

## **ATTACHMENT 6**

THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION

Environmental Justice Informational Meeting  
RE: Proposed Southwest Brooklyn Converted  
Marine Transfer Station

Shore Parkway Jewish Center  
8885 26th Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York

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6:40 p.m.

Before:

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The City of New York  
Department of Sanitation

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PROCEEDINGS

MR. SZARPANSKI: Good evening, everybody.

My name is Harry Szarpanski. I'm Assistant Commissioner with the New York City Department of Sanitation, Bureau of Long Term Export. And with me at the podium are Walter Czwartacky and Vaughn Arnold and Sarah Dolinar also with the Department.

We also have several representatives with our consulting team. We have Dan Harkins with the HDR Team. At this end here we have Harvey Brodsky with Greeley and Hansen.

HDR did the environmental review for this project and Greeley and Hansen is responsible for the design of the facility.

We're able to have this meeting at the Shore Parkway Jewish Center thanks to the generosity of Rabbi Baumgarten and as a result of the efforts of both Assemblyman William Colton and Councilman Recchia. I thank them both for their interest in making sure that we had the meeting location close to the proposed facility and

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 2 accessible to members of the community.  
 3 Thank you.  
 4 Let me take a few minutes to discuss  
 5 the format of this meeting.  
 6 If you didn't sign in yet, please do  
 7 so on your way out. We use the list as our  
 8 mailing list. And if we need to get more  
 9 information to you about subsequent meetings, if  
 10 you're not already on the list, please sign in so  
 11 we'll know where to send the information.  
 12 I'm going to be making a short  
 13 PowerPoint presentation on the proposed project.  
 14 As requested, we have a Russian  
 15 language interpreter with us today.  
 16 Make sure you get a handout that  
 17 contains a copy of my presentation. And there's  
 18 also a supplemental information handout that has  
 19 some charts and drawings and the Department's  
 20 position on marine-related concerns.  
 21 After the PowerPoint I'll open up  
 22 the meeting to your statements and questions.  
 23 The way we're going to handle these  
 24 questions is we have a sign-in sheet. I'm sure a  
 25 lot of you have already signed in. I'm up to No.

1 10  
 2 27 as the number of speakers who want to speak.  
 3 And if you haven't signed in yet and do want to  
 4 speak, please get one of those speaker sign-in  
 5 sheets there on the back table.  
 6 I'll call out your name and the  
 7 number assigned to you. And if I get your name  
 8 wrong, I apologize, forgive my pronunciation.  
 9 When you get up there, you can state your name  
 10 again for the stenographer and make sure we get it  
 11 right.  
 12 Because of the number of people here  
 13 and we want to give an opportunity for everyone to  
 14 speak, I will ask that we limit your time to three  
 15 minutes. If, at the end, if there's anyone who  
 16 wanted to speak, if we have more time, we'll come  
 17 back and we'll allot more time to anyone who still  
 18 wants to speak after that. Because we have  
 19 elected officials here who may need to go to other  
 20 meetings, we, as a courtesy, will allow elected  
 21 officials to speak first.  
 22 We are also going to have a  
 23 transcript of your statements. They will be part  
 24 of the permanent record. So if for some reason  
 25 the stenographer didn't hear what you said, you

1 11  
 2 may be asked to repeat some words.  
 3 Anyway, let's go right into the  
 4 PowerPoint presentation.  
 5 (Showing PowerPoint.)  
 6 MR. SZARPANSKI: The meeting's  
 7 objectives -- and I'm not going to read everything  
 8 on the PowerPoint slides, but hopefully everyone  
 9 has a copy of this. And we want to basically  
 10 provide you information about what this project is  
 11 all about. We want to talk about the New York  
 12 State DEC permit process. We want to tell you how  
 13 you can provide comments to us and answer any  
 14 questions that you may have.  
 15 This is an EJ informational meeting.  
 16 And as part of the environmental justice  
 17 requirements that the State DEC has, we had to  
 18 prepare a PPP, or Public Participation Plan, which  
 19 describes exactly how we're going to conduct this  
 20 outreach; that the DEC has already approved this  
 21 plan and we are implementing this same type of a  
 22 plan for all the four marine transfer stations  
 23 that are being planned throughout the City.  
 24 The plan itself identifies  
 25 stakeholders. It provides written information to

1 12  
 2 people. It describes what the permit process is  
 3 and basically, how you can provide input to this  
 4 process.  
 5 Some key dates in this project and  
 6 in the Solid Waste Management Plan, what we call  
 7 the SWMP in general.  
 8 A draft of the Solid Waste  
 9 Management Plan was issued publicly in October of  
 10 2004. We did a Draft Environmental Impact  
 11 Statement, DEIS, at that time and in April of  
 12 2005, a Final Environmental Impact Statement,  
 13 FEIS, was issued.  
 14 Community Board #11 voted yes and  
 15 then the Borough President of Brooklyn endorsed  
 16 this project.  
 17 The City Planning Commission then  
 18 went ahead and approved the ULURP process for this  
 19 project and for the other three marine transfer  
 20 stations.  
 21 The New York City Council adopted  
 22 the Solid Waste Management Plan in July of '06 and  
 23 then the State DEC approved the plan in October of  
 24 that same year.  
 25 I'm sure this is going to be hard

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 2 for people to read, but it's in your PowerPoint  
 3 presentation. This is just a map and a depiction  
 4 of the wastesheds, which community boards' waste  
 5 will go to which facility.  
 6 At the bottom of the map, the area  
 7 in Brooklyn that's in purple on this map shows the  
 8 community boards that will feed this particular  
 9 proposed marine transfer station.  
 10 If you look at it, you can tell that  
 11 it's not one of the larger wastesheds. Other  
 12 wastesheds in the City have more community boards  
 13 feeding it.  
 14 Again, this is hard to see from  
 15 where you are, but this is an aerial view of the  
 16 site where this facility is being proposed.  
 17 There's a little white area there. That's the  
 18 site of the existing marine transfer station.  
 19 The actual facility is going to be  
 20 built at the site where the old incinerator used  
 21 to be. This is a typical cross section of one of  
 22 these marine transfer stations.  
 23 This area here shows where the  
 24 trucks will be driving in. The trucks will be  
 25 backing up and they will dump the waste inside the

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 2 districts coming to this proposed facility and  
 3 those are 11 to 13 and 15.  
 4 The expected average daily  
 5 throughput is 950 tons a day of DSNY Department  
 6 managed waste. And this capacity could include up  
 7 to seven hundred and eighteen tons of commercial  
 8 waste.  
 9 There's a weekly and a maximum daily  
 10 peak that's being proposed in the permit and you  
 11 can see those numbers. The maximum daily peak is  
 12 supposed to be able to handle those days coming  
 13 after a day where we don't collect waste so we  
 14 have to catch up and manage twice the amount. And  
 15 these are on post-holiday collections.  
 16 To compare these numbers with what  
 17 the old marine transfer station was permitted for,  
 18 that facility was permitted for forty-eight  
 19 hundred tons a day.  
 20 Some of the key features that I may  
 21 have described in previous slides, all waste is  
 22 going to be processed inside an enclosed building.  
 23 There'll be negative area pressure maintained so  
 24 that odors do not escape.  
 25 There is an air neutralizing system.

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 2 building from the tipping floor to what's called  
 3 the loading floor, which is slightly lower than  
 4 the tipping floor.  
 5 At this level, front-end loaders  
 6 will push waste into four different openings in  
 7 the floor. We have containers that sit right  
 8 under those openings. Waste will be tamped down  
 9 into those containers. And then those containers  
 10 will be moved slightly over, still within the  
 11 enclosed building and a lid will be put on.  
 12 Once the container is totally  
 13 sealed, then the container is moved outside the  
 14 building and the gantry crane lifts up the  
 15 container and places it onto the barge.  
 16 This is a floor plan of the same  
 17 facility. Again, you see a scale here where the  
 18 trucks come in. This is the tipping floor,  
 19 loading floor. This is where, again, the  
 20 containers are then sealed and a gantry crane will  
 21 then lift and place the containers onto the barge.  
 22 Specific to this project, the same  
 23 historic wastesheds that were used previously when  
 24 we operated the marine transfer station and waste  
 25 that went to Freshkills will be the same community

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 2 It's not to mask the exhaust air but to neutralize  
 3 it.  
 4 All waste that leaves the marine  
 5 transfer station will leave in sealed containers.  
 6 And the Final Environmental Impact found that  
 7 there would be no significant adverse impacts from  
 8 the marine transfer station construction or  
 9 operation.  
 10 With respect to commercial waste,  
 11 the commercial waste would be allowed to come to  
 12 this facility between the hours of eight p.m. and  
 13 eight a.m. and the limit on how much commercial  
 14 waste could be sent to this facility was  
 15 determined in the EIS, not exceeding any noise  
 16 standards.  
 17 Just a little about where we are  
 18 with the permit process right now.  
 19 We've submitted to the State DEC the  
 20 permit application for this facility as well as  
 21 for the other three marine transfers stations.  
 22 There are three types of permits  
 23 that the DEC needs to issue.  
 24 The first one is called the Part 360  
 25 Permit. And that deals with the solid waste

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 2 aspects.  
 3 The second one is the Part 608/681  
 4 Permits. And those deal with the marine aspects,  
 5 the construction and public waterways and  
 6 protection of water and water quality  
 7 certification.  
 8 And there's a third one which is the  
 9 Part 201 State Facility Air Permit for a minor  
 10 source, which this facility would be.  
 11 I just want to point out that if  
 12 people are interested in looking at the actual  
 13 permit application, we have copies of the DEIS.  
 14 And I think we have copies of the permit  
 15 application in the back. You can also find them  
 16 in the office of Community Board #11 and also at  
 17 the New Utrecht Public Library.  
 18 The next couple of slides just go  
 19 into a little more detail of what these three  
 20 permits are and I'm just going to skip through  
 21 that.  
 22 On this slide -- and, again, it's  
 23 probably hard for to you to see this one. But  
 24 this describes the New York State DEC permit  
 25 process. We are just before this box here

1 19  
 2 final step will be for the DEC to determine  
 3 whether to issue or deny the permit.  
 4 In terms of providing comments to  
 5 us, what happens to comments that you provide for  
 6 us, we will provide the transcript of this meeting  
 7 to the New York State DEC for their consideration.  
 8 We ask that you provide comments to  
 9 us by April 30th and also anything we get from you  
 10 will also be provided to the State DEC. You can  
 11 mail the comments. You can also fax the comments  
 12 to me. My name and address are here. You can  
 13 also fax the comments to me. I know you already  
 14 have my name and address because I've been getting  
 15 a lot of letters from you.  
 16 One more thing before I open it to  
 17 questions and answers. Many of the comments that  
 18 I've gotten from people deal with the issues  
 19 surrounding dredging. Now, I just want to make a  
 20 couple of points and then I'll go to questions and  
 21 answers.  
 22 The first point is that the City's  
 23 analysis and the analysis conducted by the  
 24 community's independent consultant both indicate  
 25 that the sediments at this site are typical of

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 2 (indicating.) We are waiting at this point for  
 3 the New York State DEC to tell us that our permit  
 4 application has been deemed complete.  
 5 Once it's deemed complete, there's  
 6 going to be a notice in the Environmental Bulletin  
 7 and other notices, other locations.  
 8 There will be a public comment  
 9 period notice and there will be -- in that same  
 10 notice we will provide people with the date of the  
 11 public hearings. At that point, people have an  
 12 opportunity to write to the DEC and make their  
 13 views known.  
 14 I know that many people in this  
 15 community have already written to the DEC. You  
 16 may wish to write again. I know the DEC has  
 17 already gotten over a thousand letters from people  
 18 in this community.  
 19 The DEC will then hold its public  
 20 hearings on the permit applications. I believe  
 21 that the DEC will probably hold their hearings at  
 22 the same location. It's up to them. They haven't  
 23 made that determination yet.  
 24 There will be the end of the hearing  
 25 process and the record would be closed and the

1 20  
 2 recent New York harbor dredge projects.  
 3 The dredging was done last at this  
 4 site in 1988. The incinerator closed in 1991. We  
 5 then therefore, don't believe that the material of  
 6 the sediments that are going to be dredged were  
 7 largely affected by the incinerator operation.  
 8 The second point is that the volume  
 9 of the dredge material is comparatively small. If  
 10 you look at the handout that we had, the  
 11 additional information, there's a bar graph there  
 12 which shows the relative magnitude of the amount  
 13 that's going to be dredged here which is forty-two  
 14 hundred cubic yards versus other projects that are  
 15 either already permitted for dredging in the  
 16 harbor or in the process of being permitted.  
 17 You'll see that this is a minute  
 18 amount compared to all the other projects. The  
 19 duration of the dredging itself is only twenty  
 20 days.  
 21 A VOICE: But it's only going to be  
 22 repeated.  
 23 MR. SZARPANSKI: I'm sorry. You'll  
 24 have your opportunity to state your comments  
 25 later.

