a total of 155 outstanding violations, 5.9 violations per apartment, 59 of which are Class C, considered "immediately hazardous."
- 20 West 190th St. has a total of 84 outstanding violations, 2.2 violations per apartment, 19 of which are Class C.

HPD's Housing Litigation Division (HLD) has already taken legal action against the owners of these properties, and is considering filing comprehensive cases against them in New York City Housing Court. Additionally, HPD is considering the pursuit of a court appointed 7-A Administrator, a qualified third party administrator who manages residential properties and provides essential services through the 7A Program.

Under the Spiegel Law, landlords cannot evict tenants when HRA withholds rent. The Legal Aid Society and Legal Services NYC, legal services organizations contracted by HRA to provide legal assistance for low-income tenants to stop tenant harassment and prevent unlawful evictions, will assist tenants if the landlords

attempt to evict them. HRA contracts with these and other organizations as part of its \$62 million investment in legal services programs for low-income tenants.

In addition, the Mayor’s Tenant Support Unit has gone door-to-door in the “Dirty Dozen” buildings multiple times, informing tenants’ about their rights and the actions the City is taking against their landlord. The Unit is working in collaboration with HPD and HRA to get tenants’ legal and repairs issues addressed, holding building owners accountable.

In addition to the 10 buildings where rent will not be withheld, the City successfully used the Spiegel Law with the landlords of two buildings in the Bronx in 2015. Both landlords resolved the violations in their buildings, and rent payments were ultimately not withheld. The law is a powerful enforcement tool, and one that had not been used for 20 years.

The ten buildings where most violations were corrected and their landlords are listed below:

| | | | Landlords | Violations as of 5/19 | Violations as of 11/30 |
|-----------|---------------------|-------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Manhattan | | | | | |
| 133 | Ft. George Avenue | 10040 | Yechezkel Berman | 123 | 17 |
| 514 | West 211 Street | 10034 | Maurice Sohaye, Robert Farhadian | 167 | 49 |
| Bronx | | | | | |
| 212 | West Kingsbridge Rd | 10463 | Bashkim Celaj | 140 | 64 |
| 2320 | Creston Avenue | 10468 | Leze Gazivoda, Alex Gazivoda | 138 | 41 |
| 410 | East 173 Street | 10457 | Ferdo Skrelja | 139 | 2 |
| 2015 | Creston Avenue | 10451 | Ved Parkash | 172 | 40 |

| | | | | | |
|--------|-------------------|-------|-------------|-----|----|
| 750 | Grand Concourse | 10451 | Ved Parkash | 308 | 88 |
| 751 | Gerard Avenue | 10451 | Ved Parkash | 196 | 28 |
| 315 | East 196th Street | 10458 | Ved Parkash | 128 | 28 |
| Queens | | | | | |
| 90-23 | 171 Street | 10432 | Ved Parkash | 48 | 8 |

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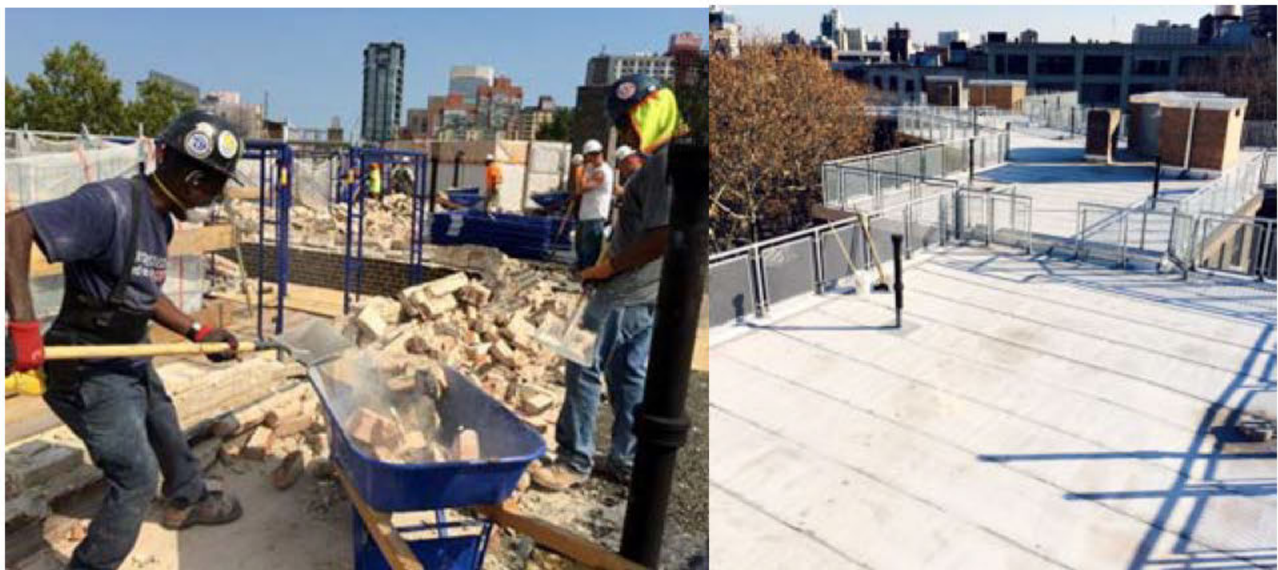


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MAYOR DE BLASIO AND NYCHA ANNOUNCE COMPLETION OF ROOF REPLACEMENTS AT QUEENSBRIDGE HOUSES, NORTH AMERICA'S LARGEST PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

\$87 million at Queensbridge part of \$300 million capital investment throughout NYCHA placing new roofs on 263 buildings



NEW YORK—Mayor Bill de Blasio and New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) Chair Shola Olatoye today announced that NYCHA completed comprehensive roof replacement work at Queensbridge Houses – months ahead of schedule – bringing major capital upgrades and improved quality of life to more than 6,500 residents.

“Leaks in old roofs are the root cause of mold and other major problems our NYCHA residents face. So we did something no administration has ever done: put \$300 million of City money towards major repairs for our residents,” said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. “Today, we continue to turn a corner and fulfill our commitment to make critical investments that help protect our residents and ensure public housing continues to improve. A focus on infrastructure, investment and increased access guide our ambitious vision for clean and connected public housing.”

NYCHA replaced aging roofs, repaired exterior brickwork, and replaced window sills on all 26 residential buildings at Queensbridge Houses, the largest public housing development in North America with over 3,000 units. The work, which represents an \$87 million investment, including \$60 million in funding from Mayor de Blasio and \$27 million in federal funding, ensures the buildings are weather-resistant, decreasing occurrence of leaks and further protecting the buildings’ infrastructure.

Originally to be projected complete in July 2017, NYCHA completed this work months ahead of schedule thanks to a proactive and collaborative relationship between the contractor, NYCHA’s construction management team and the Queensbridge Houses development staff.

NYCHA Chair and CEO Shola Olatoye said, “As we work to preserve public housing for this generation and the next, we’re strengthening our buildings with top-to-bottom upgrades – literally. Thanks to Mayor de Blasio’s unprecedented investment in comprehensive roof replacement and façade repairs across NYCHA, Queensbridge residents will see a healthier, cleaner community, with fewer leaks and improved quality of life.”

Leaky roofs are the main cause of water and moisture entering a building, and the accumulated moisture contributes to mold, leaks and physical damage to the buildings’ interior. NYCHA anticipates the new roofs and window sills and repaired brickwork will:

- Preserve physical structures by safeguarding them from incoming moisture, saving money on repairing moisture damage
- Eliminate core symptoms of mold in NYCHA buildings, protecting residents and improving their quality of life
- Reduce operating expenses by making buildings more efficient

The work at Queensbridge is one part of Mayor de Blasio’s [\\$300-million investment](#) in roof replacement and façade repairs at NYCHA developments citywide, which will place new roofs on more than 250 NYCHA buildings. NYCHA is supplementing that investment with an additional \$80 million in federal public housing capital funds.

Additional investments improving quality of life at Queensbridge Houses:

The Mayor’s major investment in comprehensive roof replacements is just one of a series of large-scale investments being made in the Queensbridge Houses community to improve residents’ quality of life for this generation and the next.

In July 2015, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the de Blasio Administration announced a [\\$10 million investment](#) in free high-speed broadband service in five public housing developments citywide, including Queensbridge North and South. Additionally, Queensbridge is one of 15 NYCHA developments targeted by the Mayor’s Action Plan for Neighborhood Safety, a comprehensive initiative to reduce crime and strengthen neighborhoods in the 15 New York City Housing Authority developments that accounted for 20 percent of all violent crime in the City’s public housing in 2014. City investments in the Queensbridge Houses community include:

- \$10 million to provide free broadband at 5 NYCHA developments, including Queensbridge – *installation underway*
- \$13.6 million for installation of permanent, state-of-the-art safety lighting as part of the Mayor’s Action Plan for Neighborhood Safety – *installation underway*
- \$14.7 million for installation of CCTV and higher-security Layered Access Control (LAC) Doors, which are operated by computer system and fob keys
- \$1.65 million for grounds improvements, including upgrades to recreational spaces
- \$850,000 for upgrades to the Community Center
- \$2.1 million to reactivate storefronts with additional workforce development programming

The Mayor’s Action Plan for Neighborhood safety also funds a series of initiatives aimed at increasing pathways to opportunity and creating more connected public housing communities, including mentoring and jobs programs for young adults and Community Center programming for seniors.

Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney said, “I was proud to help bring \$27 million in Federal funding to Queensbridge Houses to aid in the necessary replacement of roofs on all 26 residential buildings. This project will have an immediate impact on the quality of life for over 6,500 residents. By replacing the roofs, the de Blasio Administration has ensured that there will be fewer leaks throughout Queensbridge, which will help to prevent mold and physical damage to the residences. It is wonderful that they were able to complete the work six months ahead of schedule, which will make for a much more comfortable winter. Investing in Queensbridge is incredibly important. We must all work together to ensure that these buildings continue to stand and provide homes for generations to come.”

State Senator Michael Gianaris said, “Queensbridge residents have waited too long for simple repairs that will create a healthier and safer environment. These new repairs will improve living conditions and better the quality of life for thousands of our neighbors. I look forward to continuing my work to preserve public housing for present and future generations.”

Assembly Member Catherine Nolan said, “I am thrilled that NYCHA has completed this essential project ahead of schedule. Repairing and improving these roofs was long overdue. Residents of Queensbridge Houses deserve to live in a safe, healthy environment. I would like to thank Mayor de Blasio for visiting Queensbridge and making this much-needed investment. Congratulations.”

Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer said, “I’m thrilled that this \$87 million city investment in our community has been completed. Queensbridge residents deserve to live in high-quality, modern buildings. These new roofs and facades will prevent leaks and mold and strengthen and preserve the nation’s largest public housing development for years to come.”

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STATEMENT FROM FIRST LADY CHIRLANE MCCRAY ON THE HOUSE'S PASSAGE OF THE HELPING FAMILIES IN MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS ACT OF 2016

"Today the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 34, which included H.R. 2646 Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act, which will dramatically increase the federal government's commitment to mental health. This bi-partisan bill is the most expansive congressional investment in decades.

"If passed, the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act will expand treatment for those suffering from serious mental illness or in crisis, promote early childhood mental health, provide \$1 billion to address opioid addiction, and elevate mental health and substance misuse through strong, committed leadership by creating an Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance and Chief Medical Officer for Mental Health.

"Earlier this month, I convened elected officials and mental health advocates from across the country to launch Cities Thrive, the first national, bi-partisan, cities-based coalition to advocate for reform locally and on the federal level. At the convening, I spoke about the importance of this legislation and partnered with 63 Mayors from across the country to send Congress a petition calling for the swift passage of this bill.

"I urge the Senate to follow the House's example and act quickly so that President Obama can sign this important legislation into law. One in five Americans suffers from a mental illness or substance misuse disorder. Our families desperately need this support."

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PUBLIC SCHEDULE FOR MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2016

On Thursday, Mayor de Blasio will deliver remarks at "World AIDS Day 2016: A Public Dedication of the New York City AIDS Memorial." This event is open press. There will be no Q-and-A.

Press Schedule

12:00 PM – Delivers Remarks at "World AIDS Day 2016: A Public Dedication of the New York City AIDS Memorial"

7th Avenue and Greenwich Avenue
New York, NY 10011

Footage will be provided by NYC Media and will be available shortly following the event on Encompass Port CTY- 4205. Official photos will be available at [flickr.com/nycmayorsoffice](https://www.flickr.com/photos/nycmayorsoffice/) shortly following the event.

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT CALLS ON FDA TO END RESTRICTION ON BLOOD DONATIONS FROM MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN

City urges FDA to replace ban with evidence-based blood donation approach

*Lifting ban would lead to an additional potential 360,600 blood
donors and 615,300 pints of blood each year, saving an estimated 1.8 million lives*

November 30, 2016 – The Health Department today announced it has called on the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to change its blood donor deferral policy for men who have sex with men (MSM). This would allow an estimated additional 360,600 men to donate 615,300 additional pints of blood each year, increasing the total annual blood supply in the United States by 2 to 4 percent and helping to save the lives of more than 1.8 million people. New York City is the largest municipality to call for a change to the ban, joining a coalition of advocates including, GMHC, Lambda Legal, and Treatment Action Group (TAG).

The comment, submitted to the FDA and co-authored by Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett, Commission on Human Rights Commissioner Carmelyn Malalis, and Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) Commissioner Lisette Camilo, calls on the FDA to lift its current policy prohibiting men who have had sex with men in the last 12 months from donating blood, and replace it with an evidence-based, three-step screening process that does not exclude potential donors on the basis of sexual orientation or gender of their sex partners. This recommendation is based on the agency's clinical expertise in sexually transmitted infection management and extensive community consultation and engagement.

“Replacing the FDA’s current ban with a screening process based on science, not stigma, will maintain the safety of the blood supply, increase donations and save lives,” said **Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett**. “The new screening process will allow thousands, if not hundreds of thousands, of gay and bisexual men to give the life-saving gift of blood.”

“Banning men who have sex with men from donating blood is an outdated and discriminatory policy,” said **Commissioner and Chair of the NYC Commission on Human Rights, Carmelyn P. Malalis**. “Replacing the FDA’s current blood donation policy with a new evidence-based screening process is not only long-overdue, but will ensure the safety of blood donations, encourage more people to donate, and contribute to the saving of more lives.”

“As the Chair of the New York City Employee Blood Program, one of the largest donor groups in the metropolitan region, I am dedicated to raising awareness of the critical importance of donating blood,” said **DCAS Commissioner Lisette Camilo**. “By changing the blood donor deferral policy we will enable more City employees to participate in the life-saving act of donating blood.”

“Stigma-based exclusions are unnecessary with the advances in HIV screening. Technology, not bias, has and will keep blood safe,” said **Dr. Demetre Daskalakis, Assistant Commissioner for the Health Department’s Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control**. “As a gay man, I look forward to the day that I am allowed to give blood and not be excluded based on my personal truth.”

“I strongly support the New York City Health Department in its efforts to lift the ban on blood donations by gay men,” said **U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand**. “In too many emergencies with an urgent need for donated blood, it is unnecessarily difficult – or even impossible – for the medical community to meet demand, because an entire segment of the population is arbitrarily blocked from donating their blood. There is no medical or scientific evidence that should prevent certain men from donating blood simply because they are gay, and I have repeatedly urged the FDA to end this backward policy.”

“It is time to put an end to the FDA’s discriminatory blood donation ban and to move to a policy based on science,” said **Congressman Eliot Engel, a senior member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee’s Health Subcommittee**. “This change would allow for a critical boost to the blood supply, as well as remove a bias that gay men have needlessly faced for too long. I applaud the New York City Health Department for championing this much-needed change.”

“The current 12-month deferral policy imposed by the FDA perpetuates a stigma against those who have MSM relationships that must be eliminated. The blood-donation questionnaire must not judge potential donors on their sexual orientation, but rather risk-based behaviors. This change is long overdue, and would help to save the lives of more than a million people across our nation. I am proud that New York is once again on the right side of history, leading the way for more equitable treatment of all Americans,” said **Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney**.

“Our knowledge of HIV/AIDS and how it is transmitted, treated and detected has changed dramatically since this discriminatory policy was first enacted in 1985,” said **Congressman Jerrold Nadler (D-NY)**. “Our laws must be updated to reflect the current scientific understanding, instead of the stigmas and stereotypes of the past. I thank Mayor Bill de Blasio, Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett, Commission on Human Rights Commissioner Carmelyn Malalis, and Department of Citywide Administrative Services Commissioner Lisette Camilo for putting forth this well-developed proposal on how we can bring discrimination in our blood donation system to an end.”

"As the Ranking Member of the Senate's Health Committee and a staunch ally of our City's LGBTQ community, I applaud our City's Health Department for calling on the FDA to replace the current MSM ban with an evidence-based, blood donation process," said **State Senator Gustavo Rivera**. "In doing so, our City is making a strong statement that all New Yorkers should be able to donate lifesaving blood, regardless of their sexual orientation."

"I join the NY Health Department in their call to the FDA to lift the ban on blood donations from gay men who have had recently had sex. Earlier this year, I joined 115 other Members of Congress in asking for the FDA to overturn this outdated and discriminatory blood donation policy. We must create a policy that is based on facts, and allow thousands of healthy gay men to once again be able to donate blood, increase our blood supply, and save lives," said **Congressman Jose Serrano**.

"Blood donations should be screened for HIV and other blood-borne diseases regardless of the donor's sexual orientation or the gender of donors' sexual partners," said **Assembly Member Richard N. Gottfried of Manhattan, Chair of the Assembly Committee on Health**. "By calling for an evidence-based, three-step screening process and an end to the senseless blanket ban on blood donations by men who have sex with men, the de Blasio administration and the New York City Health Department are siding with science and good public health policy."

"I applaud New York City and its Health Department for calling on the FDA to abandon the blood donor deferral policy for gay men. This ban has been steeped in misguided emotion, and not scientific fact. We have the scientific know-how to utilize new screening processes to protect the public without discriminating against those who could help save lives," said **Assemblymember Deborah J. Glick**.

"I stand with the Health Department in calling on the FDA to end this harmful and discriminatory ban," said **Council Member Corey Johnson, Chair of the Committee on Health**. "When we shut out this entire population from donating, lives are put in danger and we institutionalize a bias against gay men. A scientific method for determining eligibility is achievable and it would save countless lives. I thank Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett, Commission on Human Rights Commissioner Carmelyn Malalis, and their incredible staffs for addressing this critical issue at the crossroads of justice and public health."

"I've always believed that those who are able to donate blood, should," said **City Council Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer**. "It's an act of giving that saves lives. But because I am a gay man, I've been denied the ability to donate blood and help others. That's wrong. The science doesn't support such a ban on people like me donating blood and I am ready to donate as soon as this outdated policy is changed."

"I stand with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to call on the Food and Drug Administration to end the restriction on blood donations from men who have sex with men. This policy is discriminatory and it should be lifted so that those individuals who want to donate blood can do so. An increased blood supply will translate into saving the lives of people who need blood transfusions. This policy reinforces the old stereotype that HIV/AIDS is a gay man's disease. The FDA needs to rely on screenings, not stigma," said **NYC Councilwoman Rosie Mendez, Chair of the NYC Council LGBT Caucus**.

