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Community Board No. 1

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Statement of Community District Needs

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Community Board 1 represents Staten Island's North Shore neighborhoods and our needs focus on revitalizing our waterfront by increasing its residential population; creating economic development through tourism initiatives; improving our transportation infrastructure including the expansion of mass transit; increasing health care services and services for our youngsters and senior citizens; and, providing recreational opportunities in underserved areas.

HEALTH

- Assigning 6% of HHC's capital budget to the SIUH and RUMC medical systems because Staten Island is the only borough without a City-run hospital. Some of the funds would be used to create an electronic record keeping system;
- Creating urgent-care centers in Rosebank and New Brighton.

WATERFRONT

- Constructing the Lenape Indian Greenway Heritage Trail (LIGHT) – a continuous bikeway/walkway/transit corridor consisting of a roadbed and a continuous sidewalk with seating and lighting running from the St. George Ferry Terminal to the Goethals Bridge that can be completed in ten separate phases at a total cost of approximately \$60 million dollars;
- Improving the St. George Ferry Terminal to include a pedestrian-only ramp from the Terminal onto Richmond Terrace in order to encourage to visit the shops and restaurants along Richmond Terrace and also to explore Staten Island; and, developing a pedestrian pathway replete with lighting and signs leading from the terminal to the former Coast Guard facility so that tourists can enjoy this public space that NYC spent \$8.5 million to renovate and which is now programmed with free activities during the

Summer months and also is part of an RFP issued by EDC for residential development; and,

- Applying for Federal funding to repair the seawall and esplanade at Bay Street Landing.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Increasing the residential component with the Homeport master plan;
- Changing the zoning from the St. George Ferry to Snug harbor to allow for buildings with a commercial base and residential above that will create a pedestrian friendly experience along Richmond Terrace;
- Improving the St. George Ferry terminal by developing a pedestrian friendly ramp from the Terrace to the Terminal and by developing a pedestrian friendly, well lit and well-signed walkway from the Terminal to the Old Coast Guard Base;
- Developing the Old Coast Guard Base;
- Providing funding for the bulkhead and esplanade between the Old Coast Guard Base and Homeport;
- Improving the streetscape of Targee Street from Vanderbilt Avenue to Sobel Court through a Small Business Services program;
- Increasing funding for the Northfield LDC, the West New Brighton LDC, the Downtown Council, the West new Brighton B.I.D. and, as well, fund the Victory Boulevard B.I.D., the Jersey Street LDC and the St. George B.I.D.;
- Relocating DOS 1 on Jersey Street to the Fresh Kills Landfill to bring relief to the residents and allow the land to be used for public recreation benefits to improve the quality of life;
- Continuing the SIRR to Jersey Street; and,
- Transferring title of the old SIUH on Castleton Avenue to NYC EDC so it could be developed as a mixed use property.

TRANSPORTATION

- Constructing signalized left-turn lanes;
- Constructing continuous service roads along the SIE;
- Completing the North Shore Rail study;
- Installing smart lights to keep traffic moving;
- Installing sidewalks around City property to encourage pedestrian travel;
- Allowing small businesses located on Staten Island to participate in EZ Pass resident discount
- Reopening the IRT Number 5 station at the South Ferry; and,

- Adding enough busses to the S.I. fleet to fill the bus storage area behind the Platinum Avenue facility.

QUALITY of LIFE

- Requiring any structure requesting a variance for increased F.A.R. to include sustainable components to mitigate any negative impact the increased F.A.R. will have on the environment.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Restoring the funding for the new 120th Precinct;
- Hiring new police officers for the new 121st Precinct; and,
- Assigning additional Park Enforcement officers, including a mounted patrol, to our parks.

SOCIAL/EDUCATIONAL

- Building or renting more school space, including a North Shore High School;
- Building more senior housing;
- Increasing funding to elder abuse prevention programs;
- Increases DYCD funding, including CB Youth Coordinators; and,
- Siting and building a Rosebank library.

CB1 believes these needs are prudent and fair.

Yours truly,

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Leticia Remauro, Chairman