1 21  
 2 Thank you.  
 3 We also plan to use environmental  
 4 safeguards such as silk curtains, environmental  
 5 buckets and prohibiting the dredge from  
 6 overflowing the barge as dredging occurs.  
 7 The king pile wall was designed to  
 8 protect the nearby marina and to reduce the amount  
 9 of dredging that's going to be necessary. It's  
 10 also designed to allow for water to flow through  
 11 it.  
 12 In general, we're looking to make  
 13 this a low-impact development project by  
 14 minimizing the runoff and collecting the storm  
 15 water that could percolate through the plantings  
 16 that would be acting as a bio-filter and make the  
 17 runoff cleaner and make the whole project greener.  
 18 Thank you.  
 19 And I'm now going to turn it to you  
 20 for your comments and any questions and answers.  
 21 Our first speaker is Assemblyman  
 22 Bill Colton.  
 23 (Applause.)  
 24 ASSEMBLYMAN COLTON: First of all, I  
 25 want thank everybody here. This is a tremendous

1 23  
 2 contaminants were deposited in precisely that  
 3 area. And that is the area that is going to be  
 4 dug up. And those contaminants which are buried  
 5 fifteen years deep, which have been left alone and  
 6 not added to for fifteen years, now are going to  
 7 be suspended in those waters. And these are  
 8 waters that are adjacent to the marina, that are  
 9 adjacent to Sea Gate, which is a beach area and  
 10 Coney Island beaches.  
 11 These are all residential,  
 12 recreational areas and the pollutants are going to  
 13 be turned loose. It is not environmental justice  
 14 to open up a site and release contaminants that  
 15 that area was subjected to for thirty years which  
 16 are buried there and are now going to be  
 17 re-subjected to.  
 18 It is not environmental justice to  
 19 create a site where there are going to be noise  
 20 levels. And no one can tell me, and the tests  
 21 that were taken do not show that, in fact, the  
 22 marina is not going to be negatively impacted by  
 23 that noise from the operation of that site.  
 24 No one can say, and the studies and  
 25 the Environmental Impact Statement did not show

1 22  
 2 turnout. Give yourselves a big hand of applause.  
 3 (Applause.)  
 4 ASSEMBLYMAN COLTON: This shows the  
 5 strength of this community and this shows how much  
 6 this community stands together because this  
 7 community is in a recreational, residential area.  
 8 We have schools, we have nursing  
 9 homes, we have apartment buildings, we have a  
 10 marina, we have parks. We have everything that a  
 11 residential, recreational neighborhood has. We  
 12 even have a children's amusement park which is  
 13 directly next to this proposed site. And that is  
 14 one of the key elements in an environmental  
 15 justice argument against this site.  
 16 (Applause.)  
 17 ASSEMBLYMAN COLTON: The reality is  
 18 that this site was used for some thirty years as  
 19 an incinerator operating without a permit. And,  
 20 in fact, the ash and the pollutants and  
 21 contaminants from that incinerator were deposited  
 22 within this community for over thirty years and  
 23 they were deposited in the very forty-two hundred  
 24 square cubic feet of water or yards of water.  
 25 That small area, supposedly, the

1 24  
 2 what impact that site is going to have upon the  
 3 birds and the wildlife that occupy and that use  
 4 Dreier Offerman Park, the large area directly next  
 5 to it.  
 6 These are all facts that are going  
 7 to be negatively impacted and which do not serve  
 8 environmental justice.  
 9 No one can say that the additional  
 10 traffic that we're talking about sometimes in peak  
 11 hours, twenty-four trucks an hour, how that is  
 12 going to impact upon the one narrow road and the  
 13 two roads leading into it, Bay Parkway and 26th  
 14 Avenue. With now additional trucks not only  
 15 during the daytime hours - and this was not done  
 16 with the previous transfer station incinerator  
 17 operation - but even during the nighttime hours  
 18 where commercial sanitation vehicles are going to  
 19 be arriving at this site during the night  
 20 traveling along Cropsey Avenue, traveling along  
 21 26th Avenue, traveling along Bay Parkway,  
 22 residential streets to reach this location.  
 23 There is no question that this is  
 24 going to have a negative impact upon the  
 25 community. And this is an environmental justice

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 2 issue where a community was subjected to this kind  
 3 of operation for thirty years without a permit.  
 4 An incinerator without a permit, polluting the  
 5 community, contaminating the community. And now  
 6 once again, after fifteen years, suddenly it is  
 7 going to be reopened and the same kind of problems  
 8 are going to be subjected to the community.  
 9 There's also issues in terms of air.  
 10 This area, which is near the Belt Parkway, is an  
 11 area which is not compliant with federal air  
 12 standards. And we are now going to be adding  
 13 another source of air pollution to the already  
 14 existing non-compliant area.  
 15 A VOICE: Thank you,  
 16 Mr. Assemblyman.  
 17 (Applause.)  
 18 ASSEMBLYMAN COLTON: We are now  
 19 going to be adding pollution, whether it be a  
 20 minor source from the diesel tugboat engines,  
 21 whether it be a minor source from the Sanitation  
 22 trucks that are going to be queuing up. And I've  
 23 been told if that it gets to a point where the  
 24 trucks are queuing up and there's a backup, then  
 25 they'll queue up in the neighborhoods.

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 2 area.  
 3 Now, it's also been stated that this  
 4 area that's to be dredged is very similar to other  
 5 areas that have been dredged. While other areas  
 6 are not necessarily in residential, recreation  
 7 areas, other areas are in industrial areas.  
 8 The fact that an area might be  
 9 similar -- and we don't concede that it is because  
 10 we think this area is different in one regard.  
 11 And I don't think that has been disproved at this  
 12 point because I have not seen studies to disprove.  
 13 There is thirty years of toxins  
 14 buried down in this very particular area that is  
 15 being dredged. That is not true in other areas.  
 16 (Applause.)  
 17 ASSEMBLYMAN COLTON: I was shocked  
 18 because somebody -- we remembered in this  
 19 community when the incinerator was operating for  
 20 thirty years without a permit that there would be  
 21 an ash that would fall upon window sills and car  
 22 windshields. And we all wondered if the ash was  
 23 coming from the incinerator, from the stacks of  
 24 the incinerator. We thought that it was coming  
 25 out of there, it was falling.

1 26  
 2 Is that environmental justice?  
 3 (Applause.)  
 4 ASSEMBLYMAN COLTON: This is adding  
 5 a source of air pollution in an area which already  
 6 is non-compliant. And then, of course, we have  
 7 the issue of the water pollution.  
 8 There are many people who, when you  
 9 go there on a Sunday - and this is the promenade  
 10 on Shore Parkway - you will see people fishing off  
 11 that promenade.  
 12 With dredging going on, with  
 13 contaminants being released into the waters --  
 14 because when the contaminants get to a fish, once  
 15 the dredging stops, the contaminants don't leave  
 16 the fish. They stay in the fish and they stay in  
 17 the fish for a long, long time. And they don't  
 18 just stay in the waters immediately adjacent to  
 19 what is called a small area where the dredging is.  
 20 That's not where the fish are going to stay.  
 21 They're going to be traveling throughout all the  
 22 waters in southern Brooklyn.  
 23 This is why we read about high  
 24 mercury levels in fish. And by the way, mercury  
 25 is one of the contaminants that was found in that

1 28  
 2 Well, I found out that it wasn't  
 3 coming from the stacks of the incinerator. The  
 4 ash was coming, was being put on a conveyer belt  
 5 that was running alongside the transfer station  
 6 and depositing the ash into a barge. When it got  
 7 windy, of course, the ash started blowing.  
 8 Now, nobody is saying that anybody,  
 9 least of all the Department of Sanitation, would  
 10 use such a tactic in this day and age. But that's  
 11 what I am informed happened thirty years while  
 12 that incinerator was operating.  
 13 And I'm also informed that when the  
 14 waters got a little choppy, the barge sometimes  
 15 got out of position and the conveyer belt  
 16 continued to deposit the ash into the water  
 17 directly until it was discovered that the barge  
 18 was out of position that it had to be  
 19 repositioned.  
 20 (Applause.)  
 21 ASSEMBLYMAN COLTON: That's what's  
 22 at the bottom of those waters that are being  
 23 dredged. And I don't believe that there is any  
 24 other site which has been subjected to that kind  
 25 of environmental injustice as this site. But we



1 29  
 2 should not be putting this kind of a facility in  
 3 the middle of a residential recreational area.  
 4 (Applause.)  
 5 ASSEMBLYMAN COLTON: This is your  
 6 opportunity to express your concerns and your  
 7 questions. This is going to be the beginning of a  
 8 long struggle on this issue. It may very well end  
 9 up in a court proceeding. That's how we ended up  
 10 fifteen years ago when we stopped the incinerator.  
 11 (Applause.)  
 12 ASSEMBLYMAN COLTON: But this is  
 13 the beginning. So I want to thank you for coming  
 14 here to this meeting. I am proud to be the  
 15 Assemblyman of this area because of all of you.  
 16 (Applause.)  
 17 ASSEMBLYMAN COLTON: So I will be  
 18 staying here and I will be listening to your  
 19 comments because the comments of the people who  
 20 live through this, who have lived through it in  
 21 the past and who would be subjected to it, if this  
 22 project takes place, those comments are important  
 23 to me and they're important to DEC.  
 24 Your comments are important. So I'm  
 25 going to be here. I'm going to be listening to

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 2 this plan is that we know that there's the problem  
 3 with garbage in New York City. But you refuse to  
 4 look at alternative methods of getting rid of  
 5 recycling and getting rid of this garbage.  
 6 Other countries have alternative  
 7 methods where they burn their garbage and convert  
 8 it into energy. We, in the United States, are not  
 9 using this method. They're using it all over the  
 10 world and New York refused to look into this. And  
 11 again, I'm going to repeat my request to look to  
 12 an alternative method to getting rid of garbage.  
 13 In addition, we should increase the  
 14 recycling to help with the garbage problem in our  
 15 City.  
 16 As our good Assemblyman Bill Colton  
 17 said earlier, the environmental issue is one that  
 18 no other community has had that you're putting a  
 19 transfer station in. Ninety-third Street never  
 20 had the incinerator. South Brooklyn, Red Hook  
 21 never had an incinerator. Other parts we are  
 22 putting in transfer stations didn't have to suffer  
 23 the way this community suffered. And now we are  
 24 asking you again to turn it down and put this  
 25 transfer station in other places.