"The FDA's current blood donor screening policy is unscientific and reinforces the stigma LGBTQ people have had to face for generations," said **NYC Council Member Daniel Dromm**. "As an openly gay elected official, I join the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in calling upon the FDA to immediately replace this harmful policy with one that is evidence-based. New York City is in almost perpetual need of blood donations. We cannot afford to exclude potential donors on the basis of sexual orientation or the gender of their sex partner."

"The FDA needs to end the blanket blood donation ban for men who have sex with men. It's an outdated policy based on stigma not science," said **Council Member James Vacca**. "As it stands today, a gay man who otherwise meets all the criteria to donate blood is denied if he has had sex in the past year. The ban should be replaced with a screening process based on science that would not prevent potentially lifesaving donations from gay men."

"For far too long the FDA has allowed a policy to stand that unfairly discriminates against and stigmatizes countless gay and bisexual men who just want to unselfishly and compassionately give blood. I'm very proud to see the Health Department calling for an end to this regressive and harmful policy," said **Council Member Brad Lander**. "Who someone loves shouldn't impact their ability to give blood. We should focus instead on science and evidence-based screening practices that don't pre-exclude donors on the basis of their sexual practices. I hope the FDA will heed NYC's call to update this outdated and discriminatory policy."

"The City of New York has been a consistent champion for LGBT civil rights and it is especially critical that now, during these tumultuous and divided times, the city has joined the charge for a fair and scientific national blood donation policy. The current one-year deferral policy for men who have sex with men ignores the modern science of HIV-testing and perpetuates the discrimination we have been fighting for over 35 years. Our nation must move forward, and GMHC calls on more cities, states, elected officials, organizations, and advocacy groups to join in pushing for a policy that is based on science and not stigma," said **GMHC CEO Kelsey Louie**.

In its comment to the FDA, the Health Department proposed the following three-step process for all potential blood donors:

1. Blood donation centers should conduct a behavioral risk screening for every potential donor, regardless of assigned sex at birth, gender identity, presumed or actual sexual orientation, and sexual history. This screening should ask potential donors about behaviors during the past six months, including:

HIV testing and status: Potential donors who report having tested positive for HIV should be excluded from blood donation;

Syringe use: Potential donors who report having used a syringe not prescribed by a physician should be excluded from blood donation; and

Sexual risk-taking behavior: Potential donors, regardless of presumed or actual sexual orientation, who report having had condomless sex, regardless of sexual partners' assigned sex at birth or current gender identity, should proceed to the step below.

2. Potential donors who report having had condomless sex during the past six months should be offered on-site HIV testing. For this step, donation centers should use sensitive point-of-care rapid diagnostic tests that enable detection of HIV early in the course of infection. A deferral period based on the testing technology, on the order of weeks, may further supplement this strategy. Test results should direct potential donors as follows:

Negative: Potential donors who test negative for HIV should proceed to donation;

Positive: Potential donors who test positive for HIV should receive post-counseling services as required by local law and be referred to care and treatment services. They should be excluded from blood donation; and

Invalid: Potential donors with invalid test results should be tested again using a second device. If the second device produces a similar result, potential donors should be excluded from donation and referred to an alternative site for further testing.

3. Blood donation centers should continue to perform nucleic acid-based testing of donated blood, per the FDA's current recommendation.

The Health Department emphasizes that its recommended screening process is an opportunity to increase HIV testing rates and link more people to care while further improving the safety of the blood supply using science rather than stigma-based exclusions.

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PUBLIC SCHEDULE FOR MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2016

On Wednesday, Mayor de Blasio, Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito and members of the City Council will host a Puerto Rican Heritage celebration. This event is open to members of the media who have RSVP'd. The deadline to RSVP has passed. For more information, members of the media must contact puertoricanevent@council.nyc.gov or (212) 788-9221. There will be no Q-and-A.

After, the Mayor will light the Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center. This event is open to members of the media who have pre-registered by 9:00 PM tonight. For more information and to pre-register, members of the media must contact Iva Benson at 212-843-8271 or ibenson@rubenstein.com. There will be no Q-and-A.

Press Schedule

5:30 PM – Hosts Puerto Rican Heritage Celebration

Council Chambers
City Hall
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Approximately 8:30 PM – Lights Christmas Tree at Rockefeller Center

610 Fifth Avenue
Concourse Level
Between 49th and 50th Streets
New York, NY 10111

NYPD press credentials and pre-registration are required. This event is open to members of the media who have pre-registered by 9:00 PM tonight. For more information and to pre-register, members of the media must contact Iva Benson at 212-843-8271 or ibenson@rubenstein.com. No wireless microphones are allowed on site. Media will be located in pre-assigned press pens and not permitted to roam. Media must be pre-set by 6:00 PM. For further media inquiries and press pre-set time, please contact Iva Benson ibenson@rubenstein.com. Official photos will be available at [flickr.com/nycmayorsoffice](https://www.flickr.com/photos/nycmayorsoffice/) shortly following the event.

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TRANSCRIPT: MAYOR DE BLASIO, POLICE COMMISSIONER O'NEILL, COMMISSIONER TROTTERBERG MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING VISION ZERO

Mayor Bill de Blasio: Good morning, everyone. I want to start with a few points about Vision Zero, and then turn to our Police Commissioner and a number of our colleagues here. The bottom line is – Vision Zero has just begun. Vision Zero was originally identified as a fundamental change we could make in this city. We recognized two years ago that the reality of traffic safety in our city had to be addressed, that we had almost as many traffic-related fatalities in the year as we had homicides; and we took very aggressive action, beginning in 2014, to change that situation.

What you saw in 2014 and 2015 was a radical change. The number of traffic fatalities, particularly fatalities among pedestrians, started to shoot downward because we did things that needed to be done. We reduced the speed limit in many parts of the city. We added speed cameras around our schools. We changed traffic patterns and designs. And most importantly we added a tremendous amount more of NYPD presence and NYPD enforcement in areas such as speeding and failure to yield to pedestrians in intersections.

This approach has yielded very important results for many reasons. It has started to change the behavior of drivers. That is one of the number one things that we see. Drivers are increasingly aware that if they break the law – they put people's lives in danger – that there will be consequences. That's why this point right here – your choices matter – is so important. This is a message to all drivers – and I say this as someone who has spent decades driving around this city – it's a message to all drivers that there will be consequences if you speed. There will be consequences if you fail to yield to pedestrians. There will be consequences if you drive at the wrong speed in a school zone.

We believe that Vision Zero and the enforcement efforts related to Vision Zero are changing the behavior of drivers because increasingly they understand that there will be real consequences for [inaudible]; they're going to have to pay for the wrong behavior. And you're going to see stepped up enforcement as we go into the

holiday season – checkpoints, for example, to make sure we fight drunk driving and other reckless behavior. And we keep saying this is about protecting our children, this is about protecting seniors. We have to get a change in the behavior of drivers for the safety of all.

Now, we have had a very targeted effort in the last month. We announced, as daylight savings was coming on, that we had identified a particular challenge around the rush hour – the evening rush hour. As that rush hour occurred in a darker context because of Daylights Saving – we saw that that was a time that was really vulnerable. A lot of pedestrians were particularly vulnerable, drivers had not fully made the adjustment, and that we were going to do a lot of additional enforcement. We had a strong public education campaign, but most importantly additional enforcement to help prevent the kinds of things we had seen in past years.

Commissioner O'Neill and Chief Chan will go into the results of that effort, but I want you to know in front of that, focused enforcement had a big and positive impact. It helped us reduce the number of fatalities in this sensitive time of year when people are driving more in darker hours.

We've also moved personnel to where the problem is more effectively. And that's why the announcement today about the use of precision policing with Vision Zero is so important. We're focusing on the places where we have the greatest danger of crashes, where we have the greatest danger to pedestrians in particular. We're focusing additional resources on those locations and at those times. And we're making sure that there is stepped up enforcement, stepped up consequences on the kind of behaviors that put people in danger.

So, we know – we all know that here in this building, almost a-quarter-century ago, CompStat revolutionized policing in this city and was the reason we got safer. We're now applying that same approach to keeping people safe on our streets. And it is already starting to have a very, very positive effect.

But I'll end where I began – Vision Zero has just begun, you ain't seen nothing yet. This is just the beginning of something that is going to go much farther. We're going to continue to deepen enforcement for months and years to come to drive down the number of fatalities. And all the good work at the Department of Transportation – changing traffic patterns; redesigning streets; adding more islands for pedestrians to stop at so they are safe; slowing down the traffic signals so that pedestrians have more time to cross the streets – all of these will have a big impact in the years to come.

What we have seen after the first two years is real progress. There is much, much more to do. And NYPD has been leading the way. And now that the principles of precision policing are being applied systematically to Vision Zero we believe you're going to see additional progress immediately in the months to come.

Let me just say a few words in Spanish before turning to the Commissioner.

[Mayor de Blasio speaks in Spanish]

With that, we turn to Commissioner O'Neill with my great thanks for the extraordinary efforts the NYPD is taking on Vision Zero.

Police Commissioner James O'Neill: Thanks, Mr. Mayor. Thanks, everyone, thanks for being here. Today, we're here to reinforce what we've long stressed about an important decision everyone has to make when they travel around the city. And now that we're in the midst of the holiday season there's millions of tourists here and there's more vehicular and pedestrian traffic than usual. And those decisions that we make as we travel around the city have taken on an even greater significance.

The Mayor spoke about Daylight Saving Time – the program that we started at the end of October. Daylight Saving Time ended earlier this month. I joined the Mayor and Commissioner Trottenberg in raising awareness

about the dangers that come when we turn those clocks back – the sun setting early in the day coinciding with the afternoon rush hour. It's the dangers that face motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians in the fall and winter months.

I'm pleased to report, in these last few weeks, we've seen a great improvement compared to November, 2015. I'm going to give you the numbers for October 27th to November 27, 2015 as opposed to 2016. We've had a double digit decrease in fatal collisions. The raw number is 14 this year versus 30 last year. This is a downward trend all of us here want to see carry through next month and into the new year and beyond that.

But in order to realize that, we have to acknowledge that December is historically a perilous time of year on our streets. More hours of darkness make it more difficult to see for everyone. So, again we're calling on all New Yorkers to take on an active role in their own safety. I just spoke – I speak about shared responsibility all the time when it comes to crime and it has to do with traffic also.

Two years ago, Mayor de Blasio signed into law a 25 mile-an-hour citywide speed limit. Every driver has to make sure they adhere to that. It saves lives. And we've said before, NYPD officers are out there enforcing the rules of the road especially in our most well-traveled and most collision-prone locations. We put more officers out there during that time period. If you commit a violation, you will be pulled over, and you will get a summons.

Drivers have to take extra care while turning when pedestrians are in congested crosswalks. Double-parkers blocking bike lanes will be summonsed. And don't forget that bicyclists are expected to adhere to the same traffic rules as vehicles.

Pedestrians have to do their part also. Don't cross in the middle of the block where lighting may not be as bright and drivers aren't expecting to see you. Chief Tom Chan will give you some stats of what we've done over the last 30 day period. I think you'll be impressed.

And regardless of your mode of transportation – car, bike, or foot – put your phones down. I was travelling southbound on West Street, I guess about a month ago, and we were travelling with the light, of course, doing the speed limit, and there was a young woman attempting to cross the street. She had her headphones in, looking at her phone. I'm pretty sure there was a newspaper in her hand too. And she stepped out into the street and somebody pulled her back. So, you have to – you know, putting that phone down might possibly save your own life.

And lastly, it should go without saying – if you're going to drink, don't get behind the wheel. We're going to increase our sobriety checkpoints all across the city. If you're going to drink, call a cab, get yourself home safely. A little pre-planning this holiday season will go a long way to keeping everybody in New York City safe.

So, I'm now going to turn it over to Commissioner Trottenberg. Polly –

Department of Transportation Commissioner, Polly Trottenberg: Thank you. Thank you, Commissioner O'Neill.

As the Mayor mentioned, a month ago we stood in this same room and we talked about the dangers of dusk and how in the evenings in the fall and winter, that represents, by far in a way, the most dangerous time of the year on our roadways. And together, our agencies, took a multi-prong approach. You've heard from Commissioner O'Neill about all the incredible enforcement that NYPD has been doing with a particular focus on speeding and failure to yield.

At DOT, we've been stepping up as well. We ran an ad campaign with ads in radio, drive time and we've introduced some new, compelling 15 second TV spots to amplify the enforcement message. And if you were watching political coverage or football on ESPN, you've probably seen some of these ads.

Since October 27th, we've also worked with PD and our outreach crews to hand out hundreds of thousands of Vision Zero palm cars to drivers and pedestrians reminding them, again, to make safe choices.

I also want to emphasize, this year, we finished up with a record number of street redesigns, as the Mayor mentioned, that help make our roadways safer for pedestrians to cross, give them more times, give them pedestrian islands, and a number of new bike projects including 18 miles of protected bike lanes. You've heard of some of them – Pulaski Bridge, Queens Boulevard, Jay Street, Amsterdam Avenue. We've also stepped up and put brighter LED lighting in 1,000 – what we call – high-risk intersections around the city.

And you've heard the statistics – for the last month, between October 27th and yesterday, New York City experienced a total of 13 fatalities. And obviously, we mourn every single one of those fatalities. Those aren't just numbers for us. Those are our friends, our families, co-workers, our fellow New Yorkers but it's a notable drop from where we were last year where, as Commissioner O'Neill mentioned, we had 30 fatalities. So, we've seen some progress. We're very encouraged and we're going to keep working hard at everything we do.

Thank you.

Commissioner O'Neill: Thanks, Polly. Tom Chan will give you some of the enforcement numbers. Chief Chan –

Chief Thomas Chan, NYPD: Thank you, Mayor de Blasio. We'd also like to thank Mayor de Blasio's Vision Zero Task Force that's been working closely with us, Commissioner O'Neill and Commissioner Trottenberg, and also our elected officials – Council's Transportation Chair, Ydanis Rodriguez. The Dusk to Darkness safety initiative, a combination of Vision Zero – through the education, the engineering, and also the enforcement has had an effect.

Our officers have been deployed throughout the city with targeted enforcement on hazardous violations at collision-prone locations. The somewhat of a precision policing model where we're targeting, through this Dusk To Darkness, where we have collisions between 1600 hours and 2100 hours or four o'clock in the evening until 21 which is nine o'clock in the evening – we've asked more officers to concentrate and also do enforcement during those hours when we feel that the pedestrian population are more vulnerable.

We've conducted a number of initiatives in the month of October – from October 17th through the 23rd – resulted in 3,915 speeding summonses, an increase of 114 percent during that period compared to last year. During the month of October, also, on 24th through the 30th, we conducted a cell phone and also texting initiative which was conducted citywide resulting in 2,381 cell phone summonses and 1,526 texting summonses representing an 84 percent and 179 percent increase in those particular areas.

Following in the month of November, we conducted a pedestrian safety initiative – right-of-way. We targeted that violation – right-of-way – from November the 14th through November the 20th, we issued 2,257 summonses were issued for failure to yield to the right-of-way to the pedestrians during that period. That was a 147 percent increase compared to last year. That was during that month after we announced this Dusk To Darkness initiative.

In other areas that we've concentrated – we targeted tinted windows. We increased that summonses enforcement by 12 percent; the right-of-way, as I mentioned before; hazard violations overall by seven percent.

Other areas that we took a look at [inaudible] reinforcement, we were up 16 percent compared to last year and also for 511, which is for suspended license. We increased that by 24 percent.

In conjunction with that, we also had, as an education process, we erected 12 different VMS signs – Variable Message Signs – throughout the boroughs and in Manhattan, giving information to our motorists, educating them that one of the leading causes of traffic fatalities for our pedestrians at intersections are vehicles that are turning in particular, left-turning vehicles are probably more problematic – three times as likely to cause an injury and its more dangerous for the pedestrian because the vehicles are making turns faster.

So, the point is that we have been sharing this information. We do have another scheduled initiative in terms of pedestrian safety initiative, that's scheduled December the 5th through the 11th. We'll be conducting that initiative and targeting right-of-way for our pedestrians but throughout the whole city and our officers are zeroing on the third [inaudible] because when it gets darker it is much more difficult for the drivers to see the pedestrians so we want to make the drivers aware. And again, drivers beware – yield to our pedestrians who are crossing in our streets.

Commissioner O'Neill: Okay, thanks, Tom. Jess Tisch – Commissioner Tisch is going to talk about Traffic Stat 2.0. Jess –

Deputy Commissioner Jessica Tisch, NYPD: Alright. Of course, you're all familiar with NYPD's CompStat process which aggregates our weekly crime statistics culminating in a Thursday meeting where the police commanders gather to discuss crime strategies. Less known is the Traffic Stat process – similar concept mirroring CompStat but for collisions and Vision Zero.

So, today we are making public, on our NYPD website, the analytic engine that we, at the NYPD, use to look at to our collision data – the tool that drives our Traffic Stat. It's designed to provide unprecedented access to NYPD collision statistics, essentially, to give the public the data and the tools that they need to view, map, and analyze NYPD collision numbers so that the residents of this city get a timely sense of where and when collisions are occurring.

So, on the screen above me is a look at Traffic Stat which works in very much the same way as the public CompStat and will be made available immediately following this press conference.

In the left panel, you see the digitized version of this Traffic Stat book – the same book that this department uses to analyze collisions at the weekly Traffic Stat meetings.

So, how does it work? Well, we can choose to view the citywide Traffic Stat numbers or we can look by borough, precinct. For purposes of this demonstration, let's hone in on a specific patrol borough. So, let's look at Manhattan North which represents the 19th through the 34th Precincts. So, the panel on the left side of the screen displays the Traffic Stat numbers from the week ending Sunday, November 27th – that's this Sunday. This panel provides counts for total collisions, collisions with injuries, total number of injuries broken down by occupants, pedestrians, and bicycles, as well fatalities.

If we click, for example, on the week-to-date total collision number of 330, the system will map those 330 collisions to the exact location. You can see that in the middle panel. Now, the panels on the right side of the screen allow us to analyze or break down those 330 collisions. For example, we can look at the 330 collisions by patrol borough, by precinct, by hour, by day of the week, by collision type, and by contributing factor. This is what the Mayor is talking about with using precision policing to inform our strategies.

If we look at the day of the week, for example, we see our highest volume – this is Manhattan North last week – of 69 occurred on Wednesday. If we look by collision type, we see the majority were sideswipes. And if we look by contributing factor, we see most were caused by driver inattention or distraction.

Each number on the Traffic Stat book is clickable which means that each number can be mapped and analyzed using the various charting tools.

So, how can you access this tool? Traffic Stat will be made available at trafficstat.nypdonline.org or as a link on the NYPD's website. It will be available on desktops as well as on your mobile devices. I encourage you to check it out as you're leaving.