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 2 you. And we are going to be continuing to carry  
 3 on this fight because this is an environmental  
 4 injustice and this is something that this  
 5 community opposes and will continue to oppose.  
 6 Thank you and God bless you.  
 7 (Applause.)  
 8 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you,  
 9 Assemblyman Colton.  
 10 Our next speaker is Councilmember  
 11 Domenic Recchia.  
 12 COUNCILMEMBER RECCHIA: Thank you.  
 13 And it's a pleasure to be here.  
 14 First, I want to start by thanking  
 15 everyone for coming out tonight and thank you for  
 16 showing up because it's important to unite as a  
 17 community to show that we're against this.  
 18 First of all, as you know,  
 19 throughout the hearings the past two years I voted  
 20 against this. The first time it came before the  
 21 City Council we got Speaker Gifford Miller to vote  
 22 this down. But unfortunately, the Mayor overrode  
 23 the veto and got other Council Members to go with  
 24 your plan.  
 25 The biggest number one problem with

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 2 (Applause.)  
 3 COUNCILMEMBER RECCHIA: The City  
 4 Council gave you a number of other alternative  
 5 sites to put this in but you refused to put it in.  
 6 The traffic congestion that you will  
 7 start and will bring to this area makes it worse  
 8 than what it is today. There's only one way in  
 9 and one way out. What are we going to do when  
 10 there's a backup -- and don't tell me there won't  
 11 be a backup because there will be a backup -- what  
 12 happens with that?  
 13 You have to answer that question to  
 14 this community because we do not want to have  
 15 garbage trucks idling on the streets and giving us  
 16 more pollution than we had.  
 17 I'm asking you, once again, to pull  
 18 back your application and we'll work with you to  
 19 find other places to put this transfer station.  
 20 This is not the place.  
 21 (Applause.)  
 22 COUNCILMEMBER RECCHIA: We have an  
 23 amusement park. We've got people that live close  
 24 by. We have schools. But, again, you refused to  
 25 listen to the voice of the people. Well, tonight

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 2 the voice of the people have shown up.  
 3 The voice of the people are going to  
 4 be speaking tonight. We do not want this transfer  
 5 station in our community. The beaches in our  
 6 community have suffered long enough.  
 7 One question I don't think you can  
 8 give us an answer is, once you build that wall for  
 9 the marina, will that affect the beaches of Coney  
 10 Island and throughout the seacoast of our  
 11 community.  
 12 When they built the CHECK T-groin at  
 13 Sea Gate, one part of Sea Gate lost its beaches  
 14 and all the sand wound up on the bay side of Sea  
 15 Gate and now we have a problem.  
 16 What will happen when you build this  
 17 wall to our community, to our beaches? You cannot  
 18 guarantee it won't affect our beaches and that is  
 19 wrong because who's going to pay to put our  
 20 beaches back if this is affected?  
 21 (Applause.)  
 22 COUNCILMEMBER RECCHIA: And I just  
 23 want to know -- people didn't come here to hear me  
 24 speak -- we want to hear what the community has to  
 25 say.

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 2 So I just want -- again, I'm asking  
 3 you, pull back your permits and work with the  
 4 community, work with the elected officials -- Bill  
 5 Colton, myself and Diane Savino, Carl Kruger. We  
 6 want to work with you because this is not the  
 7 community where to put it. We've suffered long  
 8 enough.  
 9 Thank you.  
 10 (Applause.)  
 11 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you,  
 12 Councilman Recchia.  
 13 Our next speaker represents  
 14 Congressman Nadler. His name is Ilan Kayatsky.  
 15 MR. ILAN KAYATSKY: Hi. I'm Ilan  
 16 Kayatsky here. I represent the Congressman. I'd  
 17 like to read a brief statement.  
 18 "I want to thank the New York City  
 19 Department of Sanitation (DSNY) for affording  
 20 residents and elected officials the opportunity to  
 21 comment on the proposed Waste Transfer Station on  
 22 Gravesend Bay in the Bath Beach section of  
 23 Brooklyn, which is part of the City's 2006  
 24 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan.  
 25 "My district begins just across the

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 2 Marine Basin Marina from the proposed site. And  
 3 though I don't represent the precise location, I  
 4 do represent thousands of local residents and  
 5 business owners who have a strong interest in what  
 6 is developed in their neighborhood.  
 7 "My primary concern today with  
 8 DSNY's proposal lies in the potential for  
 9 environmental harm should the plan go forward  
 10 without additional study and oversight.  
 11 Specifically, there are questions about the  
 12 toxicity of soil underneath Gravesend Bay that  
 13 have not been given ample attention.  
 14 "Before the New York State  
 15 Department of Environmental Conservation and  
 16 United States Army Corps of Engineers approve the  
 17 application and grant the necessary permits for  
 18 dredging, DSNY needs to gather more information  
 19 and prove empirically to the public that the  
 20 project would cause only a minimum of  
 21 environmental damage.  
 22 "Numerous studies have already shown  
 23 contaminated sediment in the Bay. Any dredging of  
 24 the Bay there -- and the proposed plan requires a  
 25 considerable amount of dredging -- could stir up

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 2 noxious chemicals whose potential effect on the  
 3 surrounding water, marine life and air is thus far  
 4 unknown.  
 5 "DSNY itself found arsenic and  
 6 chromium in the Bay's soil in its 2003 samplings.  
 7 The presence of these chemicals, along with the  
 8 lead and mercury found in another recent study,  
 9 are enough to warrant further testing. What's  
 10 more, DSNY's samplings pre-date the dismantling of  
 11 the site's former garbage incinerator (in 2004),  
 12 an event which might well have altered the  
 13 chemical make-up of nearby sediment.  
 14 "Therefore, it seems explicitly  
 15 clear to me that the soil must be thoroughly  
 16 tested before any decisions can be taken."  
 17 Thank you.  
 18 (Applause.)  
 19 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you for your  
 20 comments.  
 21 Our next speaker is Jeanette Givant,  
 22 community district leader.  
 23 MS. JEANETTE GIVANT: I am here  
 24 because I am a resident of this wonderful  
 25 community. I represent this wonderful community

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2 and the people who live here. We are a community  
3 of children, schools, houses of worship, centers,  
4 senior centers. And I am also a person who was  
5 involved with the Southwest incinerator.

6 I remember what had happened. I  
7 remember not living right on this area and this  
8 strip and sitting in front of my house, which was  
9 about a mile and a half away, and having ash from  
10 the incinerator come over my head and seeing this.

11 This proposal is an awful proposal.  
12 The transfer station would be devastating to this  
13 community. We have suffered for so many years  
14 with what we had before. We don't know what is  
15 lying below the sediment that we've already had  
16 from what was here before.

17 We have senior centers, we have  
18 senior buildings, we have building complexes, we  
19 have schools, we have synagogues and we have  
20 churches.

21 We have a wonderful seashore where  
22 we now have seals, which we never had before, who  
23 are coming back and using the facilities.

24 I have a friend who was in the local  
25 rehabilitation hospital here who one time looked

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2 Offerman Park which is right here. This is a  
3 nature preserve or nature sanctuary which DOS will  
4 destroy. This area is also a recreational fishing  
5 and boating area. And we have the marina where  
6 hundreds of boaters go out.

7 Major environmental groups believe  
8 that the Southwest Transfer Station will create an  
9 environmental disaster. Studies show poisonous  
10 toxins will be dredged up which will destroy fish  
11 and wildlife and adversely affect people.

12 There must be another place for this  
13 transfer station. There are industrial areas  
14 along the Brooklyn waterfront from Sunset Park to  
15 Red Hook. That's where this transfer station  
16 should be.

17 We will not give up this fight.  
18 There are some that are looking to give in. We  
19 don't. We're going to fight all the way. We're  
20 going to go to the DEC. We have environmental  
21 leaders with us. We have environmental groups with  
22 us and I know we're going to win.

23 Thank you.  
24 (Applause.)

25 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you for your

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2 out his window and saw seals. This was something  
3 that we didn't have for so long. To bring this  
4 back to us and to have us suffer and either  
5 physically, mentally is not fair and something has  
6 to be done somewhere else. We've been having too  
7 many issues thrown at us and we cannot justify it  
8 happening to us again.

9 Thank you.  
10 (Applause.)

11 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you for your  
12 comments.

13 Our next speaker is Charles Ragusa,  
14 district leader.

15 MR. CHARLES RAGUSA: First of all,  
16 I want to thank all of you for coming.

17 Every time we call on you, you come  
18 and we really appreciate it. And when the DEC  
19 hearing takes place -- we're going to need you  
20 again because that's when it's really important.

21 Now, I believe the Southwest  
22 Transfer Station is a big mistake. This area is a  
23 residential and recreational area not an  
24 industrial area. This area is a natural wildlife  
25 habitat for fish and birds. We have Dreier

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2 comments.  
3 I just want to acknowledge that we  
4 have also with us a representative from Martin  
5 Golden's office, Joan Byrnes.  
6 Our next speaker is Ida Sanoff.  
7 MS. IDA SANOFF: This supplemental  
8 information was based on comments that were  
9 submitted by three environmental organizations.  
10 We had the opportunity to meet with  
11 representatives of the Department of Sanitation to  
12 discuss these concerns. Unfortunately, they were  
13 not answered in their entirety.

14 It's not the quantity of material  
15 that is dredged, it's where it's going to be  
16 dredged and what is next to it.

17 According to the Department of  
18 Sanitation's own documents of all the proposed  
19 waste transfer stations, this one has the greatest  
20 diversity and quantity of fish in local waters,  
21 the fish that we eat.

22 The Sanitation Department has not  
23 been able to prove that toxins will accumulate in  
24 edible fish. They have not been able to prove  
25 that consuming these toxin-laden fish will not

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 2 adversely impact our health.  
 3 By their own testing, these  
 4 sediments contain Class C, that is high  
 5 contamination of acute toxicity levels of lead,  
 6 mercury and pesticides. By their own testing,  
 7 they have indicated that the samples contain  
 8 moderate contamination of arsenic, cadmium and  
 9 copper, PAHs and PCPs.  
 10 As far as the so-called  
 11 environmental methods for dredging, I've been out  
 12 on the boats with the Army Corps of Engineers.  
 13 I've seen this environmental dredging up close and  
 14 personal.  
 15 When they lift their so-called  
 16 closed clamshell bucket, there is material that  
 17 leaks out. When they lift the bucket from the  
 18 floor from the ground, even when they lift it  
 19 slowly, there is still a spread of these toxins  
 20 over a larger area.  
 21 They tell you that the toxins will  
 22 not separate from the sediment. They don't. It's  
 23 the fish that come and eat the toxins that are  
 24 sitting bound to the mud and they build up the  
 25 poisons in their bodies and then into us. And if

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 2 conclusion. They said that this was a  
 3 conservative estimate based upon literature  
 4 values. It was not a measured value.  
 5 I'm a clinical laboratory  
 6 technologist. I can tell you that it would take  
 7 you twenty minutes and a couple of bucks to do  
 8 this testing and find out exactly what's there. I  
 9 don't know why it hasn't been done.  
 10 Thank you.  
 11 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you for  
 12 your comments.  
 13 Our next speaker is John Culpepper.  
 14 MR. JOHN CULPEPPER: Good evening,  
 15 everyone.  
 16 My name is John Culpepper. I was  
 17 asked to come here by the Concerned Citizens of  
 18 Bensonhurst concerning the air that you are  
 19 breathing.  
 20 We are the people that test the air  
 21 that you are breathing, which is bad. We are not  
 22 here to tell you what we think or what we heard.  
 23 We are not here to tell you what we think, what we  
 24 heard or what somebody said. We're here to tell  
 25 you what we know because we have the equipment and

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 2 you want to talk about environmental justice, go  
 3 down next to this proposed site. You will see  
 4 people of color, poor people, immigrants, okay,  
 5 people who deserve or are by definition or by  
 6 population, deserving of environmental justice.  
 7 They are catching these fish and  
 8 feeding them to their families, to women of  
 9 child-bearing years, to children, a population  
 10 that is most susceptible to health impacts from  
 11 consuming these toxins.  
 12 As far as noise impacts, piles are  
 13 going to be driven sixty feet into the ground.  
 14 There have been no studies as to how this will  
 15 impact the very population or the rest of the  
 16 neighborhood.  
 17 There's another interesting point,  
 18 the document states that there are going to be  
 19 chloroforms, that is, the bacteria that is  
 20 associated with sewage. When you see coliforms,  
 21 you have to automatically assume that you could  
 22 also have the presence of diseases such as polio  
 23 or hepatitis or all sorts of other bad things,  
 24 parasitic infections.  
 25 We asked how they came to this

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 2 the knowledge of these things.  
 3 The air is bad in the whole five  
 4 boroughs. Let's make no mistake about that, it is  
 5 bad. The question is how bad in each area.  
 6 We are not connected with any  
 7 agency, no government City or State agencies. We  
 8 are private. We do our own research.  
 9 They have offered me eleven jobs to  
 10 keep quiet. They have offered me three positions  
 11 to keep quiet. Well, I'm going to talk.  
 12 (Applause.)  
 13 MR. JOHN CULPEPPER: I am a retired  
 14 merchant seaman. I got twenty-five years out on  
 15 the water. I was on the SS United States. I  
 16 retired. I'm not looking for a job. I'm not  
 17 looking for a position; don't want no more money  
 18 because when you got a lot of money, you got  
 19 problems keeping it.  
 20 So I understand I only have a short  
 21 time. And Harry Szarpanski, I remember you now.  
 22 I wrote you a letter when we was with NYCEJA. It  
 23 didn't dawn on me who you were until I was back  
 24 there. So I will be speaking to you.  
 25 Back to this air.