A few additional things to note – first, timing of disclosures. The website is going to be updated every Tuesday. So, essentially, the public will, for the very first time, have access to the week's Traffic Stat numbers even before they are discussed by police executives at the weekly Friday Traffic Stat meeting.

Second, the date is subject to change as collisions are investigated. Numbers hit the Traffic Stat book as soon as the collision report is entered into the system. The number of fatalities or injuries, for example, are subject to change, and those changes reflected in subsequent weeks' Traffic Stat numbers just as you're used to with the CompStat books.

Third, this tool is a close cousin of the unprecedented CompStat tool that the NYPD has been providing to the public since February of this year. As far as we've been able to research, no other police department in the world provides the public an analytic engine like this one for collision mapping and review.

We are committed to continuing to enhance this tool over the coming months and years, in fact, this website is powered by the very same technology that the NYPD itself uses to analyze and report on collision data as part of the Traffic Stat process.

Commissioner O'Neill: Thanks, Jess. Now, I'd like to introduce Ydanis Rodriguez. He's a Council member – a City Council member. He's the Chair of the Committee on Transportation. Ydanis –

[...]

Commissioner O'Neill: Thank you, Ydanis. We'll take some questions on this topic now.

Question: Mr. Mayor, you mentioned earlier about stepped up enforcement during the holiday period – you mentioned checkpoints. Can you go into a little more detail on the checkpoints? What will officers be looking for and where exactly will they be?

Mayor: I'll turn to the Commissioner and Chief Chan. I just want to say I am a strong believer in checkpoints. I think we've lost so many innocent people to drunk driving and checkpoints send a powerful message that we will not tolerate drunk driving and that there will be consequences. And as the Commissioner said, there are so many things people can do rather than get behind the wheel when they are drunk. So, we're going to make very, very clear to people that there will be consequences and checkpoints are one of the strongest most visible ways to do that.

Commissioner O'Neill: We'll increase our number of sobriety checkpoints. We have many different units that do this. We have the Strategic Response Group – use to be the taskforces. We have citywide traffic and we also have at the precinct level. I'm not going to tell you where we are going to have the checkpoints.

[Laughter]

Question: Commissioner, we just did a story about several hundred thousand people evading the red light and the speeding cameras by putting plastic on their license plates. Are you aware of this, obviously? And what is being done to prevent that in the future?

Commissioner O'Neill: I'm aware of it. I was aware of it before the story in the Daily News this morning. There are a couple of things in the City of New York that really bother me and this is one of them. So, in the last two years it will be the end of December, we've written 42,000 summonses for this infraction and we'll continue our enforcement.

Mayor: Let me just add one thing to the point – if people do that we are going to catch them and we are going to penalize them. I want that to be very, very clear. This is another area where we're going to deepen enforcement and there will be more consequences. So, if someone has one of those covers I would advise them to get them off real quick because the NYPD is coming.

Question: Do cops check for that at checkpoints – like are they told to do that?

Commissioner O'Neill: Yes they are and when vehicles are moving and we're going to make sure that we're not part of that offender list also. We check within all the precincts and all our different units to make sure none of our official cars have them and none of our private vehicles have them. And if they do, they will be facing disciplinary action.

Question: Mr. Mayor, the number of traffic deaths is falling, but it is falling slowly [inaudible]?

Mayor: We've all understood that Vision Zero was a radical goal and for a good reason. We had to change behavior fundamentally; we had to fix the things we could fix. And I think one of the things that became clear as we started down this road was so much of the danger was addressable. And there were so many tools we had that weren't being used. We didn't have enough cameras around schools. We had a speed limit that was too high in many places. We didn't have enough NYPD enforcement. We didn't have the right traffic designs. So, I think the power of the Vision Zero idea is it says fix all the things you can. And I'll borrow a famous phrase, physician heal thyself, you know, let's do all the things we can do to push that number down. The initial results are amazing. What has happened in just over two years is unbelievable numerically? And again, you've seen what this latest initiative was able to achieve in the last month. So, I think it is right to set a very high goal. And as I said, we've only just gotten started. There is going to be a lot more where that came from.

Question: Mr. Mayor, the Commissioner just gave an example of a distracted pedestrian crossing the street. Are there any kinds of educational campaigns aimed at pedestrians or for bicyclists who are – you know – going the wrong way on bike lanes or not adhering to traffic signs or traffic lights?

Mayor: Absolutely. The bottom line here, first and foremost, cars are the challenge – vehicles are the number one challenge because of their size and their speed make them the single greatest danger, but bicyclists have to get the message. They need to follow traffic laws too and we have had targeted enforcement of bicyclists and we will continue to deepen that. This is, again, to hit on all cylinders, if you will, is going to be a constant deepening of enforcement. And bicyclists who violate traffic laws do a disservice to all other bicyclists and they certainly can endanger people. So, we will ticket them as well.

Question: [Inaudible]

Deputy Commissioner Tisch: The Traffic Stat data is really designed just to give the public the same information that the NYPD has about where collisions are occurring; what type of collisions are occurring; what hours of the day they are occurring at; what types of collisions. It's about transparency. It follows an initiative

that we had with our CompStat process. We made all of the CompStat data available and digestible for the public, so that they can use it in ways that benefit them. And so, this was really about transparency and providing as much data as we can to the public on our collision reports.

Mayor: And I think, look, obviously anytime that we help the public to see where there are particular problems – you know – we make ourselves accountable in the process. This is why this precision policing approach is so important. Traffic Stat is about identifying times and places where we have a persistent problem and going at them. We want the public to see that in real time. We want the public to hold us accountable for the changes we have to make.

Question: It's a question for Chief Chan. What is the correlation or relationship between the places that targeted enforcement is happening and where we are seeing crashes not happening this year?

Chief Chan: Locations that the individual precincts are targeting are priority intersections where they've had collisions and also, priority [inaudible] roadways where they had collisions. So, again, they are looking at the data and individual precincts are actually reviewing their data on a weekly basis; where they find where the collisions are occurring that there is a cluster. Now, certainly if they are going to take a look at it [inaudible] shopping occur they will possibly do more enforcement because, again we have shoppers descending on a specific area to do shopping – a commercial district and things of that nature. But this is certainly based on data, on information where the collisions have occurred the last 28 days. They will identify and then adjust their program in terms of enforcement and education. And we're working with our [inaudible] partner.

Commissioner Trottenberg: David, I just want to add one thing to that. And we are going to get you the numbers. We were just looking at the data this morning; we are seeing – as we laid out with PD – our Vision Zero priority corridors and intersections where we've focused resources enforcement, resources engineering, education we've actually seen some pretty dramatic declines in those corridors visa vie the non [inaudible], but we're just putting those numbers together. I'm going to get them to you today.

Mayor: And the other point – just to make the CompStat parallel again – is just like CompStat came up with a revolutionary idea of focusing on where crime was happening, when it was happening, what the specific patterns were so that you could put police in those areas in a targeted strategic manner. That is what Traffic Stats is allowing to do; when we see problem locations and reoccurring problems that is where you're going to see a lot more enforcement.

James.

Question: The numbers comparing October to November, this year and October, November last year are very impressive. Transportation Alternatives is saying that the number from January through November, this year versus January through November last year aren't as encouraging. Can you respond to that? And tell me about how this Traffic Stat might be some sort of response to that.

Commissioner O'Neill: If you look at our year-to-date numbers at one point we were actually up for fatalities. We are down now, 209 last year to 204 last year. So, the reduction is smaller than the reeducation – much smaller than the reeducation in that one month period, but this is what we do. We take a look at the data available and we deploy our resources accordingly. And this is why we are getting such a significant decrease in fatalities for that one month period. And the second part of your question?

Question: Traffic Stat, how does that figure into this whole [inaudible]?

Commissioner O'Neill: What Traffic Stat is something we have been doing internally for almost 20 years now. That is a meeting that Chief Chan chairs. They do it – I think they do it every week, Tom. They bring in the

precincts that re up in collisions and the executive officers have to explain what their strategy is to decrease the number of collisions and the injuries and fatalities. That has been going on for a long time.

Question: Can you share with us some of the specific areas where there have been [inaudible] collisions?

Commissioner O'Neill: Yes, Tom do you want to talk about some of the – or Polly – the problematic intersections or roadways.

Chief Chan: Sure. What happened is that every borough has a list of identifying priority intersections and [inaudible] roadways. For example, I'll use Atlantic Avenue as a high volume, particular roadway. They do have a high number of collisions and things of that nature. But every precinct and every borough has identified priority intersections and locations so that the precincts know exactly where to go to and they – again, I mentioned on a weekly basis we look at our data and then we adjust our enforcement, our personnel. So, in other words today they may be working at 34th Street and 6th Avenue, tomorrow they are going to shift up to 42nd Street or closer to Rockefeller Center where the tree lighting is and things of that nature. So, our game is constantly changing, but you're going to see our officers out there doing enforcement.

Question: [Inaudible]

Commissioner Trottenberg: I'm sorry – just to add a little bit more, you know, in addition to the enforcement efforts, I just want to emphasize the engineering where we put together our Vision Zero pedestrian safety action plan for each borough where we mapped out the corridors and the intersections where we saw the highest crash rates and fatalities rates. You can see that online, and we've been targeting our reengineering work there – Queens Boulevard is a big example. We're just now putting in work around the Manhattan Bridge. We're going to be putting in a bike lane on Delancey Street, so areas where we see high rates of fatalities and injuries.

So you can go map online where those rates are and see – we, in addition to what PD is announcing today, we have actually another interactive website called Vision Zero View where you can go online and see mapped out all the priority corridors and all the work we've done – redesigning projects, traffic singles, audible pedestrian signals, leading – all the work that our agencies have done together around those corridors.

Unknown: One or two more on this topic.

Question: [Inaudible] enforcement in cars parked in bike lanes also be ramped up and if so will [inaudible] NYPD also sort of turn a lens on itself [inaudible] flagrant offenders of double parked cars [inaudible].

Chief Chan: What happened is that – when we took a look at the bike lane enforcement this year, we've issued close to 60,000 parking summonses in that particular realm in terms of vehicles that are blocking the bike lane and I anticipate that we are going to continue to do so, but again we certainly discourage our officers from blocking those lanes and committing violations and causing a problem for our bicyclists.

Question: So, Mayor Giuliani famously led a crackdown on jay-walking admitting that he sometimes jay-walked himself. Is jay-walking a problem – mid-block kind of accidents are they minimal or is this a big issue in New York City and is there any plan to have a de Blasio crackdown of jay walking?

Mayor: Let me start and then turn to the experts. I think the central point is the greatest danger comes from vehicles and that's where we need to put our energy. That's where we need to put our focus. We have so much more that we need to do to stop reckless and illegal behavior by drivers. That's the core of this. I think, of course, pedestrians have to be responsible too, and the example the Commissioner gave – something we have to figure out a better way to address – I see it constantly. People looking at a device or you know with their ear phones in and absolutely oblivious and literally walking into the middle of traffic against the light. We've got to

figure out a way to go at that more effectively. But you know going at the root cause is the important point here. The root cause is reckless and illegal behavior by vehicles.

Commissioner Trottenberg: Can I just add to that Rich? One thing the Mayor mentioned – why we have such a big focus on speed. I mean, just, as a given the driving environment in New York City is unpredictable for a whole bunch of reasons and that's why our particular focus on 25 miles an hour – we went back and strengthen nearly 100 school camera locations because in the end if you're driving at a safe speed, whatever is happening on the roadways – because surprising things can happen – you're much less likely to have a collision or if you have a collision and you're going at a slower speed it's much less likely to end in fatality or serious injury.

Question: [Inaudible]

Commissioner O'Neill: I don't know what methodology was employed for that, but I do know that we stand by our numbers. This is how we deploy people, and this is how we keep people safe. And obviously if you look at the crime numbers this year we have 17 less homicides, 106 less shootings, and I think over 3,600 less index crimes so the reduction in crime is real. Dermot, do you want to add to that?

NYPD Deputy Commissioner of Operations, Dermot Shea: I would just say that we are very confident in the review process. We have a rigorous review process, similar to the traffic related incidents that we just discussed. We rely on data. We rely on quality data. So there isn't a day that goes by that as the information is coming in, it's being processed with [inaudible] accordingly and as I said there's several levels of review process. These numbers are real. These lives are real. We're very proud of the work that we've done, and we don't operate in a vacuum. I think if you look across we make fewer arrests you can confer with any of the district attorneys and they're processing less arrests. We have fewer shooting victims. The hospitals have fewer shooting victims. We have seen continuing trending in New York City at a level – at some rates that we haven't seen before of reduced crime, all-time lows in stolen vehicles, burglaries, robberies, shooting incidents. This is real.

Question: Mr. Mayor regarding the arrest yesterday of an ADA who was forging wire taps, will you be encouraging the district attorney, the Brooklyn District Attorney, to look into her cases to see if there's any malfeasance or fraud with that regard?

Mayor: Not familiar with the details, but obviously if there's any crime that's been committed I don't have to encourage. I assume the District Attorney will follow up on that aggressively.

Question: Commissioner, given the advance in technology at the NYPD when will the public finally be able to submit FOIL requests via email instead of snail mail and is that at all a priority for you?

Commissioner O'Neill: Transparency is a priority for me. I'd have to discuss that with [inaudible], and I'd get back to you.

Question: [Inaudible] so hard to do? That's a really old fashioned way of submitting [inaudible] –

Commissioner O'Neill: I understand that. This is an issue. I've been here for two months now [inaudible] take up and make sure we resolve that with [inaudible].

Question: Commissioner and Mr. Mayor, I'd like to hear both of you on this if you don't mind. How would you assess morale in the department right now? Commissioner you're about two months into being commissioner. Commissioner Bratton had said at various times he felt morale was pretty low. How would you assess it right now and you as well Mr. Mayor?

Mayor: You want to go first?

Commissioner O'Neill: You know what, I've come up through the ranks, been a cop since 1983. There are ebbs and flows with moral depending on what goes on around the city and what the sense of appreciation that the police feel from the residents of the city. I think we're in a good place now. It can always be improved, but we look constantly to make things better for our police officers as you – we've updated the fleet. If you take a look at what we're doing with the station houses, we've done that also. We've given everybody a smart phone. There's all sorts of things we're doing for police officers. And the number one thing that I do is that I respect that the work that they do, and they know that because I've come up through the ranks. So, I think that having a police commissioner that's come up through the ranks I think that's appreciated by the vast majority of the members of the New York City Police Department who continue to do an outstanding job every day.

Mayor: I think there's a lot of appreciation out there for our police officers, and I think it is coming out more and more, for example, when we see the extraordinary efforts that our officers made on Thanksgiving Day as an example or in the aftermath of some of the threats that we've seen around the world. There's tremendous appreciation for how the NYPD protects people from any terror threat. I hear that from the public all the time and I hear it from the officers that I talk to that they get those thank-yous and they appreciate those thank-yous.

I think neighborhood policing is making a big difference. Again, I talked to the NCOs and I talked to neighborhood residents who work with them. And there's a lot of mutual respect and a lot of appreciation and it's stated quite frequently. I know our officers appreciate that. And I agree that having a leader who came up through the ranks means a lot to our officers. I've also heard that from many officers that they really appreciate that their leader experienced everything that they experience, and they know that Commissioner O'Neill has their back.

Question: All of that might be true, but the ongoing contract issues around pay demoralize officers who can't provide for their families etcetera without increases in pay. Where does that factor in?

Mayor: We have again – we have one of the most generous compensation packages anywhere in the country when you include everything including very, very important pension and other benefits that we provide on a very high level. We've said it before. I'll say it again. Every other police union is under contract now. Every other uniform service union is under contract. They did that because they believed they were getting a good deal for their members, and their members ratified those contracts. So the door is always open to the PBA to work with us on that same set of principles, but I think you know our police officers look at everything around them and are very aware of the fact that all the other police unions and all the other uniform service unions have come to an agreement with the city.

Question: Since the press conference that you held a couple of weeks ago now about security at Trump Tower have you had any discussions with the Obama administration or incoming administration about that price tag or the overtime which is looking like it's going to be pretty hefty –

Mayor: Yes, look, we're going to work very, very hard to get very substantial level of reimbursement, and I feel good about our chances based on the history of reimbursement and that was in situations that were much less substantial than this one. I had a conversation, as I mentioned a few days back, with Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson. I'm going to be doing follow up conversations with other administration figures. We're putting in the paper work now for the first tranche of reimbursement. Also, I will be speaking with people on the Trump team. This is going to take place over the next few weeks. I think in the course of December we'll be able to give you a much better picture of how this is playing out.

Question: Sense of how much you are currently asking for that tranche, that dollar amount?

Mayor: No, it's not time to offer those figures yet. We're still working on those.

Question: Can we have the breakdown of how you are [inaudible] –

Commissioner O'Neill: I'm sorry, could you repeat that? I didn't hear it.

Question: [inaudible] rundown of the [inaudible] –

Mayor: You've stumped us all – [inaudible].

[Laughter]

Question: Trump Tower follow up – I've been wondering if there's been any discussion or plans for parades that go down 5th Avenue and how that would play out going forward? [Inaudible]

Commissioner O'Neill: We still have yet to resolve our long term plan. We have that short term plan in place until the President-elect is inaugurated. So we're going to have to – that's going to be a part of the long term plan.

Question: [inaudible]

Commissioner O'Neill: These parades have been around – I think St. Pat's for over a century.

Mayor: Thank you. We'll do other topics in just a second.

All right. Here we go. Other topics? Other topics? Anything here? Yes, Jen?

Question: Mayor de Blasio, we have a story today in the Daily News about Governor David Paterson saying that [inaudible] primary if someone ran against you, and that there was no one with courage that was doing that? I just wanted to see what you thought of that – that Paterson seemed to be sort of encouraging someone to run against you in a primary?

Mayor: Don't pay any attention to it to tell you the truth.

Question: Mr. Mayor, would you – obviously the emails that a couple news organizations had sought were released on Wednesday, almost a week ago. We're here today. So, when you speak with Jonathan Rosen, for example, or other agents of the city, do you discuss – do you ask them ahead of time if their relationship with clients may affect their judgment, the advice they give you at City Hall?

Mayor: You know, those conversations are rare to begin with, and I'm absolutely certain that there's no representation of clients involved in those discussions. And these are folks who I have known for years and years who have been providing me advice that I long ago came to the conclusion was objective, thoughtful advice. But it's just advice. I listen to advice from many quarters, and I make the decisions. Yeah?

Question: Comment on whether the Grammy Awards will be coming back to New York City?

Mayor: It's nothing – nothing formal yet. We are hopeful. There's a process underway. We would love to get the Grammys back in New York City. I think it would great for New York City, and I think they belong here. But there's more work to done before it's final. But we are – we are certainly rolling out the welcome mat in every way we can. Marcia?

Question: Going back to the emails, which show that at times, BerlinRosen was writing press releases or suggesting quotes that some of your supporters could give on various issues. I wonder how you could allow them to create, in a sense, a shadow government, and that you allow them to effectively run parts of the City when they're not on the City payroll?