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 2 You need to get in touch with us,  
 3 with Adeline Michaels. She was the one that asked  
 4 me to come and to let you know what's the quality  
 5 and the status of the air quality that we are  
 6 breathing.  
 7 It is bad within the five boroughs  
 8 so it's not the question, "Is the air bad," it's  
 9 "How bad?" and you need to know.  
 10 We have the machines and we have the  
 11 people to tell you exactly what this is, what  
 12 quality of air you are breathing and what areas is  
 13 worse than others. But remember what I said, the  
 14 whole five boroughs is bad, the whole five  
 15 boroughs.  
 16 And as the politician was talking  
 17 about things that is going to be happening, we are  
 18 talking about things that is here now. We are  
 19 talking about bad air so if you don't have our  
 20 phone number, we will give it to you.  
 21 My phone number is 1-212-862-8958.  
 22 And if you don't get that, you can see Adeline  
 23 Michaels and she'll give it to you and we will  
 24 tell you anything that we know about bad air.  
 25 MR. SZARPANSKI: Just one question,

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 2 documents, voluminous documents that are on the  
 3 back table, as well as lots of other things. And  
 4 I have some other things to talk about. I don't  
 5 believe that the documents are complete or is the  
 6 information that's presented complete.  
 7 For example, nowhere in the  
 8 documents was mentioned LEED, L-E-E-D, which is  
 9 Leadership By Energy and Environmental Design.  
 10 And there was a law that just went into effect  
 11 January 1st. And there's no mention of building  
 12 this if it goes through as a green building but we  
 13 can get to that later.  
 14 The marine transfer station as it is  
 15 now should not be placed in this or any  
 16 residential community. This community suffered  
 17 for decades because the Sanitation Department,  
 18 many of whom are here now, ran an incinerator for  
 19 thirty years improperly without permits and  
 20 illegally and so we've suffered quite a bit.  
 21 Time limits are going to limit me to  
 22 certain questions that I'll just deal with  
 23 tonight.  
 24 I want to talk about lack of  
 25 oversight, the process itself and costs. Costs

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 2 Mr. Culpepper, before you go.  
 3 Just as a point in clarification, I  
 4 hope you weren't implying that we tried to hire or  
 5 pay you not to speak.  
 6 MR. JOHN CULPEPPER: No, no, no.  
 7 I said I remember you. Years ago I  
 8 wrote you a letter and we came to you, New York  
 9 City Environmental Justice Alliance. I said I had  
 10 remembered you, but it didn't dawn on me until I  
 11 was back there thinking.  
 12 (Applause.)  
 13 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you for  
 14 your comments.  
 15 I just want to make a small  
 16 announcement. We were asked by the people from  
 17 this facility that you not lean on the memorial  
 18 boards.  
 19 Our next speaker is Will  
 20 Hershkowitz.  
 21 MR. WILL HERSHKOWITZ: Hi. My name  
 22 is Will Hershkowitz. I live in Waterview. I'm  
 23 also a member of Wake Up and Smell the Garbage. I  
 24 hope you're not smelling it now.  
 25 At any rate, I read many of the

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 2 are important. If actual future costs greatly  
 3 exceed the current estimates, then there's a  
 4 tendency, people, especially government, who cut  
 5 corners and they're going to cut corners at our  
 6 expense to save money.  
 7 For example, it was cheaper for the  
 8 Sanitation Department to ignore the rules. They  
 9 illegally operated that incinerator for thirty  
 10 years, much cheaper than bringing it into  
 11 compliance with all the rules and regulations and  
 12 the emission standards of the time. And this was  
 13 done despite the negative impact on the health and  
 14 safety of this community.  
 15 Cost estimates also demonstrates  
 16 Sanitation's inefficiency.  
 17 For example, in August of '02 they  
 18 presented the SWMP plan. And it was supposed to  
 19 rebuild eight marine transfer stations at a cost  
 20 of two hundred and forty million dollars and take  
 21 two years to complete.  
 22 These estimates are most likely  
 23 based on advice of the City's experts and  
 24 consultants, some of whom are sitting here now.  
 25 They were wrong.

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 2 Five months later the revised cost  
 3 estimate was four hundred million, which is fifty  
 4 million for each of the eight. And it would take  
 5 five to six years.  
 6 Then in October of '04 the plans  
 7 changed again, this time from eight transfer  
 8 stations to four but the cost was the same, four  
 9 hundred million.  
 10 Any way you look at it, you're  
 11 getting half the amount for twice the money. So  
 12 this is a big error on calculations that was based  
 13 on careful research and investigation and planning  
 14 by the City's experts.  
 15 So in the short time, the City gets  
 16 half for the same. Any way you look at it it's  
 17 bad. Such revised estimates demonstrate the lack  
 18 of reliability of the City's ability and  
 19 Sanitation's ability to accurately and completely  
 20 plan for the future and predict the real costs and  
 21 impacts of this plan.  
 22 Such inaccuracies will continue with  
 23 the City's other predictions and its assurances of  
 24 safety and efficiency for the next twenty years --  
 25 it's a twenty-year plan -- these assurances are

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 2 twenty-four hours a day, six days a week. What  
 3 are the costs of operating? What are the  
 4 oversight of the safety issues? Another question  
 5 is the cost per ton to dispose of the garbage.  
 6 I've heard that now it's somewhere in the  
 7 seventies, seventy dollars a ton. And it's  
 8 supposed to go up to maybe a hundred and ten,  
 9 maybe a hundred and twenty. Nobody really knows.  
 10 Is the increase going to be thirty  
 11 percent more, fifty percent more? I haven't heard  
 12 any numbers from anybody official.  
 13 Another important question has to do  
 14 with the oversight and who will supervise the  
 15 process. What kind of training will they have.  
 16 What's their authority with commercial haulers.  
 17 The City can't necessarily tell  
 18 private enterprises what to do. The plan calls  
 19 for garbage to be transported by barge from this  
 20 transfer station. Think about it. Once the barge  
 21 is loaded and the tugboat moves it away from the  
 22 dock, where does it take it? Does the tug take it  
 23 to its final destination at a landfill? Does the  
 24 tug take the barge to another location where the  
 25 containers are taken from the barge and loaded

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 2 also based on false information from similar  
 3 experts and consultants.  
 4 Based on its research, Sanitation  
 5 now wants us to believe that adding hundreds of  
 6 trucks to the existing traffic, the repeated  
 7 dredging of the bay, the wake of the tugs and  
 8 barges and the thousands of tons of garbage will  
 9 cause no adverse impact on water pollution, the  
 10 wildlife of the bay, the street traffic, air  
 11 pollution, noise, odor and the overall safety,  
 12 quality and life and health of this community and  
 13 its businesses.  
 14 Given Sanitation's record and from  
 15 my own natural observations and investigations, I  
 16 don't believe them. How's can I? How can you.  
 17 I saw a recent estimate of  
 18 approximately fifty million dollars to build the  
 19 Southwest Transfer Station. It also might be a  
 20 hundred million based on another estimate I've  
 21 seen. I don't know what the truth is. I don't  
 22 think anybody does, but nobody mentions the  
 23 process itself or the cost of operating it.  
 24 That's just construction costs.  
 25 This station is supposed to run for

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 2 onto a ship which then takes it to a landfill?  
 3 Where is this location? Is it a dock, is it in  
 4 the middle of the water? Where is the final  
 5 destination? What's the landfill -- Pennsylvania,  
 6 Virginia, Caribbean, France, I don't know.  
 7 Have any contracts been signed with  
 8 any in-state, like upstate landfills or  
 9 out-of-state landfills.  
 10 MR. SZARPANSKI: If you could  
 11 please wrap up.  
 12 MR. WILL HERSHKOWITZ: I'm rappin'.  
 13 (Applause.)  
 14 MR. WILL HERSHKOWITZ: How much  
 15 room is there at these landfills for the tonnage  
 16 we will generate in the next twenty years? What  
 17 happens if the landfills run out of room? What  
 18 about the containers, who supplies them? Do we  
 19 own them, do we rent them? How do they get here.  
 20 Do they get here by truck, do they get here by  
 21 barge? What happens when they get to the  
 22 landfill? Are they disposed of, are they cleaned,  
 23 are they returned? We don't have answers to any  
 24 of these questions.  
 25 There are land-based transfer

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 2 stations right now in the City. How many of them  
 3 will close if this one opens? I haven't heard  
 4 that any of them will close. These are questions  
 5 that need to be answered.  
 6 The commercial garbage, according to  
 7 that chart, is supposed to be sixty-seven trucks a  
 8 day, nine hundred and fifty tons of Department of  
 9 Sanitation garbage according to that chart and  
 10 that's ninety-five trucks.  
 11 Your own documents have trucks in  
 12 the hundreds. I don't understand the discrepancy.  
 13 I'd like some answers to some of this and I think  
 14 the people have to address this in more detail  
 15 than three minutes in written comments.  
 16 (Applause.)  
 17 MR. SZARPANSKI: Mr. Hershkowitz,  
 18 you asked a lot of questions. I think you should  
 19 get some answers and we'll respond to you in  
 20 writing. This way we won't take up the time right  
 21 now. I know there are a lot of people that want  
 22 to speak.  
 23 (Audience participation.)  
 24 MR. SZARPANSKI: Our next speaker  
 25 is Carmine Santamaria.

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 2 (Applause.)  
 3 MR. CARMINE SANTAMARIA: Good  
 4 evening, everyone. Thank you for coming.  
 5 My name is Carmine Santamaria. I'm  
 6 the President of the Bensonhurst West End  
 7 Community Council.  
 8 The Bensonhurst West End Community  
 9 Council, forty-six years acting as the guardians  
 10 of the Bensonhurst/Gravesend community, is the  
 11 oldest civic organization of the very same area  
 12 that New York City's looking to destroy with the  
 13 proposed Southwest Brooklyn Waste Transfer  
 14 Station.  
 15 It isn't the first time that this  
 16 area has been threatened nor is it the first time  
 17 that New York City Department of Sanitation has  
 18 lied to the community and its residents.  
 19 Isn't it ironic that the site that  
 20 the DSNY is proposing in the exact site has caused  
 21 so much trouble for this community the past three  
 22 decades, the Southwest Brooklyn incinerator.  
 23 They're the blame why the Department of Sanitation  
 24 covered the operating of incinerators without a  
 25 permit causing many residents sickness from cancer

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 2 and other pulmonary diseases.  
 3 Our location is a very sore point  
 4 with our residents because of its one road  
 5 accessibility. Historically, our community has  
 6 opposed any venture there that would tie up the  
 7 singular road leading to it.  
 8 Thinking of the horrendous traffic  
 9 at Christmastime, shopping at Toys 'R Us, that's  
 10 at Bay Parkway and Shore Parkway shopping mall,  
 11 right along at that exit, which is the entrance to  
 12 this site. When there was proposed similar  
 13 planning there, the community fought it.  
 14 Logistically we know that the  
 15 additional traffic would cause traffic jams that  
 16 would spill into and tie up the surrounding areas  
 17 and the streets. It would have caused a gridlock  
 18 on every intersection. So the community couldn't  
 19 afford it, the solar complex, and we won.  
 20 And now we are double threatened by  
 21 this project that will necessitate additional  
 22 Sanitation trucks swarming in from all parts of  
 23 Brooklyn to ship out garbage to the proposed waste  
 24 transfer station and it continues dredging which  
 25 makes it necessary for our boats and barges to

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 2 navigate in and out.  
 3 First, the Department of Sanitation  
 4 was trying to kill our residents with carcinogens  
 5 spewing from the twin towers for many years and  
 6 having failed completely to do that and now  
 7 proposes to kill our fish as well as the food  
 8 chain that emanates from these waters with an  
 9 unwanted and potentially disastrous waste transfer  
 10 station.  
 11 With the DOS' track record of lies  
 12 and inefficiency and total disregard for our  
 13 safety, welfare and health of the residents, is  
 14 there any wonder that we, the neighborly  
 15 residents, are up in arms with this proposed  
 16 threat.  
 17 The neighborhood has changed, has  
 18 become a very strong tax base for the City. It is  
 19 saturated with half-a-million-dollar-homes and  
 20 condos for new homeowners who invested heavily in  
 21 our community. So why is the City allowing the  
 22 Department of Sanitation to threaten their health,  
 23 family and homes? We will not allow this threat  
 24 to our community to happen again.  
 25 We are tired of being dumped on. We