Mayor: Marcia, it's not even close to that. And I think those – that phrase is honestly ridiculous. These are individuals who advise me for years and years. They're offering ideas. There's nothing about that that is out of the ordinary. Everyone who holds high office has advisors, and they offer advice. And again, I make the decisions.

Question: Would suggesting quotes and saying that you're –

Mayor: Suggesting quotes is something –

Question: [Inaudible] writing press releases –

Mayor: Marcia, I'm glad you find it so interesting. It's absolutely normal that outside advisors offer ideas on how to talk about things.

Question: [Inaudible]

Mayor: Normal thing for people to offer ideas. Go ahead, [inaudible].

Question: We're here for a 10:30 press conference presumably because you want as many people as possible in this city to know about Vision Zero. But in the last several weeks, there have been several instances where the City released information or news at a time that made it less likely for people to receive that information. I'm just going to run through a few examples. The day before Thanksgiving, late in the day, you released hundreds of agents of the city emails. A week earlier, you withheld the release of the November financial plan until 5:30 p.m., when it was less likely to make the newscast, or get space in the next day's newspapers. And then the night before the presidential election, City Hall put out the word that the City had spent millions on defense against various investigation, and that the Health + Hospitals chief was leaving. Given all of that, if you believe an informed public is essential to democracy, how do you justify these tactics that your [inaudible] of burying the news?

Mayor: Each one is different. There were different circumstances for each one. And you're asking the question now because they were all made public, and they're all part of the public discussion. I think it's absolutely normal.

Question: [Inaudible]

Mayor: Again, I don't – I'm sorry – I just don't see the import in it that you see. Each one's individual. And we're happy to discuss them at any point. Go ahead?

Question: There's an email from you to some of your staff and Jonathan Rosen in March 2014 about Jason Collins, where you say the Nets are back in Brooklyn, do we want to do anything to honor him? [Inaudible] Rosen, since he represents Barclays Center. And then Rosen goes on to make advice about how to do this. How is that not a conflict? He's representing [inaudible] –

Mayor: It's not a conflict at all because look, if – if he had nothing to do with the Barclays Center, he I think would have given the exact same advice because what people were responding to was the extraordinary, historic

moment of Jason Collins's joining the team and all he stood for as a civil rights figure. And that's what that was about.

Question: Is that supposed to be sufficient for the public – that you don't think he would have given any different advice whether or not [inaudible] –

Mayor: I'm absolutely convinced that the highest standards were adhered to. Everything we did – I said it last night, I'll say it again. Everything we did, we did with legal clearance for the way to approach things – in the case of Campaign for One New York, with pre-clearance from the Conflict of Interest Board. I am convinced everything was done appropriately.

Question: Mr. Mayor, I'm wondering if you can recall how many, if any, [inaudible] by the conversations reviewed have a general [inaudible]. And what the content of those were [inaudible]?

Mayor: Very few. I don't – I'm not going to try and do it on the spot. But I can certainly say very few.

Question: [Inaudible]

Mayor: I – just again, I'm saying very few because I can't remember right now anything in particular, so I'd like to give you a factual answer. I can't do that off the top. Jen?

Question: [Inaudible] Paterson thing. Do you think that Governor Cuomo has anything to do that? If, you know, having Paterson encourage people to [inaudible] –

Mayor: I don't bother to speculate in that. Yeah?

Question: Mr. Mayor, CUNY has said that the City's contribution to senior colleges' operating budget has been stagnant for decades, and they want the City to pay 186 percent more next year. This could be seen as a more scaled-back version of the Governor's cost shift that didn't happen last year. Do you think it's appropriate to pay that much more?

Mayor: No. Cost shift is the right phrase. And the Governor, in the dead of night, attempted a cost shift of CUNY expenses from the State onto the City. There was a massive negative reaction in this city after he announced that in his last budget. It would have fundamentally undermined the opportunities we try and afford our young people at CUNY. We're not going to stand for it, whether it's through the front door or the back door, we're not going to stand for. We already, in terms of our contributions to the community colleges, pay a much higher percentage than other jurisdictions in the state do. And, I've said many times – this City, in the event of an economic downturn or anything else that reduces our revenue, we're going to be on our own. The State of New York is not going to have our back. So, we are going to protect our prerogatives, and the State needs to continue to pay its share of CUNY.

Question: [Inaudible] So are you implying that the Governor, who effectively controls the CUNY Board, might be behind this budget request?

Mayor: I am simply saying that whether it is done as part of a budget speech or any other manner, we're not going to accept the notion of the City of New York paying more than what we're paying for CUNY.

Question: Two more questions, Mr. Mayor. You said a few weeks ago that you basically stopped talking to James Capalino and other lobbyists. Have you taken any other such action with relation to Jonathan Rosen or any of the other "agents of the city" in recent weeks or months since this became, you know, part of the public –

Mayor: Each situation is individual. I think it's fair to say that it's pretty rare I'm talking to people, but each situation is individual.

Question: The emails show that it's not rare that you're talking to Jonathan Rosen and –

Mayor: The emails go back a ways.

Question: Right, so that's my question – is more recently –

Mayor: I'm saying – I think it's pretty rare that I'm talking to those individuals, but again, I think each case is individual.

Question: Mr. Mayor, do you think it's a conflict of interest – excuse me – when Jonathan Rosen sends emails to City Hall with people's resume, requesting jobs, or he's requesting as he did on at least a couple of occasions for First Lady Chirlane McCray to speak at events that are held by his clients?

Mayor: No. No. It's again – long-term advisor, offering ideas. I think what you guys have to recognize is we're very, very comfortable saying no to anyone. And we have no problem with putting an idea on the table, no problem with recommending someone or offering an event. We'll make a decision based on what we think is right.

Question: In light of the heavy equipment or crane-like crash in Queens last week –

Mayor: Mhmm.

Question: Is there any plan by the City to scale [inaudible] monitoring construction sites, particularly non- – including non-union construction sites?

Mayor: We have been tightening up in many ways the approach to construction sites, and putting in much stronger requirements in terms of what supervision has to be present. And we're doing more to check those sites. We're obviously adding a lot of personnel to the Department of Buildings in the last budget. And that's now starting to be felt around the city. I don't have the final report on that accident. I don't know whether it was human error, or a mechanical problem, or what it was. But I think this is an area of continued concern. I think the answer is to continue to tighten up the laws and the rules, and to have as much oversight as necessary, and we're continuing to perfect that.

Question: The City – the Conflict of Interest Board requires any City employee who has a role in making or crafting policy to file a financial disclosure form with the City listing their business interests, any conflict of interest, their assets – lots of, you know, sort of invasive information. Why is it appropriate that someone like Jonathan Rosen, who does have an input in City policy, is not required to disclose any of that kind of similar information, although he's arguably a policymaker in the same sense?

Mayor: Again, everything that we've done was with guidance either from the Counsel's Office of the Mayor's Office; or in the case of Campaign for One New York – which again was about affordable housing, was about pre-K – with guidance from the Conflict of Interest Board. So, it's really up to the legal experts to determine how anything like that should be handled.

Question: When was the last time you spoke with Hillary Clinton? And what's your take on these recount efforts in some of the swing states?

Mayor: Couple days after the election was the last time I spoke to her, and I think the recount efforts are well intended. Obviously, we have a profound problem. We've never seen such a disconnect between the popular vote and the Electoral College vote in the history of this entire country. This morning, I checked the numbers again and Hillary Clinton is up by 2.3 million votes. This is absolutely unprecedented and I think it creates a huge question for our democracy. How is the President-elect going to proceed knowing that he had 2.3 million more people vote for his opponent. So, the recount effort is well intentioned. I have not seen any evidence that it's going to change the outcome but I think it will serve to remind people that something unprecedented happened here and I hope it will serve as a reminder to the President-elect and his administration that they have to take a balanced approach. They have to respect that there was a majority that actually voted the other way.

Unknown: Two more questions.

Question: Mr. Mayor, just to follow up on that. Would you like to see the Electoral College done away with?

Mayor: Yes.

Question: [Inaudible] chatter about electors voting against how their supposed based on the vote of their, you know [inaudible] exercise their moral judgement to vote against the President-elect?

Mayor: I think this is a thorny question, obviously, because the election proceeded with the rules we have. I think there was a fair, moral argument that because over two million people voted the other way that this outcome is problematic. But the rules are the rules. That's my world view. And I think the much more important thing, to the previous, is that now anyone who believes the Electoral College has created an imbalance in our country needs to get to work either on abolishing it or creating rules at the state level that say that the winner of popular vote, by law, deserves that state's electoral votes. As you know, that is the case in some states. So, that's the way we have to go.

I think there was, bluntly, a huge missed opportunity in the year 2000 which pales by comparison to this situation. We saw, for the first time in any of our lifetimes, the popular vote go the opposite way of the Electoral College vote in that case by about a half-a-million votes. That was the time to really start a focused effort to either abolish the Electoral College or modify the approach. I, for one, am going to be very focused on this. I hope people are all over the country because it's inconceivable to me that the will of, you know, 2.3 million people has been ignored in this result. It just doesn't make sense and it's supposed to be in our Constitution – one person, one vote. That's not what happened here.

Unknown: Last question.

Question: Can you clarify what you mean – you've said now several times that the Campaign for One New York promoted both Universal Pre-Kindergarten and affordable housing. Pre-kindergarten we know about. Affordable housing – the Campaign for One New York's own spokespeople have said repeatedly that it did not do anything on the issue of affordable housing instead that Campaign for One New York focused all of its efforts in its second year on setting up the Progressive Agenda Committee. What do you mean when you say that it worked to –

Mayor: I think if you go back and look at the history, there was a focused effort on affordable housing too with other partners. It's as simple as that.

Question: But Mr. Mayor, the group didn't register to lobby with JCOPE –

Mayor: It's not about lobbying. It's about the same effort to create a public energy around the issue. And that, I think, is well documented.

Okay, one more there before we go.

Question: Can you tell us where you are with making appointments in your Domestic Violence Task Force?

Mayor: Say it again, I'm sorry.

Question: Where are you with making appointments to your Domestic Violence Task Force?

Mayor: We are in the process of deepening our whole initiative around domestic violence. One of the things that I'm very proud of is the way the NYPD has a very focused follow up effort in each case of domestic violence and that – there's going to be even more energy and resources put into that.

The idea of the task force is to help us figure bigger solutions beyond the NYPD as well. So, we can get you an update on where we are with the naming of folks.

Thanks, everyone.

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DCAS ANNOUNCES NYC FLEET CONTRACT WITH GENERAL MOTORS (GM) FOR THE ELECTRIC BOLT

New contract will help City achieve its goal of acquiring 1,000 EVs by the end of 2017

NEW YORK—The Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) today announced that the City has completed a contract with General Motors (GM) to procure the new, all-electric GM Chevrolet Bolt for use in the City's fleet. The new contract with GM will help the City reach its goal of acquiring 1,000 electric vehicles by the end of 2017, creating the largest municipal electric vehicle fleet in the nation. This is part of the City's goal to cut municipal vehicle emissions in half by 2025 and 80 percent by 2035, an aspect of Mayor de Blasio's [OneNYC plan](#), which aims to create a more equitable, resilient and sustainable city.

The all-electric Bolt is larger than a traditional sedan and can operate for 238 miles on a single charge, providing the longest range to date of any electric vehicle in the City's fleet.

"As part of our OneNYC plan we are implementing 2,000 electric cars and reducing emissions in our City fleet," said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. "We reached over 500 EVs after just one year and the GM Bolt will now play a pivotal role as we make a push for 1,000 by the end of 2017."

"A cleaner City fleet is an important step toward our ambitious and necessary goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions 80 percent by 2050," said **Daniel Zarrilli, NYC's Senior Director for Climate Policy and Programs and Chief Resilience Officer**. "By expanding the City's fleet of electric vehicles in partnership with GM, New York City is continuing to lead by example as we deliver on our OneNYC goals of delivering a more sustainable, more equitable, and more resilient city."

“NYC already operates the nation’s largest EV fleet with over 530 units,” said **DCAS Commissioner Lisette Camilo**. “The Bolt will be an exciting addition to our growing zero emissions fleet.”

“NYC was one of the first users of the GM plug in Volt and we’ve been following developments with the Bolt closely”, said **NYC Chief Fleet Officer and DCAS Deputy Commissioner Keith T. Kerman**. “We are thrilled that the Bolt is here and proud to be one of the largest and earliest adopters.”

NYC Clean Fleet is part of the Administration’s goal to cut municipal vehicle emissions in half by 2025 – and 80 percent by 2035 – the largest such commitment of any U.S. city, making NYC Clean Fleet the most comprehensive and ambitious blueprint for municipal fleet sustainability in the nation. In addition, the City Council passed legislation sponsored by Council Member Costa Constantinides and Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez that would require the City to install at least 25 new electric vehicle charging stations in publicly accessible locations by March 1, 2018 as part of a pilot program.

The City also announced that it is placing its first order of 50 Bolts to be used as part of a new shared fleet initiative to be managed by the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS). The new units are expected to arrive in spring 2017 and will incorporate fleet sharing technology to enable use by multiple agencies. The Chevrolet Bolt EV includes advanced safety features with forward collision alert, low-speed forward automatic braking, and side blind zone alert with lane change alert. The vehicle is manufactured in the US at Lake Orion, Michigan.

Today’s announcement coincides with the City’s third annual Vision Zero Fleet Safety Forum at Queens Theatre in Flushing Meadows Corona Parks. As part of the forum, over 400 representatives of private and public fleets, non-profit advocacy groups, and fleet technology vendors come together to discuss ways to improve fleet safety and reduce collisions. The forum has helped launch a number of critical safety initiatives including the truck side-guard program and the fleet ban on use of hands-free devices while driving.

The Bolt joins the Nissan EV Leaf, Toyota Prius EV Prime, and Ford Fusion EV Energi in the NYC Fleet.

Council Member Costa Constantinides, Chair of the Council’s Environmental Protection Committee, said, “With our citywide Clean Fleet initiative and the largest municipal electric vehicle fleet in the nation, New York is leading the way on sustainability. This procurement of Chevy Bolts will help us achieve our emissions reduction goal. I look forward to working with Mayor de Blasio and DCAS Commissioner Camilo as we continue to make our city greener.”

“The introduction of the Bolt into the city fleet is a big step toward achieving the City’s emission reduction goals,” said **Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez, Chair of the Committee on Transportation**. “We need to do all we can as a city to mitigate our impact on the environment as a city and the de Blasio Administration has positioned New York City as a global leader in this effort. With some of the most efficient electrical vehicles available on the market today playing a big role in the city fleet, New York City is putting our money where our mouth is as well as familiarizing New Yorkers with vehicles that can have a positive impact on our environment.”

“The City’s decision to feature the UAW built all-electric GM Chevrolet Bolt as a key piece of the campaign to reduce municipal vehicle emissions is very exciting,” said **Julie Kushner, Director of United Auto Workers Region 9A**. “Once again Mayor de Blasio has shown leadership on two vital issues facing our country, climate change, and supporting good middle class jobs. Our members at the UAW-GM Orion Assembly plant in Michigan are proud to know that the cars they build will be making New York a cleaner and more livable city.”

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MAYOR DE BLASIO ANNOUNCES NEW ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM FOR APARTMENT BUILDINGS

City offering no-cost, 30-hour training program for building maintenance crews with the potential to reduce energy costs up to 20 percent

NEW YORK—Mayor Bill de Blasio today announced the launch of the NYC Building Operator Training Program to help residential buildings cut energy costs up to 20 percent. The new program offers a no-cost, 30-hour training program for small, multifamily building maintenance staff on ways to reduce energy consumption. Participants will learn about energy and resource conservation techniques related to a building's heating, electrical and water systems. This training model is designed to reduce energy costs between 5 percent and 20 percent without any major capital expenditures. The first group of participants will begin training on December 6 and the program will fully launch early next year.

Residential buildings are responsible for roughly three-quarters of New York City's greenhouse gas emissions. As part of Mayor de Blasio's [One NYC](#) plan to create a more equitable, resilient and sustainable city, the City has set a bold goal of achieving an 80 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from 2005 levels by 2050. The Mayor also has recently signed a [package of legislation](#) spurring retrofits to help buildings become more energy efficient.

"New York City is showing what cities around the world can do to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and combat the effects climate change head-on," said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. "We have set a bold but achievable goal of cutting greenhouse gas emissions 80 percent by 2050, and this new program will help us get there by making apartment buildings more energy efficient."

"The NYC Building Operator Training Program will provide residential building operators with the tools they need to reduce energy consumption and help fulfill Mayor de Blasio's vision for a greener and more sustainable

New York,” said **Gregg Bishop, Commissioner of the Department of Small Business Services**. “This partnership brings together government, academic, and private sector partners to help address an important challenge with little to no cost to participants.”

“Improving the way we operate our buildings is vital to controlling our greenhouse gas emissions,” said **Daniel Zarrilli, Senior Director of Climate Policy and Programs and Chief Resilience Officer for the Office of the Mayor**. “We are pleased to work with our partners to provide the necessary tools and training to building operators and staff to improve the energy efficiency of our buildings in support of our ambitious OneNYC 80x50 goal. By holding our buildings to the highest standards for energy performance, we are building a more resilient, equitable and sustainable New York City.”

The program is available to multifamily buildings with 5 to 50 apartment units or that have between 5,000 to 50,000 gross square feet. The training curriculum is designed to upgrade the skills of building operators to realize building energy savings and lower greenhouse gas emissions. Building owners and management companies may apply to have their maintenance personnel trained through this program.

Training curriculum will include the following:

- Recognizing and correcting common flaws in a building’s structure that can result in wasted energy consumption;
- Identifying and correcting ventilation problems;
- Instruction on understanding the various components of a boiler, their functions and proper maintenance techniques;
- Understanding heat distribution and control throughout a building;
- Techniques for conserving water; and
- Learning how electric system and fixture maintenance can result in greater energy efficiency.

All applicants for the program will be considered, but employers that agree to provide a wage gain for their operators and maintenance staff will be prioritized. Along with no-cost training, employers and their staff will also receive other incentives to support the operational efficiency of their building when the program fully launches in 2017.

“To reach the sustainability goals of One NYC, we need to focus on informing building operators about the tools available to decrease costs by saving energy,” said **Council Member Donovan Richards, co-Chair of the Progressive Caucus**. “I’d like to thank SBS Commissioner Bishop, the Mayor’s Office of Sustainability and CUNY for teaming up to educate residential building operators on energy efficiency and conservation with this new low-cost program.”

“A cornerstone of our mission is service to the City and its workers,” said **Dean John Mogulescu of the CUNY School of Professional Studies**. “Over the past five years, we’ve partnered with the City of New York and the CUNY Institute for Urban Systems Building Performance Lab to train thousands of building operators of municipal buildings in energy efficiency best practices, and we’re proud to extend our support to the multi-family building workforce.”