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 2 are tired of our community being threatened with  
 3 health endangerments where there's toxin-related  
 4 food or mercury-related fish. We are tired of  
 5 having to protect our family and home. We are  
 6 tired. But as tired as we are, we will not permit  
 7 the further destruction of our community --  
 8 (Applause.)  
 9 MR. CARMINE SANTAMARIA: -- not  
 10 because it's our backyard, but simply because now  
 11 it's a matter of survival. Go tell your lies and  
 12 promises elsewhere. We've had it. The Department  
 13 of Sanitation cannot be trusted.  
 14 Thank you.  
 15 (Applause.)  
 16 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you for  
 17 your comments.  
 18 Our next speaker is Ludger Balan.  
 19 (Applause.)  
 20 MR. LUDGER BALAN: My name is  
 21 Ludger Balan. And I represent the Urban Divers  
 22 Estuary Conservancy.  
 23 The Urban Divers Estuary Conservancy  
 24 has worked around New York Harbor for over ten  
 25 years and our work has been focusing on protecting

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 2 slips that provides the only public access to the  
 3 water and an amenity for working class boaters in  
 4 New York City.  
 5 There is also an unused boat launch  
 6 that could offer wonderful opportunity for  
 7 launching small, human-powered vessels such as  
 8 canoes and kayaks and provide access for  
 9 environmental education, recreation and community  
 10 stewardship opportunities.  
 11 The nearest affordable marina for  
 12 working class New York boaters is very far north  
 13 of the site at the City Parks Marinas at the 79th  
 14 Street Boat Basin on the Hudson River and World's  
 15 Fair Marina on the Flushing Bay, which is in  
 16 Queens.  
 17 The next marina south of that site  
 18 is miles south at Jamaica Bay and Gateway. With  
 19 the recent closure of Dykeman Marina, which is at  
 20 the tip of Manhattan, we will see even more  
 21 increase in recreational boat traffic coming out  
 22 of that marina, a condition that is highly  
 23 incompatible for barge traffic and tugboats,  
 24 damaged infrastructure by wakes and public safety  
 25 for recreational boater and anglers will be at

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 2 our waterways.  
 3 In your DSNY EIS statement it is  
 4 frequently stated that DSNY will take into  
 5 consideration the impact on the community, the  
 6 environment, traffic, air emission, et cetera.  
 7 It further stated that it takes into  
 8 account appropriate buffer zones between transfer  
 9 stations and sensitive locations such as  
 10 residential districts, parks and schools. This  
 11 statement would appear in great contradiction  
 12 regarding this proposed marine transfer station.  
 13 Just relating to the environment.  
 14 The proposed South Brooklyn Marine  
 15 Waste Transfer Station is no longer compatible  
 16 with the current public use and potential greater  
 17 future usage of the Gravesend Bay/Coney Island  
 18 waterfront.  
 19 Currently there is a children's  
 20 amusement park, we alluded to that, less than  
 21 thirty yards from the proposed site. Your EIS  
 22 report only mentions it covers the view of your  
 23 site.  
 24 The current site abuts a very active  
 25 and large marina with at least one hundred boat

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 2 high risk.  
 3 There are several boating clubs less  
 4 than fifty yards from the proposed site. There is  
 5 a family shopping center, a popular fishing pier  
 6 and promenade less than two hundred yards from the  
 7 site; two public parks with the largest one  
 8 located less than two hundred yards, the other  
 9 across the street; a local school and a densely  
 10 populated residential neighborhood and a number of  
 11 senior homes.  
 12 The residents, the shopping center  
 13 customers, public park users, amusement park  
 14 patrons, other local businesses, a school bus  
 15 depot, a City bus line, all already sharing a tiny  
 16 single lane, service road, that is approximately  
 17 thirty-five feet wide.  
 18 Furthermore, the site proposed is on  
 19 a body of water, the Lower Bay, that is classified  
 20 by various natural resource management and  
 21 protection agencies, including the Department of  
 22 Environmental Conservation, New York City Parks  
 23 and Recreation Natural Resource Group, just to  
 24 name a few, as a natural resource of ecological  
 25 significance to New York Harbor.



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 2 This statement was part of a study  
 3 and status report called, "A Regional Model for  
 4 Estuary and Multiple Watershed Management."  
 5 It was published in 2001 by the New  
 6 York/New Jersey Harbor Estuary Habitat Workgroup  
 7 for which the Urban Divers Estuary Conservancy is  
 8 also a member, and New York City Parks and  
 9 Recreation Natural Resource Group being the lead  
 10 representing agency of that report.  
 11 In fact, it is so valuable, this  
 12 location, that it compelled New York City and New  
 13 York State to invest millions of dollars to  
 14 restore the wetlands at Dreier Offerman Salt  
 15 Marsh, a word not used in your Environmental  
 16 Statement, so valuable that the Department of  
 17 Environmental Conservation was compelled and  
 18 charged KeySpan to clean up its environmental  
 19 pollution on the Coney Island Creek, as well as  
 20 its adjacent uplands and to a standard suitable  
 21 for habitat restoration and public use.  
 22 Again, both sites are less than one  
 23 hundred yards downstream from this proposed marine  
 24 transfer station. Coney Island beach, one of the  
 25 only refuges for urban New Yorkers to dip their

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 2 of the bay will cause an immeasurable  
 3 environmental impact to the community.  
 4 (Applause.)  
 5 MR. LUDGER BALAN: The increase in  
 6 truck traffic, that is not present and will be in  
 7 this proposal at this site, if it moves forward,  
 8 and the congestion that it will create, which is  
 9 not present today, will already inundate this tiny  
 10 little service road and cause an immeasurable  
 11 environmental impact to the community.  
 12 The increase of barge and tugboat  
 13 traffic on a public access and recreational  
 14 boating site, that along with many other facts and  
 15 concerns presented here not reflected in your EIS,  
 16 was not taken into consideration in the DSNY's  
 17 EIS.  
 18 On behalf of the local residents  
 19 here and the representatives of the Urban Divers  
 20 Estuary Conservancy, we are asking the DSNY to  
 21 abandon its goal of reopening this marine transfer  
 22 station.  
 23 This marine transfer station at that  
 24 location has never been and is certainly today no  
 25 longer compatible with the current public use and

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 2 feet in the water during a hot summer day, is,  
 3 again, just a swim or a paddle away from this  
 4 proposed transfer station.  
 5 On any given spring, summer or fall  
 6 day at Lower Bay, particularly, at Gravesend Bay  
 7 and Coney Island Creek becomes a haven for urban  
 8 anglers. Stripe, Blue Fish and Flounders and even  
 9 Albacore are among the favorite catch of local  
 10 fishermen.  
 11 The Lower Bay is a migration route  
 12 for the anadromous and our harbor dinosaur, "The  
 13 Atlantic Sturgeon," as it makes it way up from the  
 14 Atlantic Ocean each year during spring time to  
 15 spawn in the upper fresh waters of the Hudson  
 16 River.  
 17 The Atlantic Sturgeon is an  
 18 endangered species and protected marine wildlife.  
 19 Each year one can mark their calendar by the  
 20 congregation of the Horseshoe Crabs that come by  
 21 the hundreds to harbor on our shores, again, right  
 22 downstream from the proposed site.  
 23 Ladies and gentlemen, the repeated  
 24 dredging that is proposed at that site and the  
 25 contaminants that it will release from the bottom

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 2 future use of this site.  
 3 The immigrants, the seniors and the  
 4 working class residents of Gravesend Bay and Coney  
 5 Island Creek deserve environmental equality and  
 6 environmental protection, too. We, too, deserve a  
 7 waterfront where we can dip our hard-working and  
 8 tired old feet.  
 9 Environmental justice and equity in  
 10 the distribution and allocation of resources is  
 11 long overdue for the immigrant, for the working  
 12 class and senior citizen communities like  
 13 Gravesend Bay and Coney Island.  
 14 Thank you.  
 15 (Applause.)  
 16 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you for your  
 17 comments.  
 18 We have up to twenty-nine to get to.  
 19 We're only up to number seven. I don't want to  
 20 cut people off because I'm sure you have important  
 21 things that you want to convey to the community  
 22 here. But if you run over, I would then ask that  
 23 if someone else would like to cede their time, the  
 24 speaker that's still speaking, please call out.  
 25 Our next speaker is Mr. Bryan

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 2 Thomas.  
 3 (Applause.)  
 4 MR. BRYAN THOMAS: Hello. My name  
 5 is Bryan Thomas. And I'm one of the owners of the  
 6 Marine Basin Marina.  
 7 As one of the owners of the Marine  
 8 Basin Marina I have the pleasure of representing  
 9 over two hundred boaters and their families who  
 10 fish and cruise in around Gravesend Bay.  
 11 It's important to understand that  
 12 Marine Basin would be adjoining to the south of  
 13 this proposed MTS. And due to this close  
 14 proximity, our marina would be affected  
 15 immediately, immediately upon construction and  
 16 immediately upon activation.  
 17 The dredging operation will  
 18 contaminate the waters in and around our marina.  
 19 My customers would bring home fish that may have  
 20 been contaminated by these toxins that were  
 21 dredged from the bay. How will the DOS ensure us  
 22 that these fish do not slowly poison us?  
 23 The tugboat and barge operation in  
 24 combination with the dredging will cause  
 25 significant damage to our seawall. Although the

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 2 that arise, who's to say that my customers aren't  
 3 going to pick up and leave and say, I don't need  
 4 this. I don't need to sit in traffic for three  
 5 hours. I don't need to go out on my boat and  
 6 almost get nailed by a tugboat. I don't need to  
 7 catch fish over here. I'm going to go someplace  
 8 else, and that's the end of me.  
 9 So how can the DOS ensure that my  
 10 customers are going to stay and my customer base  
 11 stays intact. I don't think anybody can assure me  
 12 that. The marina's immediate proximity to this  
 13 MTS creates a great risk to this family's business  
 14 as well as this community's welfare.  
 15 Thank you.  
 16 (Applause.)  
 17 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.  
 18 No. 8, Ruth Cohen.  
 19 MS. RUTH COHEN: Hello. My name is  
 20 Ruth Cohen. I am neither a politician nor a  
 21 public speaker. I'm a resident of the community.  
 22 In reference to this proposed marine  
 23 transfer station, for thirty-three years since  
 24 1956 through 1989 the air we breathed was with  
 25 arsenic, mercury, PCBs. And now you intend by

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 2 Sanitation Department has proposed a king pile  
 3 wall, I must ask and submit to them that they  
 4 improve their plans of this king pile wall to not  
 5 only protect this marina but to fully protect this  
 6 marina.  
 7 (Applause.)  
 8 MR. BRYAN THOMAS: Will the DOS  
 9 guarantee that this sea -- our seawall will not be  
 10 a casualty of this MTS?  
 11 The increase in truck traffic on Bay  
 12 Parkway and Shore Parkway will take hours of  
 13 boating time away from my customers. They'll be  
 14 forced to breathe the carbon monoxide from the  
 15 trucks and the barge exhausts as it blows from  
 16 next door.  
 17 How could the DOS keep this  
 18 excessive exhaust from entering this neighboring  
 19 marina and affecting my customers just sitting on  
 20 their boats sucking in tugboat fumes.  
 21 The marina would certainly see an  
 22 increase in rodent population as well. If  
 23 pesticides are used, what will the effects be on  
 24 the marina when these pesticides are sprayed or  
 25 dropped around? You know, with all these problems

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 2 dredging to spreading these toxins and the  
 3 currents going to Sea Gate, Coney Island,  
 4 Sheepshead Bay, Brighton Beach as well as keeping  
 5 it here.  
 6 We have a recreational area as was  
 7 mentioned, a marina, ball fields, Nellie Bly, a  
 8 wildlife sanctuary and the School for Special  
 9 Children. We have thousands of people living  
 10 here. So "no" to air pollution. "No" to shore  
 11 pollution. "No" to wildlife pollution. "No" to  
 12 human pollution. Do not kill us and this  
 13 neighborhood.  
 14 (Applause.)  
 15 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.  
 16 Our next speaker, No. 9, Steve  
 17 Chung.  
 18 (Applause.)  
 19 MR. STEVEN CHUNG: Hi. Good  
 20 evening, everybody.  
 21 My name is Steve Chung. I'm the  
 22 President of the United Chinese Association of  
 23 Brooklyn. And I represent not only the twenty  
 24 percent Asian population living in Bensonhurst,  
 25 but I'm speaking for everyone else of you because

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 2 I am just like every one of you. I have my  
 3 grandparent and I have children and I know how you  
 4 feel. And I'm really thankful for all the people  
 5 that speak ahead of me doing such a thorough  
 6 research on the consequence of putting a garbage  
 7 transfer station in our neighborhood.  
 8 As of now, I'm speaking as just like  
 9 one of you. First of all, I don't know how  
 10 reliable your data is. But just by looking at the  
 11 way how you handle the incinerator, you are  
 12 operating thirty years without a license. And  
 13 then I look at Mr. Ludger's, last time, research  
 14 he found out there's a load of garbage inside a  
 15 garbage truck which is probably left over from  
 16 many years ago. And this kind of attitude just  
 17 make me doubt the data that you make.  
 18 (Applause.)  
 19 MR. STEVE CHUNG: Second of all, we  
 20 have five senior centers, junior high school,  
 21 amusement park for children in our neighborhood.  
 22 Our senior, our grandfather and our senior  
 23 citizens have been working really hard for their  
 24 life. They need a beautiful coastline, a quiet  
 25 neighborhood for the latter stage of their life.

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 2 one of us over here were willing to put a garbage  
 3 transfer station in anyone's backyard because  
 4 garbage is garbage. Everybody hates it. Period.  
 5 Thank you.  
 6 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.  
 7 Our next speaker, Adeline Michaels.  
 8 (Applause.)  
 9 MS. ADELIN MICHAELS: Ladies and  
 10 gentlemen, the Sanitation Department and myself  
 11 are very old friends. I think I have a library on  
 12 all the material they've sent out.  
 13 My comments today are going to be on  
 14 issues of environmental injustices through the  
 15 years.  
 16 We, the Concerned Citizens of  
 17 Bensonhurst, Inc., know well the many injustices  
 18 through the years of incineration that has plagued  
 19 our community with polluted, foul-smelling air,  
 20 asthma, emphysema, cancer of the lungs which  
 21 resulted in death to many citizens in our  
 22 neighborhood, a cause for environmental injustice.  
 23 The garbage barge that went around  
 24 the world only to come back and be burned at  
 25 Southwest are cause for environmental injustice.

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 2 Do you want to have -- and you talk  
 3 about how you are going to contain the odor, the  
 4 smell of the garbage. Garbage is stink. They are  
 5 stink, period. I don't care how you going to  
 6 contain them, they smell.  
 7 (Applause.)  
 8 MR. STEVEN CHUNG: Do you want a  
 9 garbage truck zoom by in front of your house with  
 10 all the bad smell? I don't want it.  
 11 Mr. Szarpanski --  
 12 MR. SZARPANSKI: Szarpanski.  
 13 MR. STEVEN CHUNG: -- where do  
 14 you live?  
 15 (Audience participation.)  
 16 MR. SZARPANSKI: This is not an  
 17 opportunity to get into personal issues.  
 18 MR. STEVEN CHUNG: I'm not  
 19 presenting a personal attack. If I know where you  
 20 live, I will not put a garbage transfer station  
 21 near where you live.  
 22 (Audience participation.)  
 23 MR. SZARPANSKI: That's very kind  
 24 of you.  
 25 MR. STEVE CHUNG: I don't think any

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 2 The demolition of the Southwest  
 3 incinerator with no pest control by the vendor  
 4 retained by the City was the results of a wave of  
 5 rats spread across the adjacent areas to the  
 6 marina and Nellie Bly, a children's amusement  
 7 park, and other leased establishments, a cause for  
 8 environmental injustice.  
 9 The next and not the least, the  
 10 addition of commercial traffic of fifteen hundred  
 11 tons to be added to the one thousand tons per day  
 12 for this service road of which not only impair our  
 13 air quality and the air quality of the new owner  
 14 of Nellie Bly Amusement Park and the families with  
 15 children at the amusement park to be inhaling the  
 16 exhaust of the idling garbage trucks, is also a  
 17 cause for environmental injustice.  
 18 Our Mayor speaks about enjoying and  
 19 having communities having access to the waterways  
 20 of our City. This area needs that option. We are  
 21 overdeveloped and no effort on behalf of this City  
 22 was made to find an alternative site, also a cause  
 23 for environmental injustice.  
 24 Our City Council, with many new  
 25 elected members unaware of the past injustices

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 2 under the new Council Chair, Theresa Quinn, who  
 3 favored the Mayor's request to support the solid  
 4 waste plan, offered stipends to many Council  
 5 Members to obtain their votes and denying the  
 6 communities that live near these sites, is a cause  
 7 for environmental injustice.  
 8 The City Council's own agendas were  
 9 satisfied, the vote being forty-five "yes" and  
 10 only five voting "no" and two abstained to approve  
 11 this solid waste plan.  
 12 The next environmental injustice is  
 13 to dredge the toxic waters that has contaminated  
 14 toxic wastes within its depth. If you are given  
 15 this permit, we demand that you follow the rules  
 16 that the Department of Sanitation proposed in  
 17 their attachments, that you use only a vacuum  
 18 system to reduce the contamination without causing  
 19 plumage of the sediment.  
 20 Your original cost of fifty million  
 21 for each transfer station is now up to  
 22 seventy-five million in accordance with my  
 23 calculations for the marine transfer station. It  
 24 is not strange. No new technologies are allowed  
 25 in this City to reduce the cost to the taxpayers.

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 2 We're up to No. 12. Forgive me if I  
 3 mispronounce your last name, Leo Mikityansky.  
 4 (Applause.)  
 5 MR. LEO MIKITYANSKY: Good evening,  
 6 everyone.  
 7 My name is Leo Mikityansky. And  
 8 I'll try to be brief. I have a short note and a  
 9 question to the Department of Sanitation. The  
 10 note is regarding the statement that is being  
 11 stressed very heavily in the Department of  
 12 Sanitation's handouts, the additional information.  
 13 The statement basically says that  
 14 "the level of toxins in the bay is the same as  
 15 everywhere in the New York Harbor."  
 16 Now, saying that is largely  
 17 meaningless because the entire New York Harbor is  
 18 toxic, especially if you start dredging due to the  
 19 years of unregulated industrial dumping on the  
 20 area, God only knows what's in the New York  
 21 Harbor. But we do know what's in the Bay, plague  
 22 and death, two out of four horsemen of Apocalypse,  
 23 which the Department of Sanitation wants to  
 24 release.  
 25 The question I have is with respect

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 2 Thank you.  
 3 (Applause.)  
 4 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.  
 5 We now have No. 11. We have a pair  
 6 of speakers, Angela and Amanda Speciale.  
 7 THE SPECIALES: Hi. We will talk  
 8 about how wrong it is to dredge the bay. It  
 9 causes toxic chemicals like lead, mercury and  
 10 other chemicals that we cannot pronounce. We need  
 11 to leave it done the way Mother Nature left it.  
 12 Just because we are young that  
 13 doesn't mean we don't understand. I know that it  
 14 hurts the fishes and the ocean environment. When  
 15 we fish, we expect to eat them but without poison.  
 16 We don't want to eat poisoned sick fish.  
 17 We should respect the ocean and what  
 18 goes in it. Isn't that what it should be. Just  
 19 think about that question. Is the ocean supposed  
 20 to be destroyed and fish killed? Is it worth it.  
 21 This is the crew from the SS My Way.  
 22 Thank you.  
 23 (Applause.)  
 24 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you very  
 25 much. You were terrific.

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 2 to the traffic impact study. Has the Department  
 3 of Sanitation performed a detailed traffic impact  
 4 study to address the effect that hundreds of  
 5 thousands of garbage trucks will have on the  
 6 traffic flow in the community, the effect that it  
 7 will have on the traffic signal system in the  
 8 neighborhood and the air pollution levels that  
 9 will rise because the garbage trucks are heavy  
 10 polluters especially when idling.  
 11 (Applause.)  
 12 MR. SZARPANSKI: Yes. We, of  
 13 course, did a traffic analysis. I will turn it  
 14 over to Joyce Mariani from HDR and she was  
 15 involved in that analysis.  
 16 Joyce.  
 17 MS. JOYCE MARIANI: To answer your  
 18 question, as part of the Draft and Final  
 19 Environmental Impact Statements, we did, on behalf  
 20 of the Department of Sanitation, conduct a  
 21 detailed traffic analysis that looked at  
 22 background traffic peak hours. We called it an AM  
 23 Peak, when the background rush hour traffic was at  
 24 its highest.  
 25 We looked at a facility peak hour

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 2 when the Department of Sanitation's waste hauling  
 3 vehicle truck traffic would be at its highest and  
 4 then in the afternoon during a p.m. facility peak.  
 5 Somebody did mention that there were  
 6 hundreds of trucks looked at in that analysis.  
 7 And we are kind of very conservative and by  
 8 conservative I mean we overestimated what the  
 9 potential traffic could be because we based our  
 10 analysis on having waste from the 1998 data which  
 11 was much higher than what the Department is seeing  
 12 today in the current numbers.  
 13 We added a contingency factor on  
 14 that to adjust for potential changes or increases  
 15 that might occur and seasonal variations and other  
 16 numbers. And what we did find with the higher  
 17 number of trucks that we looked at in the analysis  
 18 was that there were no unmitigable impacts.  
 19 By unmitigable we mean there were  
 20 some facilities and some intersections that we  
 21 needed to modify the timing a little bit to  
 22 improve what you see today.  
 23 A lot of you don't like the traffic  
 24 conditions you see today. But we have to, if  
 25 we're going to add some trucks to it during these

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 2 hours, improve it to a level that's acceptable and  
 3 then add our trucks in so we don't have impacts.  
 4 We also did look at detailed air  
 5 quality and noise at those same intersections and  
 6 along routes leading to and from the facility.  
 7 (Audience participation.)  
 8 MR. LEO MIKITYANSKY: Is a detailed  
 9 report available detailing all these facts and  
 10 summarizing all the results, air pollution, noise  
 11 pollution, traffic flow, the adjustments that will  
 12 be made to the traffic signal system?  
 13 MR. SZARPANSKI: This is all  
 14 included on the Environmental Impact Statement.  
 15 It's on our web. You can get a hard copy, if  
 16 you'd like. You can get the CD. Yes, it's all  
 17 there available for you to review.  
 18 MR. LEO MIKITYANSKY: And I assume  
 19 that including the weekend -- the analysis  
 20 included the weekends and the peak hours on the  
 21 weekends --  
 22 (Audience participation.)  
 23 MR. SZARPANSKI: Can we go in turn,  
 24 please? There's a speaker up there.  
 25 Do you have any more questions.

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 2 MR. LEO MIKITYANSKY: Well, just  
 3 how detailed was the report? I guess it has to be  
 4 reviewed in more detail, but how detailed was the  
 5 study? Were the weekends accounted separately  
 6 from the week days? Were the levels of pollution  
 7 accounted for before and after trucks? Were all  
 8 the seasonal variations, maximum traffic volume of  
 9 variations, the number of garbage trucks,  
 10 plus/minus twenty percent that's adjustable, and  
 11 the daily peaks and weekly peaks accounted for? I  
 12 really want to know how detailed the study was.  
 13 MS. JOYCE MARIANI: We did prepare  
 14 a very detailed study and we spent several years  
 15 working on the study with the Department looking  
 16 at this facility, as well as the other ones in the  
 17 proposed Solid Waste Management Plan.  
 18 We have a very thorough methodology  
 19 that's explained in the report, it's voluminous,  
 20 as well as the analyses for the site and all the  
 21 locations that were looked at.  
 22 We did also meet with the New York  
 23 City DOT, the New York City DEP and other agencies  
 24 to make sure that they reviewed and approved the  
 25 methodologies that we used in accordance with the

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 2 standard City's Environmental Quality Review. And  
 3 it's been reviewed by multiple agencies.  
 4 The DEIS was also available for  
 5 public comment. We took into consideration the  
 6 comments that were made. We did an alternative  
 7 analysis route for this specific facility as well  
 8 as in response to comments. So I can go through  
 9 your questions in much more detail but we did do a  
 10 very thorough analysis.  
 11 A VOICE: How many pedestrians  
 12 cross at this intersection?  
 13 MS. JOYCE MARIANI: We actually do  
 14 the pedestrian count and then traffic accidents.  
 15 So we use both, it's part of the standard  
 16 procedures and what the DOT requires you to do.  
 17 A VOICE: Was it done in the  
 18 summer?  
 19 MS. JOYCE MARIANI: It was not done  
 20 in the summer. It was not done in the summer  
 21 because what the DOT requires you to do is have  
 22 your analysis during peak hours and peak-projected  
 23 periods of time under normal traffic conditions.  
 24 (Audience participation.)  
 25 MR. WALTER CZWARTACKY: Excuse me.