“RBSCC is excited to work with SBS to bring building operator trainings directly to our sites and staff,” said **Ryan Cassidy, Director of Property and Construction Management for the Ridgewood Bushwick Senior Citizen's Council**. “As a nonprofit affordable housing developer with a commitment to building thriving communities, we recognize the important role of our maintenance staff in providing sustainable and resilient buildings. Working with SBS was easy and efficient, and we look forward to positive outcomes for both building operations and our tenants.”

The training course will be offered in locations throughout the city and will also provide flexible options for scheduling on-site training. Building owners and management companies that are interested in participating in this program may visit <http://www.cunybpl.org/opstraining/>. New participants for trainings will be accepted on a rolling basis.

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CITY AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PARTNER ON "NYC POLYVICTIMIZATION COLLABORATIVE PROJECT" TO ENSURE VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE HAVE FULL, COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT

Through the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City and the Office to Combat Domestic Violence, Queens Family Justice Center will be first to screen survivors for multiple forms of victimization and trauma in order to enhance direct services and advocacy

NEW YORK—The Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence today announced a \$650,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice for a pilot program to enhance services for victims of intimate partner violence who have suffered multiple forms of trauma, or polyvictimization. The NYC Polyvictimization Collaborative Project pilot will enable the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence to develop an appropriate polyvictimization screening tool that will allow staff at the NYC Family Justice Center in Queens to proactively identify clients who have experienced multiple victimizations in their lifetime and enhance a service provider's ability to link these clients to appropriate services.

"For domestic violence victims, physical or emotional abuse is often just one of many traumas. To help survivors rebuild their lives, we must recognize the many ways they have suffered so that our remedies do not compound or complicate their struggle," said **First Lady Chirlane McCray, Chair of the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City and co-Chair of the City's new domestic violence taskforce**. "New York City has taken a comprehensive approach to supporting survivors with the family justice centers. There is easier and safer access to a range of resources, all under one roof, and staff is able to work across City agencies to protect victims' jobs, homes, and hold abusers accountable. Thanks to the U.S. Justice Department, we are expanding the already comprehensive approach of the Family Justice Center in Queens to give survivors even more support."

“New York City stands by survivors of domestic violence,” said **Dr. Herminia Palacio, Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services**. “Thanks to this Department of Justice grant, we will enhance the capacity of the Queens Family Justice Center to offer truly comprehensive services to survivors affected by multiple traumas. I applaud the Mayor’s Fund to Advance New York City and the Mayor’s Office to Combat Domestic Violence for seizing this opportunity to better help the thousands of New Yorkers who seek assistance every year.”

The NYC Polyvictimization Collaborative Project will be implemented by staff from OCDV, the NYC Alliance Against Sexual Assault, Safe Horizon, Mount Sinai Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention (SAVI) program, Voces Latinas and in collaboration with Sanctuary for Families (SFF). The Center for Economic Opportunity (CEO) will assist in securing a research entity to conduct a process evaluation during the grant period.

The Project will convene working groups of a diverse cross-section of service providers and community stakeholders to learn more about the needs of polyvictims and discuss best practices around the design and implementation of the screening tool. Following the development of the pilot version of the screening tool, it will be integrated into the current screening practices at the QFJC and will be utilized by City-contracted screening, case management and children’s services staff, as well as by other on-site partners. If a client is identified as a polyvictim, providers will work with the client to consider what additional supportive services they might need.

OCDV operates five Family Justice Centers throughout NYC, which provide free and confidential services to victims of intimate partner violence, elder abuse and sex trafficking regardless of their language capacity, immigration status, income, gender identity or sexual orientation. The supportive FJC environment helps victims navigate complex systems and feel empowered to take important steps to ensure their future safety. The FJCs co-locate community organizations and City agencies to provide comprehensive case management, risk assessment and safety planning, public benefits assistance, civil legal assistance, counseling for adults and children, economic empowerment and other supportive services, including job training classes, computer skills workshops, literacy programming and language courses. Each FJC is also co-located with the local District Attorney’s Office Domestic Violence Bureau and has NYPD Domestic Violence Prevention Officers on-site to provide assistance with filing police reports and obtaining report documentation and information about the criminal justice process and related criminal prosecutions. At the FJCs, on-site staff speaks more than 30 languages, and interpretation services are available in over 150 languages.

The grant funding is part of a demonstration project with 6 jurisdictions around the country aimed at creating a model polyvictimization screening tool that can be implemented in Family Justice Center settings nationally. Polyvictimization specifically refers to an individual who has experienced different types of victimization within their lifetime, as opposed to repeated instances of the same type victimization. Additionally, polyvictims often experience not only multiple forms of victimization, but also the most severe forms. Current research findings regarding polyvictims highlight the importance of early screening and intervention to prevent the development of severe health outcomes and future revictimization. This pilot Project will enable service providers at the QFJC to screen survivors of intimate partner violence for all forms of victimizations to ensure that they are connected with appropriate and comprehensive services to meet all of their needs.

“The Mayor’s Fund is proud to partner with the Mayor’s Office to Combat Domestic Violence to establish best practices to address the complicated issue of polyvictimization, and to tackle ongoing cycles of abuse. This landmark grant from the U.S. Department of Justice will provide new resources to tackle this issue – one of the most pressing in our city,” said **Darren Bloch, Executive Director of the Mayor’s Fund to Advance New York City**.

“Thanks to the Mayor’s Fund to Advance New York City, we have received a groundbreaking Department of Justice grant to put our City at the forefront of the issue of polyvictimization. The development of a polyvictimization screening tool will allow us and our dedicated service-provider partners at the Queens Family

Justice Center to enhance our ability to provide the best and most appropriate services to individuals who have experienced multiple forms of trauma in their lifetimes. We are grateful to the Department of Justice for funding this initiative, and helping New York City to develop innovative approaches to serving survivors of domestic violence,” said **Cecile Noel, Commissioner of the Mayor’s Office to Combat Domestic Violence.**

Queens Borough President Melinda Katz said, “Queens has the highest domestic violence conviction rate and the lowest dismissal rate in the City of New York, thanks to the dedication of organizations and Queens District Attorney Richard Brown. We have the most diverse support services for survivors in the city – including the Queens Family Justice Center – and have been committed to holding abusers accountable to the fullest extent of the law. I commend the Mayor for launching the polyvictimization screenings first here in Queens at our Family Justice Center, which will significantly augment their important work.”

“I applaud Mayor de Blasio and the tireless work of the advocates in the anti-domestic violence community who along with this pilot program, continue to use new and innovative ways to help victims of domestic violence receive the most comprehensive services available,” said **Assembly Member Andrew Hevesi, Chair of the Social Services Committee.**

"It is great to see New York City at the forefront of the issue of polyvictimization," said **Assembly Member Rodneyse Bichotte**, a member of the Domestic Violence Advisory Council for New York State. "It is refreshing to see that the City of New York will strategically use funds awarded by the U. S. Department of Justice to fund a pilot program that will address domestic violence issues in a more holistic manner. Domestic violence intersects with all areas of a person's life including their children, jobs, social services, and their ability to continue their education. This is especially good news on the heels of last week's announcement of the Domestic Violence Task Force."

“Domestic violence is a horrible tragedy that plagues our communities both here in New York City and across the nation. It comes in many forms and has far-reaching effects; from the deeply personal to the toll it takes on our community as a whole. It simply cannot and should not be an issue that legislators and community leaders remain silent on. I applaud the Department of Justice's decision to support New York City's efforts to combat domestic violence through this grant initiative. As a legislator and a citizen, I am committed to doing everything I can to reduce its incidence and offer support to those who have been affected,” said **Assembly Member Walter Mosley.**

“With 279,051 domestic incident reports citywide in 2015 – 75,299 of them from the Bronx –every step the city continues to take in this fight against domestic violence is a welcome one. As a longtime advocate for funding and programs to fight this scourge, I pledge to help continue the fight, both in my borough and city, as well as in the legislative halls of Albany,” said **Assembly Member Luis Sepulveda.**

“It is heartening that Queens is going to be one of the six sites nationwide for this project. The project will build on the good work of the Queens Family Justice Center by addressing the multiple types of traumas that domestic violence survivors have experienced, often leading up to abuse by an intimate partner. This is going to help us stop cycles of abuse and bring real healing and help to people in desperate need. I commend the U.S. Department of Justice and the Mayor’s Office for their forward thinking in developing services to address polyvictimization,” said **Assembly Member Aravella Simotas.**

“From the Family Justice centers to IDNYC, the City of New York has championed the fight against intimate partner and domestic violence to connect survivors with the necessary resources to rebuild their lives. The NYC Polyvictimization Collaborative Project will enable our City's service providers to take a multi-dimensional and individualized approach to how we support survivors of violence on their road to mental, emotional, and physical recovery,” said **Council Member Laurie A. Cumbo, Chair of the Committee on Women’s Issues and co-Chair of the Women’s Caucus.**

"This new project is a life line for survivors of intimate partner violence living in our city," said **Council Member Daniel Dromm**. "By offering holistic support to people who have repeatedly experienced this trauma, we help put an end to the cycle of abuse. I am heartened by this development and will continue to work alongside my colleagues in government to better serve this vulnerable population."

"I want to thank Mayor de Blasio on his tireless efforts of providing assistance to domestic violence victims across the city. The grant provided by the U.S. Department of Justice will create another opportunity where City officials can effectively and more accurately support New Yorkers in crisis to have a better quality of life," said **Council Member Donovan Richards**. "With the Rockaways having one of the highest rates of domestic violence in Queens, there is a need to identify polyvictims and ensure that City providers are properly equipped to provide them with services."

"The results of trauma can manifest immediately after an incident of crime or abuse, and may continue for years after. Our job as service providers is to identify when an individual, or family, may have experienced something terrible and help them obtain the support they need and deserve to address their trauma. Together with our partners in the NYC Family Justice Center in Queens we look forward to creating and implementing a polyvictimization screening tool that can truly make a difference in the lives of thousands of individuals who may have experienced multiple victimizations. We applaud the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence for spearheading this project and are grateful to the U.S. Department of Justice for funding it," said **Ariel Zwang, CEO of Safe Horizon**.

Hon. Judy Harris Kluger, Executive Director of Sanctuary for Families, said, "Sanctuary is proud to partner with the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence on the design, development, and implementation of a polyvictimization screening tool with our children's clinical staff at the Queens Family Justice Center. Through more than three decades of experience providing holistic services to many thousands of domestic violence victims and their children, we have come to recognize and address a range of related forms of gender-based violence – including sex trafficking, sexual assault, and female genital mutilation. So many in our community have experienced multiple forms of abuse in their lives, and urgently need rapid, informed, and comprehensive interventions. A high-quality screening tool will be a vital and highly replicable resource to be used in New York City and nationwide."

"The NYCAASA is thrilled to partner with community agencies and the FJC to improve the capacity to provide trauma-informed, culturally competent, comprehensive and compassionate care for survivors and co-survivors of Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Violence. As service providers and system advocates, we have long recognized that our clients have experience with multiple traumas which impact their functioning, safety, and the services they receive," said **Josie Torielli, LCSW, Assistant Director of Intervention Programs at NYC Alliance Against Sexual Assault**.

"Understanding and addressing polyvictimization requires the multi-pronged, forward thinking approach that the City is taking through this project. The Mount Sinai SAVI Program is excited to be providing clinical supports to survivors as part of the team being brought together through this endeavor," said **Lynn M. Frederick Hawley, Executive Director of the Mount Sinai SAVI Program**.

"Voces Latinas has been serving immigrant Latino survivors of violence for over 13 years. As a culturally specific center in Queens with staff and peers that identify with the community, we are proud to be partnering with the Queens Family Justice Center and community based organizations addressing polyvictimization. This partnership will not only help inform the field about culturally competent best practices but will also offer concrete holistic services to survivors experiencing a multitude of immediate needs for their day to day survival. Fear and intimidation often keeps our immigrant community from seeking help. Partnerships such as these

offers hope and builds trust so that survivors can begin healing,” said **Nathaly Rubio-Torio, LMSW, Executive Director of Voces Latinas.**

OCDV has partnered with the Mayor’s Fund to Advance New York City, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization dedicated to supporting innovative programs throughout NYC’s five boroughs, to secure support for the FJCs. Private funding of the Family Justice Centers has helped provide critical evidence of its effectiveness, leveraging the current public investment which included the addition of NYC’s fifth Family Justice Center in Staten Island in 2016. Funding for the Children’s Room and the Training Room at the Staten Island FJC were provided by the Verizon Foundation and the Staten Island Foundation, respectively. Additional current supporters of the FJCs include The Robin Hood Foundation and The Brooke Jackman Foundation. For more information, go to www.nyc.gov/fund and follow the Fund on Twitter @NYCMayorsFund.

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NYPD and DOT will redouble season-specific efforts to deter reckless driving during the year's most dangerous period on city streets; greater enforcement combined with a media campaign and street redesign efforts have contributed to a nearly 50 percent overall decrease in traffic fatalities over the last month

NEW YORK—Mayor Bill de Blasio today announced that New York City was redoubling its efforts around Vision Zero as the City enters the darkest days of the year – traditionally the deadliest time for pedestrians on New York City streets. The Mayor was joined today at One Police Plaza by Police Commissioner James P. O'Neill, Transportation Commissioner Polly Trottenberg and NYPD Chief Thomas M. Chan to announce that the Vision Zero Dusk and Darkness initiative would continue. They noted the progress of education and enforcement efforts unveiled by the Mayor on October 27 in helping turn around the traditional strong fall upturn in fatalities involving pedestrians – especially seniors. Over the last month, traffic fatalities have declined by nearly 50 percent.

"With Vision Zero, we have said our agencies would work creatively to see what works – and a month into the current Dusk and Darkness Initiative, we have strong evidence that we can deter dangerous driving with targeted seasonal enforcement and education," said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. "We are urging New Yorkers to keep up their vigilance during December – particularly during the evening rush – remembering that a wonderful season for shopping and being with family unfortunately coincides with the most dangerous time of the year for pedestrians. Drivers especially need to remember the danger of driving under the influence, as well as to slow down and turn slowly. As we have always underscored with Vision Zero, 'your choices matter.'"

Mayor de Blasio announced the Dusk and Darkness safety initiative on October 27, and DOT has conducted a close analysis of year-over-year crash trends – observing the following:

- In the one-month period following the initiative’s launch on October 27, 13 New Yorkers have been lost in traffic crashes. The five-year average for that same one-month period between 2010-2014 was 24 deaths – a nearly 50 percent decline. In 2015, the overall safest year in New York City’s history, New York City experienced 30 fatalities during that same period.
- In October, DOT presented a “heat map” (below) that illustrated how the earlier onset of darkness in the fall and winter is highly correlated to a 40 percent seasonal increase in pedestrian traffic injuries and fatalities. On the map, weeknight evening hours between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM over the next three weeks are the “hottest” – or most dangerous – of the entire year.
- In 2015, the year-to-date number of traffic fatalities as of November 28 was 209 fatalities, including 120 pedestrians. This year, as of November 28, the preliminary data show 204 fatalities, a decline of five overall. Pedestrian fatalities as of yesterday are at 126, an increase of six.

"The NYPD has issued more than 50,000 summonses for hazardous moving violations during the Dusk and Darkness initiative, and traffic fatalities have decreased significantly during that same period," said **Police Commissioner James P. O'Neill**. "But December has historically experienced significant increases in pedestrian injuries. That's why the NYPD and its Vision Zero partners are reminding New Yorkers, especially motorists, to slow down, make safe turns and to never drink and drive. The NYPD will be out in force this December ensuring the safety of all New Yorkers."

"We are grateful that fewer New Yorkers have been lost to crashes in November – and will be around to enjoy the holidays with their families," said **DOT Commissioner Trottenberg**. "But as the Mayor said, even though we have accomplished so much this year, we need to stay focused these last few weeks of the year. In December, with the reduced visibility at evening rush-hour happening at the same time as peak holiday shopping, New Yorkers who are behind the wheel need to expect pedestrians in the crosswalk every time."

"You may be a highly-experienced driver with many years on the road, but you are not immune from the challenges of seasonal driving," said **Taxi and Limousine Commissioner Meera Joshi**. "Our message to our licensees is that the combination of busy pedestrians and the earlier dusk pose a greater danger for both drivers and pedestrians than at other times, and it is absolutely essential for drivers to actively consider this every time they get behind the wheel. To reinforce this message, we've added enforcement resources to bolster the already considerable efforts we bring to bear for safety during this concentrated period."

Pedestrians Killed or Severely Injured (KSI) Mon-Fri by week and by hour (2010-2014)



Since the start of the Dusk and Darkness initiative, DOT, NYPD and other agencies have aggressively pursued the following Vision Zero initiatives:

Enforcement

- Increased Evening/ Nighttime Enforcement:** NYPD has focused additional enforcement resources on hazardous violations, including for distracted driving and failure-to-yield to pedestrians, with precincts increasing their on-street presence between 4:00 PM and 9:00 PM, when data show serious pedestrian crashes increase. Mostly focused on evening hours from October 27 through last week, NYPD officers have issued more than 50,000 summonses for hazardous moving violations, including:
 - ✓ 12,151 summonses for disobeying a traffic sign
 - ✓ 5,253 summonses for improper turn
 - ✓ 4,880 summonses for illegal cell phone use
 - ✓ 4,268 summonses for failure to yield to pedestrians
 - ✓ 3,942 summonses for failure to obey red light
 - ✓ 3,893 summonses for failure to wear seat belts
 - ✓ 3,818 summonses for speeding
 - ✓ 3,066 summonses for texting
- Focus on Priority Locations:** NYPD has deployed additional Traffic Safety personnel to provide coverage at intersections and corridors with high rates of pedestrian injuries and fatal crashes during key dusk and darkness hours.
- Drunk or Impaired Driving:** During the holiday season, the NYPD will also focus resources on drunk-driving efforts, as the evening and nighttime hours in the fall and winter have historically been when the incidence of DWI also increases.

- **Taxis and For-Hire Vehicles:** TLC inspectors have been conducting speed enforcement to deter speeding among for-hire vehicle operators.

Transparency

- **Traffic Stat:** NYPD today launched a beta of Traffic Stat - an upgrade in the reporting of traffic and collision data throughout the city to improve targeted enforcement, step up internal accountability and increase public transparency. Traffic Stat, accessible at <https://trafficstat.nypdonline.org/> will be updated alongside CompStat 2.0 every Tuesday. Traffic Stat will provide the rawest feed of collision report data in a updated, user-friendly and accessible format. Previously, such data was only made available to the public via published PDF. This portal will give the NYPD and New Yorkers a clear glimpse into collision and crash data from around the city.