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 2 Would you let her finish speaking. She will answer  
 3 your questions. She is answering your question --  
 4 Allow me.  
 5 There are established protocols for  
 6 the performance of these that say you have to  
 7 accommodate and analyze maximum pedestrian  
 8 movements. You happen to believe that occurred  
 9 during the summer. The data we collected  
 10 indicates differently and we analyzed that data.  
 11 It's in the EIS and you ought to look at it.  
 12 A VOICE: Is the data available on  
 13 the web site with the report in its entirety?  
 14 MR. SZARPANSKI: Yes, it is.  
 15 A VOICE: Thank you.  
 16 MR. SZARPANSKI: Any more  
 17 questions?  
 18 MR. LEO MIKITYANSKY: Thank you for  
 19 answering my questions.  
 20 (Applause.)  
 21 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.  
 22 Our next speaker, No. 13, Seymore  
 23 Jecher.  
 24 (Applause.)  
 25 MR. SEYMORE JECHER: With all due

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 2 disease-causing vermin.  
 3 This proposed action will also jam  
 4 up Shore Road. Try driving down Shore Road  
 5 sometime in the summer. One-lane service road  
 6 utilized by a mall, a motel, a sports club, a bus  
 7 depot, a car sales area and a children's amusement  
 8 park plus a marina.  
 9 Does the Mayor with clear conscience  
 10 approve this action?  
 11 Finished.  
 12 (Applause.)  
 13 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.  
 14 Our next speaker is No. 14, Melvin  
 15 Wolfson.  
 16 MR. MELVIN WOLFSON: I would just  
 17 like to second what everybody else has said so far  
 18 and echo their concerns about the traffic problems  
 19 that we have are already excessive. And I don't  
 20 believe anybody in this room, other than the  
 21 people up front, that were very comforted by the  
 22 extensive traffic analysis that was described to  
 23 us a few moments ago. We're not happy with it.  
 24 We're not happy with the traffic now without the  
 25 added pressure that this SWMP, you guys call it a

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 2 respect to the representatives of the Department  
 3 of Sanitation, your flowery description of this  
 4 project sounds like President Bush describing our  
 5 progress in Iraq.  
 6 (Applause.)  
 7 MR. SEYMORE JECHER: I've lived in  
 8 this neighborhood for forty-seven years, raised  
 9 three children here. And I've watched them  
 10 improve yearly from an almost dead neighborhood  
 11 with many empty lots to a thriving community with  
 12 many new homes and stores inhabited by many new  
 13 tax-paying residents.  
 14 We are happy here and we want to  
 15 stay that way. The Department of Sanitation in  
 16 its wisdom has decided to reactivate a former  
 17 cancer-causing incinerator plant on the shore, at  
 18 the foot of 26th Avenue and use it as a collecting  
 19 and barge loading point for garbage.  
 20 This would require dredging to  
 21 accommodate the barges which would bring to the  
 22 water surface the accumulated poisons of many  
 23 years. These toxins would kill the fish and  
 24 migrating birds which inhabit the area plus  
 25 polluting the waters plus enticing rats and other

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 2 "swamp." I'm not sure what that means. But  
 3 looking at your paperwork all I could visualize is  
 4 "Disney" (DSNY) is giving us a swamp. That's what  
 5 I saw. It's a mess.  
 6 (Audience participation.)  
 7 MR. SEYMORE JECHER: It doesn't add  
 8 up in our minds. And people have real concerns  
 9 because when politicians and bureaucrats screw up  
 10 big time, what you read in the paper the next day,  
 11 mistakes were made. Mistakes were made but then  
 12 we have to live with them. If it works, great.  
 13 But we don't see how it's going to. We don't see  
 14 how we're going to deal with the traffic that's  
 15 going to be added to what's already there.  
 16 It makes no sense to have a  
 17 twenty-year plan to improve the Sanitation system  
 18 and not do something about the trucks coming into  
 19 these facilities. That, to my knowledge, isn't  
 20 included. It makes no sense to dredge the  
 21 waterfront. And that's really what I wanted to  
 22 speak about for the balance of this time.  
 23 The waterfront that we have in this  
 24 community is an untapped jewel. None of us are  
 25 using it sufficiently. But if you take a walk

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 2 along the walkway, north of this shopping center  
 3 towards the Verrazano Bridge, there is a treasure  
 4 that should be developed. It should not be a  
 5 Sanitation facility. There is not enough of this  
 6 in the country or in the world. Forget about  
 7 here. We don't have enough of these facilities.  
 8 And how could you insult this region by just  
 9 saying, well, we'll have these big barges come in,  
 10 we're going to dredge the water, whatever that  
 11 does but it won't be too bad.  
 12 We hope it won't be too bad. And in  
 13 general, how do you do this to the oceanfront.  
 14 How do you do this to a community with a straight  
 15 face? We can't trust what you're saying, period.  
 16 (Applause.)  
 17 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.  
 18 Our next speaker is No. 15, Vicki  
 19 Grubman.  
 20 (Applause.)  
 21 MS. VICKI GRUBMAN: My name is  
 22 Vicki Grubman and I'm a member of Wake Up and  
 23 Smell the Garbage.  
 24 Fourteen years ago I was involved in  
 25 the community-wide efforts to keep the Southwest

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 2 disabilities and neurological problems; cadmium  
 3 which causes kidney damage and worst of all,  
 4 dioxin usually described as the most toxic  
 5 compound known to man. It is hazardous at  
 6 extremely tiny quantities and has been linked  
 7 conclusively to certain types of cancer.  
 8 In November of 1990, the Southwest  
 9 Brooklyn incinerator was releasing dioxin into the  
 10 air at a hundred and ninety times the State's  
 11 targeted safe level. The Department of Sanitation  
 12 knew about this test result, did not notify the  
 13 public and kept the incinerator running for  
 14 another ten months.  
 15 What we don't know is how many  
 16 months or years prior to this stack test was the  
 17 incinerator emitting dangerously high levels of  
 18 dioxin and other toxins. So it's no surprise that  
 19 in our survey, three out of four households  
 20 reported at least one member suffering from a  
 21 chronic or catastrophic illness such as this  
 22 typical family who responded.  
 23 "We are directly in the path of the  
 24 smoke emanating from the stacks of the  
 25 incinerator. My husband died of lung cancer and I

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 2 Brooklyn incinerator from reopening and our  
 3 grassroots group, then called the Contello  
 4 Waterview Coalition Against the Incinerator,  
 5 distributed health questionnaires to all the  
 6 households of the five co-op buildings surrounding  
 7 the incinerator.  
 8 We received completed questionnaires  
 9 from four hundred and fifty-six households  
 10 representing a total of one thousand five hundred  
 11 and forty-six individuals. I'd like to read some  
 12 representative comments from those questionnaires.  
 13 "Black soot and ash covered our  
 14 window sills every single day. We suffered  
 15 through horrible odors from burning air."  
 16 Another person wrote: "The soot was  
 17 so heavy I found it on my blanket when I woke up."  
 18 And this comment, "You can clean  
 19 everyday of the week and the soot is there the  
 20 next day. The stench in the air was disgusting.  
 21 I never had any allergies or any breathing  
 22 disorder before I moved here."  
 23 But this wasn't ordinary soot. It  
 24 was incinerator ash which consists of toxins such  
 25 as lead and mercury which cause learning

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 2 have asthma."  
 3 Our survey results showed one out of  
 4 ten individuals had suffered from cancer. But  
 5 this was not the whole story because our survey  
 6 didn't count those families who had moved away or  
 7 who are all deceased.  
 8 For instance, we were told that on  
 9 one particular floor of ten apartments there had  
 10 been fifteen cancer deaths but they were not  
 11 counted in our survey because there was no one  
 12 left from those families to testify.  
 13 The Bensonhurst/Coney Island area  
 14 has one of the highest percentages of elderly in  
 15 the City. And there actually was the Director of  
 16 the Sephardic Home here tonight. I don't know if  
 17 he will have a chance to speak.  
 18 Elderly people with already fragile  
 19 health. This is, therefore, probably the  
 20 neighborhood most vulnerable to the health risks  
 21 posed by the particulates from diesel fuel and to  
 22 the proposed dredging in the bay, the dredging  
 23 that will dredge up the same toxic and incinerator  
 24 ash that is been sickening and killing people for  
 25 decades.

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 2 The fact that this community has  
 3 suffered and continues to suffer the consequences  
 4 of dioxin and other toxin poisoning over a period  
 5 of decades from the mismanaged Department of  
 6 Sanitation facility, is Exhibit No. 1 in our plea  
 7 for environmental justice.

8 This alone is more than a sufficient  
 9 reason to cancel a garbage transfer station at the  
 10 Southwest Brooklyn incinerator site.

11 (Applause.)

12 MS. VICKI GRUBMAN: We have been  
 13 over-burdened long enough with the callous  
 14 disregard of the Department of Sanitation in this  
 15 City to our welfare and we have paid for it with  
 16 our flesh and blood.

17 (Applause.)

18 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.

19 Our next speaker is No. 16, Stanley,  
 20 is it L-A-V-E?

21 MR. STANLEY LAVE: Yes, Lave.

22 (Applause.)

23 MR. STANLEY LAVE: Hi. I'm Stanley  
 24 Lave with the Park Slope Green. An Associate  
 25 Member of the United Steel Workers.

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 2 As we know, seawater is not  
 3 stagnant. The contaminants from the dredging will  
 4 spread throughout the region, at least, causing  
 5 harm to the fish and other wildlife in the region,  
 6 at least and this is what I have to say. It's  
 7 going to do more harm than just locally.

8 Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.

11 Our next speaker, No. 18, Harvey  
 12 Cigman.

13 (Applause.)

14 MR. HARVEY CIGMAN: I have some  
 15 questions concerning noise and diesel pollution  
 16 from Sanitation trucks delivering and returning  
 17 from the transfer station, which I hope you can  
 18 answer tonight.

19 What route will private and City  
 20 Sanitation trucks take to and from the transfer  
 21 station?

22 How frequently will private and City  
 23 Sanitation trucks pass on Bay Parkway near Shore  
 24 Parkway to deliver garbage to the transfer station  
 25 and return from the transfer station during the

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 2 following hours: 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and 6:00  
 3 p.m. to 12:00 midnight and 12:00 midnight to 6:00  
 4 a.m.?

5 MR. SZARPANSKI: We can address  
 6 those questions.

7 Joyce.

8 MR. ELO COMFORT: My name is Elo  
 9 Comfort and I'm with HDR. I helped perform the  
 10 traffic analyses in the area.

11 The routes that will be taken by  
 12 Sanitation and commercial trucks in the area would  
 13 be along Bay Parkway to Shore Road to get to the  
 14 transfer station. And then leaving the transfer  
 15 station some trucks will travel, continue down  
 16 Shore Parkway.

17 Some trucks will turn down 26th  
 18 Avenue to return to the districts that they  
 19 originated in. Other trucks will turn down to  
 20 Cropsey where Cropsey and Shore intersect and then  
 21 they will return to their collection districts  
 22 from that point either going north on Cropsey or  
 23 south.

24 MR. HARVEY CIGMAN: So going to the  
 25 transfer station, the only route will be Bay

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 2 Parkway to Shore Parkway?  
 3 MR. ELO COMFORT: That is correct.  
 4 MR. HARVEY CIGMAN: Why is that?  
 5 MR. ELO COMFORT: That is the only  
 6 access that is provided in the area. The trucks  
 7 will be routed along designated truck routes in  
 8 the area. The truck routes are designated by New  
 9 York City Department of Transportation.

10 MR. HARVEY CIGMAN: So all the  
 11 trucks going into the transfer station will be  
 12 passing through on Bay Parkway?

13 MR. ELO COMFORT: At the  
 14 intersection of Bay Parkway and Cropsey.

15 MR. HARVEY CIGMAN: How many trucks  
 16 during those periods that I asked about, how many  
 17 trucks per, you know -- how frequent will the  
 18 trucks pass?

19 MR. WALTER CZWARTACKY: Based on  
 20 historical data of the collection activities that  
 21 occur in this district, we're estimating that DSNY  
 22 trucks, Department trucks, going to that facility  
 23 will be a total of about a hundred a day.