Education

- **“Day of Awareness:”** On October 28, NYPD and DOT street teams kicked off the Dusk and Darkness initiative, and have continued in the weeks since by educating and engaging drivers and other New Yorkers at different Vision Zero priority areas in all five boroughs. Hundreds of thousands of palm cards have been distributed that have underscored a pre-enforcement message about lower speeds, slower turns and the dangers of dusk to pedestrians.
- **Targeted Messaging to Drivers to Obey Speed Limit and Yield to Pedestrians:** The award-winning Vision Zero “Your Choices Matter” campaign expanded this fall with fresh content, [including new television ads](#). New radio advertisements were also timed to air specifically around sunset hours. In this new campaign, listeners have been educated to the correlation between darkness and crashes – and reminded to lower their speeds and to take all turns at 5 MPH.
- **Daylight Saving Awareness:** DOT and the Mayor’s Office led a public-awareness campaign on November 4 around the end of Daylight Saving Time. In 2015, eight pedestrians in New York City were lost in the week after the time change. This year, Daylight Saving Time ended on Sunday, November 6 – and in the following week, New York City saw four traffic fatalities.
- **Taxi Driver Outreach:** TLC continues to educate its for-hire drivers to the need to be cautious through text messages, the distribution of more than 20,000 palm cards and other channels. In addition, Vision Zero ads now run on Taxi TV, providing another opportunity to reach the broader public.

Street Design

- **Safety Improvement Projects and Protected Bike Lanes:** DOT has completed the redesign of a record 90 projects this year, and added 18 miles of new protected bike lanes, including on major New York City thoroughfares including Queens Boulevard, Jay Street, Amsterdam and 6th Avenue.
- **Improved Lighting at Intersections:** DOT will in the next month complete lighting upgrades at 1,000 priority intersections throughout the City, adding additional lamps to increase visibility over crosswalks. In addition, the agency is converting older sodium street lights to higher-intensity LED, which makes pedestrians and cyclists more conspicuous, and reduces the capacity for nighttime crashes. LED bulbs also offer the benefits of longer life at an overall lower cost.

“Vision Zero was never intended to work simply through reconstruction of intersections, reducing speeds in certain thoroughfares, or greater enforcement, these are tools of the larger message and goal. Its true purpose is to change the mentality of pedestrians and drivers alike so every decision we make on the road is done in the interest of the safety of one another. December marks a busy season for New Yorkers. Being safe and diligent is worth the few extra minutes it may take you to get around this season,” said **State Senator Martin Malavé Dilan**.

“With nights getting longer and darkness settling in sooner, the chances for pedestrians and cyclists to go unseen by drivers gets higher,” said **Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez, Chair of the Committee on**

Transportation. “The DOT and NYPD have been out promoting the Dusk and Darkness campaign, increasing enforcement and providing information to drivers. These efforts have lowered traffic crashes in November but we have to finish this year strong. Vision Zero remains a top priority of mine and I appreciate the focus it is receiving as we come to the end of the year, with more shoppers out on the streets. I applaud the mayor for encouraging stepped up enforcement during the holiday season, when families are celebrating together, and I hope we can continue these efforts into the new year.”

“We are entering the most dangerous days of the year for New York City pedestrians, and we must be extra vigilant to ensure that no more lives are lost on our city’s streets,” said **Council Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer**. “We are making an all-hands-on-deck effort: targeted enforcement, street improvements, outreach and education make our streets safer, so that all New Yorkers can make it home to their families this holiday season.”

“Tragically, this season of celebration has been transformed into a lifelong season of sorrow for too many friends and family members of traffic crash victims,” said **Council Member Margaret S. Chin**. “Though our City is dedicating more resources than ever before to prevent traffic crashes causing death and serious injury, motorists must do their part and remain vigilant during this dangerous period for pedestrians and cyclists. Only by working together can we make this season, and every season, a safe one for us all.”

"Vision Zero has made a noticeable impact on our traffic safety this year," said **Council Member Costa Constantinides**. "The new elements including increased nighttime seasonal enforcement and improved street design have made a big difference on our public safety. I thank Mayor de Blasio, the NYPD and DOT Commissioner Trottenberg for their leadership."

"Mayor de Blasio, DOT Commissioner Trottenberg, NYPD Chief of Transportation Chief Chan and Queens DOT Commissioner Garcia have been doing a tremendous job in keeping our streets safer for all, including this holiday season and every day. It is critical that we stay diligent in our efforts with these Vision Zero campaigns that are occurring throughout the City. As these efforts continue during the holiday season, I urge every driver and pedestrian to be conscious of the increased activities in the crosswalks and on the road," said **Council Member Donovan Richards**.

“Evidence has proven that greater traffic enforcement is saving lives in our city,” said **Council Member Debi Rose**. “As New Yorkers approach the darkest evenings of the year, going about holiday shopping and attending festive gatherings, please, let this ongoing increased enforcement be yet another reason to drive safely. I want all of my constituents – pedestrians, cyclists and motorists alike – to have a safe and healthy holiday season.”

"Vision Zero has continued to evolve with new measures and initiatives being continually implemented," said **Council Member James Vacca**. "The Dusk and Darkness Safety Initiative sought to highlight some of the most hazardous times to be on the road and take action to effectively mitigate the danger. The campaign has already saved lives and will continue to do so through the holiday season and beyond. I applaud Mayor de Blasio and Commissioner Trottenberg for their advanced planning and commitment to safer streets for everyone."

For more information about the de Blasio Administration’s Vision Zero initiative, please see www.nyc.gov/visionzero.

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Recognition by Smart City Expo World Congress highlights groundbreaking efforts to build stronger, more sustainable, resilient and equitable city

NEW YORK—Mayor Bill de Blasio today announced that New York was awarded the "2016 Best Smart City" by the Smart City Expo World Congress in Spain. The award recognizes cutting-edge initiatives that help resolve urban challenges and benefit cities and their residents. This announcement comes at a time when the City is seeing major progress related to Mayor de Blasio's [OneNYC plan](#), which aims to create a more sustainable, resilient and equitable city.

"New York is proud to be recognized as the capital of innovation and progress, and a city where everyone has equal access to opportunities and success," said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. "We are committed to ensuring we continue to be the leader of urban sustainability, resiliency and technology, and we are honored to host Smart Cities NYC '17 at the Brooklyn Navy Yard this coming Spring."

Earlier this month, the Smart City Expo World Congress announced a new partnership to hold their first event in the United States: Smart Cities NYC '17. The international conference and exposition will focus on the intersection of technology and urban life and will be held May 3-7. More than a dozen City agencies and offices will participate alongside public and private sector leaders and influencers from around the globe.

"There could be no better place to hold this important event than in New York City and at the Brooklyn Navy Yard," said **Jerry Hutlin, Chairman and Executive Director of Global Futures Group**. "Smart Cities NYC '17 will bring together world-class keynote speakers, experts and residents for constructive discussions and provocative debates, while also showcasing and advancing cutting-edge solutions for creating smarter, safer and more resilient global cities."

“Brooklyn Navy Yard has been a center of innovation since it was first used to build ships 200 years ago,” said **BNYDC President David Ehrenberg**. “Brooklyn Navy Yard continues that tradition today as home to a mix of older manufacturers and a growing number of companies that use advanced technologies to design, engineer and manufacture products – which now employ more people than at any time since the Navy left Brooklyn. We are delighted that in recognition of the role we play in making New York City the world's smartest city, we've been asked to host this incredible event.”

The 2016 Best Smart City Award highlights key progress by the de Blasio Administration in four areas:

Expanding Connectivity for All

- The Mayor’s Office, New York City Housing Authority and Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications (DoITT) kicked off new efforts to bring free high-speed Internet service into the homes of tens of thousands of low-income New Yorkers, starting with the nation’s largest public housing development.
- In 2016, the City also broke ground on LinkNYC, the world’s largest fastest and municipal Wi-Fi network. To date, hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers and visitors have used the Wi-Fi more than 50 million times.

Piloting and Scaling Smart Technologies

- NYC continues to pilot and scale smart technologies to improve government services, neighborhood connectivity and the lives of New Yorkers. This includes an additional [\\$3 million investment](#) in gunshot detection sensors to enhance public safety and an [\\$18.6 million connected-vehicle pilot](#) with the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Growing the Innovation Economy

- In 2016, the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) [launched Urban Tech NYC](#), an accelerator program providing 100,000 square feet of affordable space and prototyping equipment to help entrepreneurs and innovators address the most pressing urban challenges in sectors such as energy, waste, transportation, agriculture and water.
- To help connect government agencies to new smart city solutions, the Mayor’s Office of Technology and Innovation launched a series of new [Calls for Innovation](#) in 2016 and a new digital discovery tool at [marketplace.nyc](#).

Ensuring Responsible and Equitable Deployment

- New York City recently developed the world’s first [set of comprehensive guidelines](#) for ensuring the responsible and equitable deployment of smart city technologies. In September, the White House and the Mayor’s Office of Technology and Innovation announced that [more than 20 cities](#) had signed on to this effort.

To expand upon this progress, the City recently added two new members to its senior technology team: Chief Technology Officer Miguel Gamiño and Chief Digital Officer Sree Sreenivasan. As CTO, leading the Mayor's Office of Technology and Innovation, Gamiño is working with all City agencies as we continue to develop a Smart City strategy, and head up the City’s rapidly expanding Broadband Program. Sreenivasan works to promote access to City government through technology and serves as the City's primary liaison to the tech start-up community.

“Smart City technology is essential to creating a more responsive and equitable government,” said **New York City Chief Technology Officer Miguel Gamiño**. “As a global leader in the Smart Cities movement, we welcome Smart Cities NYC '17 – and we will continue to innovate to ensure that every day New Yorkers are able to thrive in a more sustainable, resilient and equitable future.”

“LinkNYC stands as one the largest investments in public broadband infrastructure in our history,” said **DoITT Commissioner Anne Roest**. “This transformational project, which is being replicated in London and other big cities, is an important step towards Mayor de Blasio’s goal of providing every resident and business access to affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband service by 2025. DoITT is honored to work in support of that effort.”

“The rapid growth of our urban innovation sector demonstrates that building a sustainable, resilient city isn’t just smart planning – it helps support new businesses that create good jobs for New Yorkers,” said **NYCEDC President Maria Torres-Springer**. “Programs like Urbantech NYC provide the resources that entrepreneurs need to build sustainability and resiliency into the DNA of our City’s economy.”

Additional information on Smart Cities NYC ’17 is available online at <http://smartcitiesnyc.com/>

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**CITY HALL AND GRACIE MANSION GO ORANGE IN HONOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY
FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

De Blasio Administration joins UN & UN Women in show of solidarity to end violence against women and girls around the world and to commemorate the start of 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

NEW YORK— For the second consecutive year, Gracie Mansion and City Hall will be lit orange – the color adopted by the UN Secretary-General's UNiTE to End Violence Against Women campaign to symbolize hope for a violence-free future – in a show of commitment to ending all violence against women and girls in New York City and to commemorate the [16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence](#), which officially begins on November 25 to coincide with the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. The NYC Commission on Gender Equity, co-Chaired by First Lady Chirlane McCray, and the Office for International Affairs, will work to raise public awareness and mobilize people to prevent and end violence against women and girls in the city, and encourage all to [#OrangetheWorld](#).

WHAT: City Hall and Gracie Mansion goes orange in honor of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and the start of the [16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence](#).

WHERE: City Hall and Gracie Mansion, New York, NY

WHEN: Lighting at sundown

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New York City's Child Savings Account initiative will provide families the opportunity to create a long-term savings plan for college, making higher education more accessible and achievable for all New York City public school students

NEW YORK—Mayor Bill de Blasio, Commissioner Julie Menin, chair of the newly formed public-private partnership NYC Kids RISE, and the Gray Foundation's Mindy and Jon Gray today announced the launch of NYC's Child Savings Account (CSA) initiative, a new child savings account program to help thousands of New York City public school children save for college. The first phase will fund accounts for 10,000 children over three years.

"The steep cost of higher education has left too many New Yorkers unable to afford a college degree. Creating a savings account early in life dramatically increases the likelihood of a child going to college, so we're going to help New York City families do just that. I am thrilled the City is partnering with NYC Kids RISE and the Gray Foundation to give New York City's public school children a chance to obtain a college degree and reach their dreams. With this initiative, every child – regardless of their family's economic status – will have a fighting chance to access higher education," said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**.

"We need to invest in the future of our children. Research confirms that by creating these savings accounts, we will be dramatically increasing the chance that our children not only enroll in college, but graduate. Through this program they will see first-hand the benefits of long term savings, helping families to move up the economic ladder and enabling our students to secure their futures," said **Commissioner Julie Menin, who will serve as Chair of the public-private partnership NYC Kids RISE**.

“We believe that all children should have an opportunity to reach their highest potential. By making college scholarship investments early in life, the New York City CSA initiative is sending the message to New York City public school students, their parents, their teachers, and their communities that they can pursue higher education and will be supported in realizing that goal. We are excited to help Mayor de Blasio and NYC Kids RISE pilot this impactful program,” said **Jon Gray, co-Founder of the Gray Foundation**.

With up to \$10 million in seed funding contributed by the Gray Foundation, and working in collaboration with NY’s 529 College Savings Program, the CSA initiative will enable children to have access to financial resources to be used to obtain a post-secondary education. The initiative will encourage positive financial behaviors and life-long savings, through improved financial education and literacy, and will democratize the benefits of long-term investing.

The three-year pilot program will kick off in one City school district with approximately 3,500 kindergarteners in year one. Starting in fall 2017, kindergarteners in the participating school district will each start with \$100 allocated to them in scholarship accounts, plus up to an additional \$200 in matching funds during the program’s first three years. There is no cost to participate in the program, and all kindergarten students in that district will be automatically enrolled.

According to the Center for Social Development, a low- or moderate-income child with a college savings account of up to \$500 is more than three times more likely to enroll in college than a child with no savings account. With savings of \$500 or more, that same child is five times more likely to graduate from college than a child with no savings account.

"For even the brightest and best-prepared high school graduates, financial barriers too often place college beyond reach. That should never be the case, especially when our high school graduation rate is at an all-time high," said **Richard Buery, Deputy Mayor for Strategic Policy Initiatives**. "CSAs can be a powerful tool – not only for encouraging college saving, but for inspiring families to believe that college is in their future. This is a shining example of government and the private sector working together to put our children first."

“This groundbreaking public private partnership between the City of New York and the Gray Foundation will help to get our city’s kids on the right path by giving New York families a head start on saving for higher education. The de Blasio Administration wants every child to have the opportunity to succeed, regardless of their economic situation or their zip code. With the generosity of our partners in the private sector, I know we can give students the support they need to reach higher and stretch farther,” said **Senior Advisor to the Mayor and Director of the Office of Strategic Partnerships Gabrielle Fialkoff**.

“As the first person in my family to go to college, I understand the barriers that stand in the way of our low-income or first-generation students getting there and succeeding. This Administration has taken powerful steps to address those barriers, and the new Child Savings Accounts represent one more step in the right direction. I look forward to working with the Mayor and our partners as we build up this program and start our youngest learners on the path to college and careers,” said **Schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña**.

A top priority for the de Blasio Administration is to create equity and excellence in education for all of New York City’s children. This Administration is creating a path to college and careers starting with Pre-K for All – which is in its second year of providing every 4-year-old in the city with a free, full-day, high-quality pre-K seat – and continuing through elementary, middle, and high school. The City’s high school graduation rate is over 70 percent for the first time, the dropout rate is the lowest ever recorded, and college readiness and enrollment rates are also at record highs. As the City builds on this progress through the Mayor’s Equity and Excellence for All agenda – including the College Access for All initiative, which will provide every student with the awareness, resources, and support to graduate high school with an individual college and career plan – the child savings

program will better prepare children to save for higher education options including college, vocational programs and other postsecondary educational options.

The project, led by Commissioner Julie Menin, is supported by several City agencies including the Department of Education, the Department of Information, Technology, and Telecommunications, the Department of Consumer Affairs, the Center for Economic Opportunity, and the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment. In addition to their generous contribution of up to \$10 million, the Gray Foundation has also played a leadership role in the development of the initiative. The Gray Foundation's gift will provide funding for a three-year pilot period as well as start-up funding for the CSA program's infrastructure and personnel. Pending a successful pilot program and a fundraising campaign to raise the necessary private funding, the initiative will expand to fulfill its goal of providing a universal scholarship account to every child in the New York City public school system.

The City worked with leading social policy research firm MDRC to conduct six focus groups of 60 low- to moderate-income parents in New York City. MDRC found that while families care deeply about their children having the opportunity to go to college and were excited to learn about 529 accounts, almost no participants were previously aware of the tool. Further, the City conducted data analysis to determine that in NYC, a child growing up in a neighborhood in the top 20 percent of income is 20 times more likely to have a 529 College Savings Direct account than a child growing up in a neighborhood in the bottom 20 percent of income.

As part of the partnership, NYC Kids RISE will oversee the scholarship accounts and programs within the guidelines of NY's 529 College Savings program. The nonprofit will function independent of the City and have a full-time Executive Director and a Board of Directors. The Board will have representation from both City Hall and the private sector, and will include Commissioner Julie Menin as Chair, NYC Schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña, Deputy Mayor for Strategic Policy Initiatives Richard Buery, and Executive Director of the Gray Foundation Dana Zucker. NYC Kids RISE plans to launch efforts to raise additional funds to support the ongoing costs of the initiative and to explore opportunities to scale. Commissioner Menin will assume the new responsibility of chairing the nonprofit, and continue in her role as Commissioner of the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment.

The Department of Consumer Affairs and its Office of Financial Empowerment will also be involved with the initiative, utilizing its Financial Empowerment Centers to help families create their financial savings plans.

NY's 529 College Savings programs are investment vehicles designated for saving for higher education. The CSA initiative will leverage the 529 platform and enable New York City students, regardless of circumstance, to take advantage of the benefits of investment and compounding growth.

The City worked to create an innovative account structure to enable all students entering participating schools to be in a position to benefit from the program's philanthropic dollars. Under this structure, the funds invested in the scholarship component will be held in an omnibus account, and each participating student will be automatically assigned a portion of the total regardless of the families' income or immigration status.

Through a unique hybrid structure, students will be able to participate in both a scholarship component and a family savings component of the program. Both the scholarship and family savings components will be invested in the 529 plan, so all funds will have the opportunity to benefit from compounding earnings. The family savings option will allow family members, relatives, and others to contribute to students' education funds and have those funds be invested in a 529 plan.

"We must do everything in our means to ensure equitable opportunities for all NYC's children and the City's Child Savings Account initiative does just that," said **Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications Commissioner Anne Roest**. "Our agency is honored to be a partner in this very

important endeavor and we are proud to be providing the technology behind this initiative to further Mayor de Blasio's vision for a just and equitable city."

"Child savings accounts create the foundation for our public school students to plan for and complete post-secondary education, which increases the equality of opportunity," said **Department of Consumer Affairs Commissioner Lorelei Salas**. "By fostering savings starting in kindergarten, not only will our kids be exposed to and develop savings habits, but they will be better prepared to plan for their college education."

"The 529 Savings Plan helps build a foundation needed for life. I can think of no better investment than an education. The NYC Kids RISE initiative will benefit families who need seed money to get their college savings off to a good start." said **State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli**. "As the cost of obtaining a college education continues to rise, saving now helps offset the costs of future expenses."

United Federation of Teachers President Michael Mulgrew said, "The NYC Kids RISE program will provide a wonderful benefit for thousands of New York City's public school kids. I want to thank Mayor de Blasio, Commissioner Menin, and the Gray Foundation for this effort to ensure that more of our students – particularly those from needy families – will have a better opportunity to go to college."

"More American jobs are requiring a college education," said **Council of School Supervisors and Administrators President Ernest Logan**. "We applaud Commissioner Menin for this meaningful attempt to help more New York City families develop the financial discipline needed to pursue a college degree, and encourage New Yorkers take advantage of this program."

"These accounts will serve as a tool to encourage both savings and the belief that post-secondary education is attainable across income levels. CEO will continue to be a partner in this exciting initiative that seeks to reduce poverty by broadening college access and success," said **Matthew Klein, Executive Director of the Center for Economic Opportunity and Senior Advisor for Service Innovation in the Mayor's Office of Operations**.

"Creating the expectation that all of our city's children can pursue post-secondary educational opportunities is powerful; but taking steps to create a true pathway to help make that a reality is transformational. The Mayor's Fund is proud to have played a role in supporting the work of our City agency partners as this evidence-based approach was explored and developed, and we applaud Jon Gray and the Gray Foundation for this tremendous civic investment that will be a true opportunity-equalizer for generations to come," said **Darren Bloch, Executive Director of the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City**.

"Too many New York families are struggling to make ends meet and pay for basic necessities, let alone able to set aside savings for their children's futures," said **Representative Joe Crowley, Vice Chair of the Democratic Caucus and the author of federal legislation to create a national child savings program**.

"Every child, regardless of their economic background, deserves the opportunity to start their financial future on the right foot. By giving kids a head start and creating a culture of saving, child savings accounts can help put a higher education back in reach for more families. I applaud the City for making this commitment and for giving New Yorkers the opportunity to save for their children's future. I will continue my efforts in Congress to help make saving for the future a possibility for more American families."

"Investing in our students is never a mistake," said **Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer**. "Giving New York City's children a head start by seeding college savings accounts is an exciting idea that's absolutely worth testing with a pilot program."

"Financial empowerment has been a hallmark of my administration, and I applaud Mayor de Blasio and Commissioner Julie Menin for launching NYC's Child Savings Account," said **Brooklyn Borough President**

Eric L. Adams. “I am so heartened to be part of the launch of this effort, which I supported greatly through recommendations of my administration's report on combating consumer debt. This seed capital will be investing in the most secure of start-ups, our city's children. I look forward to working with City Hall and all of our young people to grow this important endeavor.”

"Every child deserves to make their dream of college and careers come true. One of the most important things we can do to help them to succeed is to plan in advance for their financial future," said **State Senator Carl L. Marcellino, Chair of the NY State Senate Education Committee.**

"Every child should have access to the resources and tools they need to achieve their full potential," said **Assembly Member Catherine Nolan, Chair of the Assembly Education Committee.** "With this program New York City is providing students and families with the access and tools they need to support getting to college. I commend the City on the start of the Child Savings Accounts initiative and thank Mayor de Blasio and Commissioner Menin for their commitment to education."

“Nothing can be more important than early financial literacy and showing young people the importance of starting early on securing your future,” said **Assembly Member Deborah J. Glick, Chair of the Assembly Higher Education Committee.** “I applaud Commissioner Menin and the Administration's forward thinking and commitment to children.”

"The Child Savings Account initiative will help our students afford the college education they need for a successful career," said **City Council Education Committee Chairperson Daniel Dromm.** "At a time when many young people are hindered from pursuing higher education because of financial constraints, I am pleased that our city is actively taking steps to remove these barriers. I applaud Mayor de Blasio, Commissioner Menin and NYC Kids RISE for their leadership and offer them my full support."

“This is an incredibly exciting launch that will give thousands of New York City students the incentive and motivation to go to college,” said **Andrea Levere, President of the Corporation for Enterprise Development (CFED),** a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit that works with public and private organizations across the country to establish CSAs. “Providing automatic enrollment in these accounts to kindergarteners starting school will automatically brighten their futures.”

“There is evidence to suggest that Children’s Savings Accounts are one of the few interventions that work on multiple dimensions – early education, affordability, completion, and post-college financial health – to improve outcomes and catalyze opportunity. Importantly, these effects are consistently strongest among lower income children and their families. New York City has taken the care and diligence to design a program that will improve children’s outcomes along all of these dimensions while building a culture of saving and going to college,” said **William Elliott III, Director of the Center on Assets, Education, and Inclusion, University of Kansas School of Social Welfare.**

“The Financial Clinic applauds the City for its adoption of one of the most innovative savings vehicles in the city’s history. Our financial coaches at Financial Empowerment Centers focus on long-term savings – like 529 accounts and Child Savings Accounts – as a critical part of building financial security. The City's accomplishment is an important step to help the city’s youngest and most financially vulnerable children find and fund a path to college,” said **Mae Watson Grote, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of The Financial Clinic.**

“CCC has been a strong, long time champion for children’s savings accounts. We know in New York City that the majority of public high school graduates report plans to attend college or a post-secondary program; yet, only about a half of our City’s young adults between 25 to 34 years of age go on to hold an Associate’s degree or higher. We also know from years of research, that even a small amount of savings can foster a child’s

college-oriented identity and dramatically improve their likelihood of applying for and completing college. We applaud Mayor de Blasio’s administration and the Gray Foundation for taking an important step that addresses income inequality and improves outcomes for New York City’s children and families,” said **Jennifer March, Ph.D., Executive Director of the Citizens’ Committee for Children of NY.**

“For the United States to succeed in the long run, our children must grow up to become educated and effective citizens,” said **Michael Sherraden, Director of the Center for Social Development.** At the Center for Social Development, we work on strategies to sustain positive futures for all children. Today, New York City is taking a crucial step to ensure a better future for its children. “There is enormous potential for CSA’s to attract contributions from multiple sources: gifts from family and friends, proceeds from fundraising projects at the school, contributions from local community organizations, gifts from philanthropy, and so on. A culture of saving for college can grow in the community.”

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MAYOR DE BLASIO LAUNCHES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE TO HOLD ABUSERS ACCOUNTABLE AND PROVIDE PATHWAYS TO SAFETY FOR SURVIVORS

Homicide rate in NYC has dropped 82 percent in last 25 years, while domestic violence homicides have remained stagnant

NEW YORK—Mayor Bill de Blasio today launched the NYC Domestic Violence Task Force, a 150-day sprint to develop a comprehensive citywide strategy to reduce domestic violence by intervening as early as possible, enhancing pathways to safety for survivors and ensuring swift, effective and lasting enforcement to hold abusers accountable. The Task Force, consisting of experts from inside and outside government as well as survivors, is charged with developing durable solutions to a problem that persists nationwide.

“Violent crime in New York City continues to drop, but domestic violence unacceptably persists,” said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. “We must do everything we can to ensure that New York City is not just safer overall, but safer for everyone, everywhere, at all times. We know a lot about precision policing, and need to bring those tools to bear here with urgency. But we cannot just police our way out of this. The Task Force is unique in its focus on bringing law enforcement and social services together to look with fresh eyes at how we can both hold abusers accountable and ensure that we are providing smart and effective pathways to safety for survivors.”

“Domestic violence exists in every community, in every neighborhood, in every borough. The physical and/or emotional violence may be the first of many traumas suffered by family members. Too often people end up fleeing their homes, their neighborhoods, their friends, their schools and even their paychecks as they try to stay safe,” said **First Lady Chirlane McCray, co-Chair of the Commission on Gender Equity**. “We’re not going to accept that any more in New York City. We are already taking steps to protect survivors’ homes and paychecks, and to hold abusers accountable. Now, we’re going to focus the full force of City government to prevent domestic violence and also make sure survivors get the wraparound services that they need. With all of us working together, we can find new approaches for keeping our families safe.”

To reduce the frequency and severity of abuse, the Domestic Violence Task Force will develop a concrete plan to enhance law enforcement efforts to hold abusers accountable through the use of precision policing and prosecution strategies that have helped to drive down other forms of violent crime. Additionally, the Task Force will conduct an in-depth review of current City programs and investments, and develop a strategy to enhance the delivery of social services to ensure pathways to safety and support for families who have been victimized.

Co-chaired by First Lady Chirlane McCray and NYPD Commissioner James O'Neill, the work of the Task Force will be directed by Director of the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice Elizabeth Glazer and Commissioner of the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence Cecile Noel.

"We remain committed to using precision policing to reduce domestic violence as we have used it to address other crime," said **Police Commissioner James P. O'Neill**. "We take domestic violence seriously and will continue working within the department and across this city to prevent these types of crimes."

Domestic violence, both in New York City and nationally, is a challenging and complex societal problem that is yet to be solved. Domestic violence often occurs behind closed doors, and victims face many barriers in coming forward to friends, family or to law enforcement, which complicates service provision as well as law enforcement's investigation and evidence gathering. Domestic violence can happen in the context of familial or intimate partner relationships, threatening not only physical safety but housing, financial security, and other family members. Preventing and reducing domestic violence therefore requires a coordinated response that includes both criminal justice and social service intervention. The Task Force is explicitly charged with increasing coordination between social services and law enforcement to ensure a comprehensive response that will both better apprehend abusers as well as ensure support for survivors.

The Task Force will bring together experts from inside and outside of government, as well as survivors, to ensure resources are invested effectively to intervene early and reduce domestic violence-related fatalities. At the end of 150 days, the City will announce a comprehensive, citywide strategy to reduce domestic violence. Specifically, the Task Force will be charged with identifying effective strategies to advance four goals:

1. **Prevent violence and abusive behavior before it begins.** Abuse can be cyclical: for example, 20 to 40 percent of chronically violent adolescents have been exposed to extreme parental conflict. The Task Force is charged with identifying ways to intervene with young people – both those who have been exposed to abuse and those who have not – to develop healthy relationship dynamics before abuse begins.
2. **Increase early reporting by survivors.** Currently, experts think only 50 percent of domestic violence is reported to police, which makes early intervention difficult. The Task Force is charged with increasing survivors' comfort with and willingness to report as soon as signs of abuse begin.
3. **Decrease dismissal rates and increase conviction rates in domestic violence prosecutions.** Four out of five boroughs had dismissal rates over 53 percent and conviction rates under 33 percent in 2015. The Task Force is charged with developing strategies that make it easy and safe for survivors to partner with law enforcement and supporting police and prosecutors in building the strongest cases possible.
4. **Create strategies for long-term violence reduction and innovative practices to hold offenders accountable.** Almost 60 percent of abusers are re-arrested for domestic violence offenses over a 5-year period. The Task Force is charged with preventing abusers from repeating abuse.

New York City currently has in place multiple programs and services to support survivors, including shelter programs, training programs for staff, educational and preventive programs for youth, and extensive case

management services at the Family Justice Centers through a network of on-site providers in each borough. These services were recently expanded to include on-site housing legal assistance. In addition, the recent introduction of the Paid Safe Leave legislation will provide avenues to ensure protections for domestic violence survivors in the workplace.

The Task Force will connect these already robust supports for survivors to effective strategies that focus on holding abusers accountable and reducing violence and abusive behavior. This enhanced coordination between social services and law enforcement will increase survivor supports and allow the City to reduce a significant driver of the remaining violent crime in New York City.

“Under the leadership of Mayor de Blasio, New York City has fostered innovative and groundbreaking strategies to end domestic violence,” said **Mayor’s Office to Combat Domestic Violence Commissioner Cecile Noel**. “From completing the vision of having a Family Justice Center in every borough, to providing mental health services and expanding employment and housing protections to survivors, New York City has created one of the most comprehensive networks of resources in the world. And now, by creating the Domestic Violence Task Force, Mayor de Blasio has once again proven his commitment to making our city a place where everyone can feel safe and respected in their relationships. I am grateful to First Lady Chirlane McCray, Deputy Mayor Herminia Palacio and NYPD Commissioner James O’Neill, who have been allies and advocates for survivors of domestic violence from the start; and I look forward to working with Liz Glazer and the Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice as we assess our strategies to enhance our services to survivors and prevent domestic violence before it happens.”

Director of the Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice Elizabeth Glazer said, “In a city in which violent crime has fallen by 75 percent in 20 years, domestic violence remains a challenge, accounting for 40 percent of citywide assaults and 20 percent of homicides. Because it happens behind closed doors, and affects not only physical security but housing stability and child care, we must knit together both sharp crime fighting and evidence-based interventions. This ambidextrous approach offers the greatest promise of interrupting cycles of violence, implementing smart prevention and ensuring that abusers are held accountable. The Domestic Violence Task Force brings urgent attention to this problem, and gives us the opportunity to develop durable solutions to a problem that persists both here and across the country.”

“Every woman and girl in New York City deserves healthy and safe relationships,” said **Azadeh Khalili, Executive Director of the Commission on Gender Equity**. “Domestic violence is on the rise and that is not acceptable to the de Blasio Administration. I applaud First Lady Chirlane McCray and Police Commissioner O’Neill for co-chairing the Domestic Violence Task Force. With government on the side of women, we will never normalize a culture of violence. I look forward to working with the members of the task force to create effective strategies, policies and programs to end domestic violence.”

“The Human Resources Administration oversees the largest network of domestic violence services in the country, including shelters and many other services,” said **Department of Social Services Commissioner Steven Banks**. “I am proud to be joining forces with my colleagues in this initiative to find solutions and implement programs to assist New Yorkers who have experienced the scourge of domestic violence in their journey to stability and safety.”

“Working with youth and their families through DYCD’s funded programs, we are all too familiar with the devastating effects of domestic violence on a child’s healthy development and ability to succeed,” said **Department of Youth and Community Development Commissioner Bill Chong**. “I look forward to serving with the Mayor’s Task Force on Domestic Violence to help ensure that young people and other New Yorkers have access to the services and protections that keep them safe.”

“The Department of Probation enthusiastically supports the work of the Mayor’s Task Force on Domestic Violence and an increased focus on the intersection of criminal justice and social service responses to create lasting solutions and improved outcomes for those affected by domestic violence,” said **Probation Commissioner Ana M. Bermudez**.

“This Task Force is critical to the development of long term sustainable solutions to not only combat domestic violence, but also to educate our youth so that they can recognize the signs of abusive behavior and work with us to end it. The Department of Administrative Services is ready to provide whatever assistance is needed in order for the NYC Domestic Violence Task Force to develop a citywide strategy to reduce domestic violence,” said **DCAS Commissioner Lisette Camilo**.

“Domestic violence is unfortunately a pervasive issue that affects countless New York City children and families,” said **Administration for Children’s Services Commissioner Gladys Carrión**. “I look forward to working with my colleagues in the Mayor’s Task Force on Domestic Violence to continue to examine ways to prevent intimate partner violence and better support victims and survivors of domestic violence.”

Department of Finance Sheriff Joe Fucito said, “The DOF Sheriff’s Office is dedicated to connecting our court-enforcement and law-enforcement authority to the City’s larger strategic plan during all phases of domestic violence intervention.”

Borough President Eric Adams said, “Domestic violence has touched the lives of far too many New Yorkers – including my own. The persistence of domestic violence in our city is a top-level concern that endangers thousands of our neighbors, innocent children and families whose health and well-being are at stake. I am committed to working with the de Blasio administration, law enforcement, social service providers, and our community of survivors to develop a plan that prioritizes accountability and prevention.”

“Domestic violence is on the rise in our borough and is unfortunately a reality that many local families deal with,” said **Borough President Jimmy Oddo**. “I am pleased to see the administration working with law enforcement to help fight this problem. While domestic violence is an issue we must combat on many fronts, this new strategy will do more to take some of the burden off of domestic violence survivors and prevent abuse from reoccurring.”

Queens Borough President Melinda Katz said, “Queens has the highest domestic violence conviction rate and the lowest dismissal rate in the City of New York, thanks to the dedication of organizations and Queens District Attorney Richard Brown. We have the most diverse support services for survivors in the City – including the Queens Family Justice Center – and have been committed to holding abusers accountable to the fullest extent of the law. I laud the launch of the Mayor’s Task Force, which is indicative of his staunch commitment to combatting domestic violence.”

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark said, “Mayor de Blasio’s NYC Domestic Violence Task Force is another vital component in our mission to drive down these crimes and assist survivors. He was instrumental in helping my Office establish the City’s first Domestic Violence Complaint Room, which pairs criminal justice with social services through the Mayor’s Family Justice Center, to result in effective prosecution and seamless support for victims. I look forward to working with the Task Force to develop a citywide strategy to eradicate domestic violence.”

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown said, “Since becoming district attorney 25 years ago it has been a top priority of my office to increase conviction rates, lower dismissal rates and hold batterers accountable on these very important domestic violence cases. I applaud the Mayor’s initiative to launch a task force to hold abusers accountable and provide safer pathways for domestic violence survivors. We are extremely proud of

the national reputation of our Domestic Violence Bureau which trains police and prosecutors from around the country and will be pleased to assist the task force in every way possible.”

Staten Island District Attorney Michael McMahon said, “We can all agree that no one should have to live in fear in their own home. Yet, domestic violence is one of the most serious issues facing the people of Staten Island and the City. With the majority of murders committed in this borough being driven by domestic violence and a dramatic increase in victims over the last five years, there remains a tremendous need for increased resources and dedicated services for this effort. I am proud that my office will join this taskforce, whose launch illustrates a recognition of this problem and a commitment by the Mayor and our partners around the city to addressing this issue. And, combined with the newly opened Staten Island Family Justice Center and recent efforts undertaken within my office, I am hopeful that we can make strides toward ending the cycle of abuse and empowering victims so that they do not have to suffer in silence.”

Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., said: “We are proud to have Executive Assistant District Attorney Audrey Moore, Chief of our Special Victims Bureau, join the Mayor’s Task Force. A comprehensive strategy to combat domestic violence must be grounded in cross-sector collaboration, as outlined in my Office’s Domestic Violence Initiative report. I thank Mayor de Blasio for his leadership and commitment to tackling this pervasive public safety crisis.”

Acting Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez said, “Our office investigates and prosecutes more than 10,000 cases of intimate partner violence a year. We work hard to protect these vulnerable victims and welcome the development of more tools to prevent fatalities and to help get justice. We look forward to working with the Domestic Violence Task Force and reviewing its recommendations.”

"Continuing to focus on ways to end domestic and intimate partner violence, and provide needed support, is a critical goal," said **State Senator Daniel Squadron**. "As a long-time advocate in the Senate for enhanced DV/IPV protections, I thank the City, First Lady McCray, NYPD, my colleagues, and advocates for continuing to work towards needed solutions with this task force."

State Senator Jose Serrano said, "The silent epidemic of domestic violence has injured families and individuals in our community for far too long. One of the more proven ways to combat domestic violence is through public awareness and open discussion, and I applaud Mayor de Blasio for continuing to do just that. The creation of this Domestic Violence Task Force will help ensure that we are all working together to create a strong plan that will protect victims while bringing abusers to justice."

State Senator Jesse Hamilton said, “I welcome Mayor de Blasio’s action to create this Domestic Violence Task Force. The 150 day timeline, the four goals of prevention, early reporting, justice system review, and long-term strategies, and the high level leadership of First Lady Chirlane McCray and NYPD Commissioner James O’Neill, all indicate the City is taking domestic violence with the seriousness it deserves. I look forward to taking forward the Task Force’s recommendations and the subsequent citywide strategy to reduce domestic violence, and lending support at the state-level so all New Yorkers benefit from this comprehensive review.”

State Senator Brad Hoylman said, "I'm extremely grateful to Mayor Bill de Blasio, First Lady Chirlane McCray and NYPD Commissioner James O'Neill for addressing the vexing problem of domestic violence homicides. For too long, these crimes have continued unabated, even while the rates of other homicides have decreased dramatically. With the attention of the new Mayor's Domestic Violence Task Force, hopefully we can save lives through early intervention, increased reporting and holding offenders accountable."

Assembly Member and Assistant Speaker Felix W. Ortiz said, “Domestic violence prevention is critical. We’ve seen too many stories of families torn apart by this crisis. The Mayor’s plan is on target to address abuse

behavior before it happens. Early detection can result in effective prevention. We can't let repeat offenders get away with spousal and family abuse anymore."

"Despite all the on-going efforts by the City, domestic violence, with all its legal, social and psychological ramifications, still remains a frustrating critical issue for all too many victims – and sadly, a deadly one. I pledge my personal support in any way that I can to help to make this new City effort – bringing together a multi-agency task force to improve programs already in place and to find effective new ones – a success. Too much depends on it," said **Bronx Assembly Member Luis Sepulveda**.

"I would like to thank Mayor de Blasio for convening the NYC Domestic Violence Task Force, as well as the First Lady Chirlane McCray, and NYPD Commissioner James O'Neill," said **Assembly Member Rodneyse Bichotte, member of the Domestic Violence Advisory Council for New York State**. "Recognizing that we have not seen a decline in the homicide rate as a result of domestic violence is alarming. I am happy to see that this task force will address this crime, which is often experienced in silence, with strategies for early intervention, safety, and accountability. Also, the fact that the voices of those directly impacted by this issue are being included is crucial. As a former victim of domestic violence, I commend this task force."

"Survivors of domestic violence should not have to choose between their personal safety and housing or financial security. By developing a comprehensive plan, we can provide hope for victims of domestic violence and help them leave a dangerous situation" said **Assembly Member David Weprin**. "I applaud Mayor Bill de Blasio for forming the NYC Domestic Violence Task Force and taking a concrete step to reduce domestic violence."

Council Member Vanessa Gibson, Chair of the Public Safety Committee said, "All too often, what begins as a minor incident quickly spirals out of control. Domestic violence is insidious and sadly all too common across the five boroughs. As Public Safety Chair, I commend Mayor de Blasio for launching this task force and devoting City time and resources to protecting survivors and ending the cycle of abuse. I look forward to reviewing the recommendations made by the task force and thank First Lady Chirlane McCray and the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice's Executive Director Elizabeth Glazer for their ongoing attention and leadership on this important issue."

Council Member Julissa Ferreras-Copeland said, "I applaud the Mayor for his commitment to the safety of survivors of domestic violence, first with the introduction of Paid Safe Leave legislation and now with the launch of this task force. Developing a comprehensive, citywide strategy will ensure that we are combating domestic violence at every level and providing every resource available to those families who need it. This initiative not only has the potential to save lives but will build stronger families and a stronger city."

"As overall violent crime and homicide continues to decrease, domestic violence remains a pervasive problem in our city. Domestic violence is particularly insidious, as too often assaults go unreported, assailants go unpunished and victims do not receive the help and services they need. Mayor de Blasio's Domestic Violence Task Force represents crucial steps the City must take to develop better policing and prosecution strategies, as well as increased access to social services for victims," said **Council Member Rosenthal, co-chair of the Women's Caucus**.

"Congratulations on setting up the Mayoral Task Force on Domestic Violence under the leadership of First Lady Chirlane McCray and NYPD Commissioner James O'Neill," said **Radhika Balakrishnan, Executive Director of Women's Global Leadership and a Commission on Gender Equity Commissioner**. "The issue of domestic violence is being taken seriously at a very high level and will provide the leadership needed to combat domestic violence in New York."

“New York City has one of the strongest support networks for survivors of domestic violence of any major city in the country. But to truly reduce violence, we must also focus on abuse prevention, which includes holding perpetrators accountable,” said **Honorary Judy Harris Kluger, Executive Director of Sanctuary for Families**. “We applaud Mayor de Blasio for creating the Domestic Violence Task Force to engage in this important strategic assessment, under the able leadership of First Lady Chirlane McCray and NYPD Commissioner James O’Neill. Last year, Sanctuary helped nearly 17,000 survivors on their paths from fear and abuse to safety and stability. Preventing even one person from ending up in our care would be a triumph of public policy.”

Ariel Zwang, CEO of Safe Horizon said, “Safe Horizon vigorously applauds the de Blasio Administration for launching a Mayoral Task Force on Domestic Violence. In taking this step, Mayor de Blasio demonstrates his firm commitment to closely examining the factors that lead to domestic violence in neighborhoods across the city and to taking innovative steps to address these crimes and keep New Yorkers safe in their homes, their jobs and their communities. As the nation’s leading victim assistance organization and New York City’s largest provider of services to victims of crime and abuse, Safe Horizon commends Deputy Mayors Anthony Shorris and Herminia Palacio as well as Commissioner Cecile Noel from the Mayor’s Office to Combat Domestic Violence and Director Liz Glazer from the Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice for bringing key City agencies together in a focused and coordinated manner to send a powerful message that domestic violence cannot and will not be tolerated in New York.”

“The New York City Anti-Violence Project commends the Mayor’s Office for taking these important steps to increase resources for all domestic violence survivors citywide, and for ensuring that LGBTQ and HIV-affected domestic and intimate partner violence survivors are included in all conversations, resources and initiatives,” said **Beverly Tillery, Executive Director of the New York City Anti-Violence Project**.

“Urban Resource Institute fully supports the creation of New York City’s new Domestic Violence Task Force, which will turn critical attention and resources to the tragically prevalent issue of domestic violence. We greatly appreciate the First Lady of New York City Chirlane McCray, NYPD Commissioner James O’Neill, Director of the Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice Elizabeth Glazer and Cecile Noel, Commissioner of the Mayor’s Office to Combat Domestic Violence Cecile Noel’s efforts, and in particular we are glad that the task force will be focusing on the prevention of domestic violence – not just the treatment and prosecution after incidents occur. The task force’s holistic, inclusive approach to taking on this issue will be a big step forward in the fight against domestic violence,” said **Nathaniel M. Fields, CEO of the Urban Resource Institute**.

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**MAYOR DE BLASIO ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 34TH ANNUAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE
IN DESIGN**

NEW YORK—Mayor Bill de Blasio, the Public Design Commission President Signe Nielsen and Executive Director of the Commission Justin Moore today announced the winners of the Annual Awards for Excellence in Design. Every year, the City's Design Commission selects and honors public projects across the five boroughs that exemplify how innovative and thoughtful design can provide New Yorkers with the best possible public spaces and services and engender a sense of civic pride.

This year's honorees span diverse fields and range from small-scale to large, including the opening of *Dock 72* in Brooklyn to the citywide, technological milestone *LinkNYC*. Additionally, projects such as the *Snug Harbor Cultural Center Music Hall Addition* and *The High Line Park Passage and Spur* will allow for more cultural exchange and recreational opportunities for residents. This year's honorees help prepare New York City to thrive in the 21st century, from technological connectivity to business development to expanded areas for exercise and improved health.

"The winners of this year's Excellence in Design Awards highlight NYC's dedication to providing a wide range of design and public spaces that speak to the modern day New Yorker and meet the needs of a large, active and diverse city," said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. "Today, we are here to honor and to celebrate the work of these innovators, who have invested in creating inclusive public projects across the five boroughs."

"These thoughtful and innovative designs support the de Blasio Administration's commitment to providing quality, equitable, and resilient public spaces to all New Yorkers. By utilizing good design principles, these projects will provide the public with increased access to the waterfront, open spaces and parks; improved places for play and community gatherings; and inspiring artworks," said **Public Design Commission President Signe Nielsen**.

"Part of what makes our city great is the quality of our public realm and the creativity and ingenuity found in our design community and city agencies. These award-winning projects range from new technologies to improved neighborhood parks and public artwork. They show that design excellence is an important part of New York's leadership in promoting innovation, sustainability, and equity in cities," said **Public Design Commission Executive Director Justin Moore**.

The Public Design Commission

The Public Design Commission reviews permanent works of architecture, landscape architecture, and art proposed on or over City-owned property. The Commission comprises 11 members, including an architect, landscape architect, painter, sculptor, and three lay members, as well as representatives of the Brooklyn Museum, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York Public Library, and the Mayor.

Members of the Commission serve pro bono and meet once per month. Projects are submitted by City agencies and include the construction, renovation, or restoration of buildings and other structures; the creation or rehabilitation of parks, playgrounds, and plazas; installation of lighting and other streetscape elements; signage; and the installation and conservation of artwork and memorials. The Commission has been honoring these projects annually since 1983.

The winning projects for 2016 include:

40th Police Precinct

East 149th Street and St. Ann's Avenue, Bronx

A project by the Department of Design and Construction, the New York Police Department Bjarke Ingels Group and Starr Whitehouse

Aligned with OneNYC objectives and the City's commitment to equity, the 40th Precinct includes the very first community meeting room within a police facility. With a porous façade and an artwork component, this flexible multipurpose room will provide space for classes and events.



Waterfront Nature Walk by George Trakas

Newtown Creek Water Pollution Control Plant, 329 Greenpoint Avenue, Brooklyn

A project by the Department of Cultural Affairs' Percent for Art Program, the Department of Design and Construction and the Department of Environmental Protection

George Trakas; Quennell Rothschild & Partners

The *Waterfront Nature Walk* revives a long-inaccessible industrial shoreline for public use as a waterfront promenade and kayak launch. This project expands the artist's conceptual focus from the local histories to ruminations on a broader history of ecology and human existence.

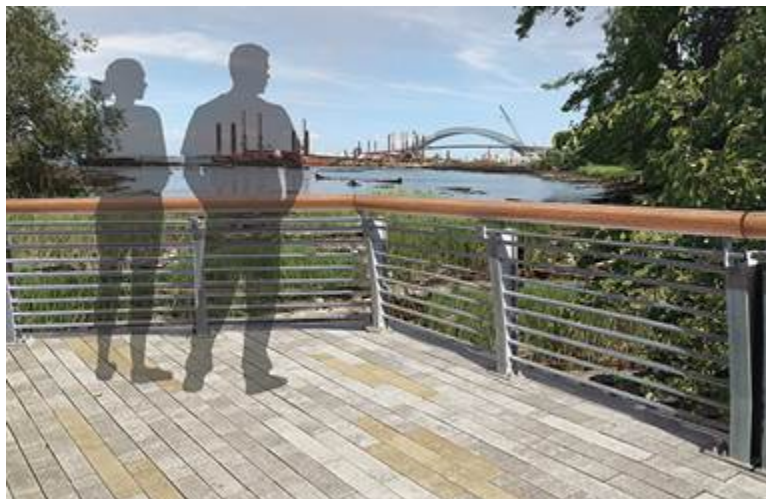


Van Name Van Pelt Plaza/Richmond Terrace Wetlands

Richmond Terrace between Van Pelt Street and Van Name Street, Staten Island

A project by the Department of Parks & Recreation and the Department of Transportation
Department of Parks & Recreation In-House Design

The *Van Name Van Pelt Plaza/Richmond Terrace Wetlands* is a gathering space that can be programmed for educational use and features engraved maps that describe the evolution of the island in relation to the waterway. Woody understory and herbaceous planting in the wetland park increase shoreline resilience. The design prioritizes public access to the waterfront while preserving the wetlands and enhancing avian habitat.



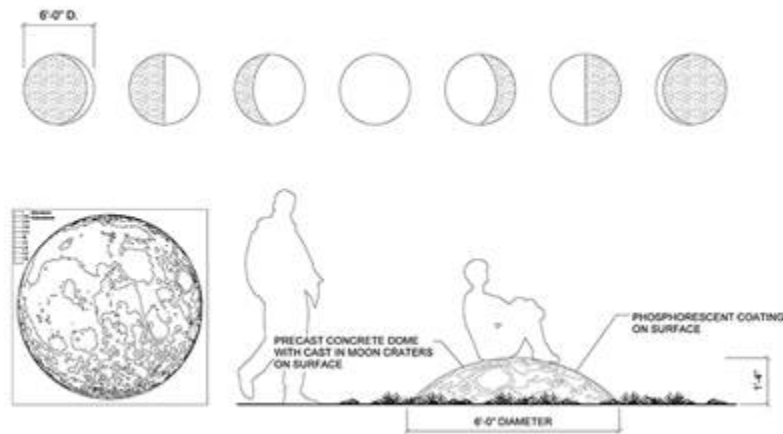
Luminescence by Nobuho Nagasawa

The Peninsula, Hunter's Point South Waterfront Park, 54th Avenue, Center Boulevard, 55th Avenue, and the East River, Queens

A project by the Economic Development Corporation and the Department of Parks & Recreation

Nobuho Nagasawa; Thomas Balsley Associates; Weiss/Manfredi Architects

Luminescence consists of seven sculptures, all of which are both beautiful and educational. A phosphorescent material integrated into the surface of each domed shape absorbs sunlight during the day and illuminates the phases of the moon at night with a soft blue glow. Additionally, the concrete and aggregate sculptures are etched with the moon's pattern of craters, mountains and valleys.



Dock 72

Brooklyn Navy Yard, Brooklyn

A project by the Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation, the Boston Properties, Rudin Development, and WeWork

S9 Architecture; MPFP

Dock 72 embraces rapidly emerging technological and creative industries in Brooklyn with a work environment that encourages and enables hundreds of new and maturing creative startups to flourish. The building's open and flexible work environments encourage the interaction of people and foster the sharing of ideas, both of which are critical to development of innovative creative communities.



The High Line Park Passage and Spur

West 30th Street between 10th Avenue and 11th Avenue, Manhattan

A project by the Department of Parks & Recreation, the Economic Development Corporation, and Friends of the High Line

James Corner Field Operations; Diller Scofidio + Renfro; Piet Oudolf

The Spur is envisioned as a piazza with amphitheater-like seating steps that surround a central plinth for a rotating art program. The Passage and Spur will offer expansive views, dense woodland plantings, ample public seating, and a large open space for public programming, as well as public bathrooms for High Line visitors.



Snug Harbor Cultural Center Music Hall Addition

1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island

A project by the Department of Design and Construction, the Department of Parks & Recreation, the Department of Cultural Affairs, and Snug Harbor Cultural Center

Studio Joseph;SCAPE/Landscape Architecture

Outside the public entrance of the *Snug Harbor Cultural Center Music Hall* addition, a landscaped courtyard and lawn provides flexible space for the Music Hall and Snug Harbor campus. This project will reinvigorate the historic theater, enhancing programmatic opportunities and operational efficiency that enable this cultural gem to put on its distinctive performances.



SoHo Square

Sixth Avenue between Spring Street and Broome Street, Manhattan

A project by the Department of Transportation, the Department of Parks & Recreation, and the Hudson Square Connection Business Improvement District

Mathews Nielsen Landscape Architects

The renovation of *SoHo Square*, an under-utilized open space, will establish a distinct gateway to the thriving hub of Hudson Square. A central focal point at the mid-block crossing will be anchored by the relocated statue of *General José Artigas* (1987) by José Luis Zorrilla de San Martín, which will be conserved as part of the project.



Anti-idling Ambulance Pedestals

Citywide

A project by the Fire Department of the City of New York

Ignacio Ciocchini; MOVE Systems

The *anti-idling ambulance pedestals* will reduce ambulance vehicle emissions without disrupting the Fire Department's critical emergency operations. By plugging in to these curbside pedestals, EMTs can safely shut off their engines while keeping their communication systems live and temperature-sensitive medicines refrigerated. This smart industrial design improves neighborhood air quality and ensures that the City's ambulances are ready to respond to emergencies at a moment's notice.



LinkNYC

Citywide

A project by the Department of Information Technology & Telecommunications
CityBridge (Antenna Design, Intersection, Qualcomm, and CIVIQ Smartscales)

LinkNYC is a new telecommunications network replacing old payphones with “Links” that benefit New Yorkers by offering free services such as high-speed Wi-Fi, mobile device charging, and a custom-built tablet for Internet-access and telephone calls within the United States. The resulting design is user-friendly and strong enough to stand up to life in New York City.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR COMPLETED PROJECTS

Parks Without Borders

Citywide

A project by the Department of Parks & Recreation
Department of Parks & Recreation In-House

Parks Without Borders aims to improve the interface between New York City parks and their surrounding neighborhoods. As part of OneNYC, this initiative aims to make parks more welcoming, accessible, and active. Each design concept will begin at the park edge, with lowered fences and gates, wider and more porous entrances, and improved sightlines into the park.



Community Parks Initiative

Citywide

A project by the Department of Parks & Recreation

Department of Parks & Recreation In-House; dlandstudio architecture & landscape architecture; Hargreaves Associates; Mathews Nielsen Landscape Architects; MKW Landscape Architecture; Nancy Owens Studio; Prospect Park Alliance; Quennell Rothschild & Partners; Sage and Coombe Architects

Many bleak, paved yards surrounded by high chain-link fences will be transformed into vibrant green parks with playgrounds for children, animated water play, multi-use courts and fields, sitting areas, and multi-generational community gathering places. The initiative also includes five new and 15 reconstructed comfort stations and incorporates green infrastructure to manage on-site and street storm water runoff.



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PUBLIC SCHEDULE FOR FIRST LADY CHIRLANE MCCRAY FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2016

On Tuesday, Mayor de Blasio and First Lady Chirlane McCray will deliver remarks at the Cities Thrive Conference. The conference, which is hosted by the First Lady, brings together leaders from across the nation to discuss mental health. This event is open to members of the media who have RSVP'd. For more information and to RSVP, members of the media must contact Rosemary Boeglin at rboeglin@cityhall.nyc.gov. There will be no Q-and-A.

In the evening, the First Lady will deliver remarks at the premiere of "Woman on Fire," a documentary about NYC's first openly transgender firefighter, Brooke Guinan. This event is open press, and there will be no Q-and-A.

Press Schedule

11:45 AM – Delivers Remarks at Cities Thrive Conference

Members of the media wishing to attend the open-press portion of the conference must RSVP to Rosemary Boeglin at rboeglin@cityhall.nyc.gov, and receive a confirmation with location details. Members of the media should arrive by 10:45 AM and be set by 11:00 AM. Footage will be provided by NYC Media and will be available shortly following the event on Encompass Port CTY- 4205. Official photos will be available at [flickr.com/nycmayorsoffice](https://www.flickr.com/photos/nycmayorsoffice) shortly following the event.

7:30 PM – Delivers Remarks at Premiere of "Woman on Fire"

Cinepolis Chelsea
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New York, NY 10011

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