24 The majority of those trucks will  
 25 operate between the hours of eight a.m. to eight



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 2 p.m. The peak hour, maximum number of trucks  
 3 arriving during the peak hour would be twenty. The  
 4 rest would be distributed around that number.  
 5 The commercial waste trucks we're  
 6 talking about would number roughly sixty-five and  
 7 would access the facility between 8:00 p.m. and  
 8 8:00 a.m.  
 9 (Audience participation.)  
 10 MR. WALTER CZWARTACKY: We  
 11 anticipate that the peak period of arrival for  
 12 those trucks would be like 1:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.  
 13 which is, they work evening hours of collection,  
 14 1:00 a.m. in the morning to 3:00 a.m. That's the  
 15 estimated number of vehicles and those are the  
 16 hours of operation.  
 17 A VOICE: What about the school  
 18 buses?  
 19 MR. WALTER CZWARTACKY: I'm aware  
 20 that there are school buses.  
 21 MR. SZARPANSKI: Excuse me, did the  
 22 speaker have any other questions?  
 23 MR. HARVEY CIGMAN: You're saying  
 24 that the City Sanitation trucks will be from 8:00  
 25 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.?

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 2 historically that has occurred at that site.  
 3 MR. HARVEY CIGMAN: So fifteen to  
 4 eighteen trucks per hour, that's the City  
 5 Sanitation trucks?  
 6 MR. WALTER CZWARTACKY: Yes.  
 7 MR. HARVEY CIGMAN: The City  
 8 Sanitation trucks, plus what about the private?  
 9 MR. WALTER CZWARTACKY: The  
 10 privates will run in the evening hours when DSNY  
 11 trucks do not normally operate, absent an  
 12 emergency situation.  
 13 MR. HARVEY CIGMAN: That's  
 14 unacceptable. There'll be diesel pollution. There  
 15 will be vibrations through the structures along  
 16 Bay Parkway.  
 17 MR. WALTER CZWARTACKY: The  
 18 commercial waste element of this plan is a  
 19 consequence of a requirement by the City Council  
 20 from the year 2000 that we examine the City's  
 21 marine transfer station's ability to handle  
 22 commercial waste. And that comes from the fact  
 23 that the majority of this City's commercial waste  
 24 is sent to one or two neighborhoods that are  
 25 overwhelmed by it. So we conducted an analysis of

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 2 MR. WALTER CZWARTACKY: That's  
 3 correct.  
 4 MR. HARVEY CIGMAN: And not after  
 5 8:00 p.m.?  
 6 MR. WALTER CZWARTACKY: It is the  
 7 predominant hours of DSNY operation, 8:00 a.m. to  
 8 8:00 p.m. There are instances when, if there's a  
 9 delay on the route or a problem with the truck, it  
 10 goes back to its garage it could be delayed passed  
 11 8:00 p.m.  
 12 MR. HARVEY CIGMAN: So how many  
 13 trucks per hour would that -- you know, on a  
 14 typical average hour of Sanitation trucks and then  
 15 plus private sanitation trucks?  
 16 MR. WALTER CZWARTACKY: We see the  
 17 peak hour of Sanitation trucks being about twenty  
 18 trucks. We see hours preceding that being in the  
 19 eighteen to fifteen range. The hours after that  
 20 being eighteen to fifteen and then the numbers  
 21 going down to single digits -- eight, four and so  
 22 on which is the nature of trucks being assigned to  
 23 a garage. They go to the route, they run the  
 24 route and they come back to the dump site and then  
 25 go back to the garage. So that's the distribution

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 2 the ability of each MTS in the City to receive  
 3 commercial waste. Our criteria was to find the  
 4 amount of commercial waste that could go to the  
 5 site using the protocols of salvage and  
 6 environmental review, and traffic review and noise  
 7 review to find the amount that could go to a site  
 8 between the normal hours of commercial waste  
 9 operation that would not impose any environmental  
 10 impacts upon the neighborhood that the MTS resided  
 11 in.  
 12 The number we derived for this  
 13 facility from that analysis, which is in our EIS  
 14 and in the Commercial Waste Management Study, was  
 15 seven hundred eighteen tons which equates to  
 16 roughly sixty-five commercial waste trucks.  
 17 We have to, if we want those trucks  
 18 to come to this site, market that capacity and get  
 19 them to use it. We are not forcing them to go  
 20 there. We will open it up. And the goal here --  
 21 and it's a goal that was established by the  
 22 Council in 2000 that the Council re-articulated in  
 23 2004 and re-articulated when it adopted the plan  
 24 -- is to make the management of waste in this town  
 25 more widely distributed amongst its neighborhoods

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 2 and not dependent on just the --  
 3 MR. HARVEY CIGMAN: Then you have to  
 4 diversify the number of routes that bring garbage  
 5 to the transfer station and it can't only be Bay  
 6 Parkway. It has to be a diversification of  
 7 different routes.  
 8 (Applause.)  
 9 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.  
 10 Okay. We hear what you're saying.  
 11 Our next speaker is No. 19, Albina  
 12 Raziano.  
 13 (Applause.)  
 14 MS. ALBINA RAZIANO: I'm not going  
 15 to say a lot except just that it is unacceptable.  
 16 We have been dumped on. Sanitation, I'm sorry.  
 17 You can't clean up after your own trucks when they  
 18 pick up the garbage that is spewed all over the  
 19 floor -- you can't clean up Shore Parkway.  
 20 I am sorry. I just don't believe  
 21 anything you say and it's just unacceptable. And  
 22 that's all I have to say and I'm speaking for the  
 23 residents.  
 24 I've lived in this neighborhood for  
 25 fifty-five years. I love this neighborhood and we

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 2 weeks. I'll show you my window sills, even now  
 3 there's black soot. When the Belt Parkway is  
 4 backed up and people can't travel along the Belt  
 5 Parkway, people use Cropsey Avenue like a viaduct  
 6 and they speed up and down constantly.  
 7 We had people killed trying to cross  
 8 the road. And you know what DOT says, oh, no,  
 9 people die, we can't make an impact survey.  
 10 I'm sorry. The hell with DOT.  
 11 (Applause.)  
 12 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.  
 13 Our next speaker, No. 20, Mark  
 14 Treyzer.  
 15 (Applause.)  
 16 MR. MARK TREYZER: Good evening.  
 17 My name is Mark Treyzer and I'm the  
 18 President of the United Progressive Democratic  
 19 Club.  
 20 Before I go into my comments, I have  
 21 a quick question. What's the name of the traffic  
 22 company study that conducted this study for this  
 23 area, this proposed site?  
 24 MR. SZARPANSKI: The consultant who  
 25 worked on the study?

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 2 do not need what you are bringing into it. And  
 3 DOT, Department of Transportation, they are the  
 4 worst.  
 5 What are you going to do when your  
 6 Sanitation trucks tear up our street? What are  
 7 you going to do then and then DOT's going to come  
 8 and tear it up and then pave it and the two or  
 9 three weeks it takes to pave it, potholes are  
 10 enough.  
 11 The quality of life. You can't tell  
 12 us there's no analysis of harm that's going to be  
 13 done to this neighborhood on quality of life.  
 14 I want to continue to live here.  
 15 This is one of the best neighborhoods. We don't  
 16 have hurricanes, we don't have tornadoes but we  
 17 die from what you want to give us into our lungs.  
 18 What happened to the Twin Towers.  
 19 They said the air was safe. Then it took what,  
 20 years afterwards for the studies to come out that  
 21 now people are dying from the air that we breathe  
 22 and the Twin Towers, we're supposed to believe the  
 23 Sanitation Department?  
 24 Come live with me. I have an extra  
 25 bedroom. You can stay with me for a couple of

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 2 MR. MARK TREYZER: Yes, please.  
 3 MR. SZARPANSKI: HDR.  
 4 MR. MARK TREYZER: Well, everyone  
 5 remember that name, HDR because that's a name we  
 6 will never call for a traffic study done in this  
 7 area.  
 8 Thank you.  
 9 (Applause.)  
 10 MR. MARK TREYZER: If tonight's  
 11 agenda is on environmental justice, then what DOS  
 12 is proposing to build and operate in this  
 13 community represents one of the most egregious  
 14 cases of environmental injustice.  
 15 Over thirty years of illegal  
 16 incineration, over thirty years of increased  
 17 asthma and cancer rates, over thirty years of air  
 18 pollution and over thirty years of poor quality of  
 19 life.  
 20 From Nellie Bly Amusement Park,  
 21 which draws thousand of children each year, to  
 22 Dreier Offerman Park, which draws in thousands of  
 23 athletes and wildlife enthusiasts each year, to  
 24 schools that's just a block or two, and Cavallaro.  
 25 The neighborhoods that are next to

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 2 the transfer station site are far from being  
 3 called industrial establishments.  
 4 We're talking about thousands upon  
 5 thousands of children, young and old adults  
 6 crossing the very paths that garbage trucks plan  
 7 to travel on. We're talking about smells, odors  
 8 and noise that thousands upon thousands of  
 9 children, young and old adults will smell, inhale  
 10 and hear.  
 11 How does your Environmental Impact  
 12 Statement address the thousands of park patrons  
 13 young and old alike?  
 14 How does your Environmental Impact  
 15 Statement address the numerous school children  
 16 that attend schools nearby?  
 17 How does your Environmental Impact  
 18 Statement address Chaim Solomon Home for senior  
 19 residents, or Regina Pacis, or Waterview Towers,  
 20 or Harway Towers or Contello Towers and all the  
 21 residential homes nearby this site.  
 22 Show me where the DEIS adequately  
 23 addresses these concerns. Put it in writing that  
 24 nobody here in this room will ever get sick  
 25 because of an operating waste station. Put it in

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 2 Ard.  
 3 MR. ANTHONY ARD: Mr. Szarpanski,  
 4 folks here at Southwest Brooklyn, my name is Tony  
 5 Ard. I'm president of the Gracie Point Community  
 6 Council.  
 7 This is a coalition of citizens,  
 8 businesspeople and corporations and institutions  
 9 that are united in a common concern that a garbage  
 10 processing facility has no place in a residential  
 11 neighborhood.  
 12 Our point about this is this:  
 13 Despite the protocols that have been described,  
 14 this plan and this EIS, this Environmental Impact  
 15 Statement, do not get to the environmental truth.  
 16 Much of this has been talked about already with  
 17 respect to the dredging and the toxic substances  
 18 in the river bed.  
 19 We, at Gracie Point, share one  
 20 common theme with you and that is with respect to  
 21 the Block Institute just blocks away.  
 22 Here we've got a school in your  
 23 community -- like a school we have in our  
 24 community called Gillen Brewer. And it serves  
 25 hundreds of developmentally disabled children from

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 2 writing that no harm will be done to the children  
 3 and seniors because of an operating waste station.  
 4 Put it in writing that our environment and  
 5 wildlife will not suffer because of an operating  
 6 waste transfer station.  
 7 Folks, don't be surprised because  
 8 they just may do that. That is exactly what the  
 9 DOS did decades ago when they told the New York  
 10 State Department of Environmental Conservation  
 11 that its incinerator imposes no threat to the  
 12 adjacent community. That's what they said, "the  
 13 incinerator posed no severe threat" to this  
 14 community. BS.  
 15 Your track record in this community  
 16 is dismal. We've been severely scarred and burned  
 17 due to the City's environmental injustice record  
 18 to this community.  
 19 I look forward to your thorough  
 20 responses to the concerns I've raised. However,  
 21 don't expect me or anyone in this room to buy it.  
 22 Thank you.  
 23 (Applause.)  
 24 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.  
 25 Our next speaker, No. 21, Anthony

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 2 age two and severely involved adults who receive  
 3 continuing therapies and services.  
 4 At Gracie Point in Manhattan we have  
 5 Gillen Brewer who serves children with a wide  
 6 variety of often multi-language, emotional,  
 7 developmental learning and health-related  
 8 disabilities who use not only the school, which  
 9 would be about six hundred feet from the marine  
 10 transfer station proposed in Manhattan, but also  
 11 the Asphalt Green which is a recreational facility  
 12 that specializes in fitness and health,  
 13 particularly for uses like Gillen Brewer.  
 14 I want the people to know that we  
 15 stand with you. In Manhattan, we stand with you  
 16 and oppose this plan because its City-wide basis,  
 17 it does not reach the truth with respect to  
 18 environmental impact.  
 19 (Applause.)  
 20 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.  
 21 No. 22, Lena Budanitsky.  
 22 (Applause.)  
 23 MS. LENDA BUDANITSKY: Hi. My name  
 24 is Lena Budanitsky. And I live in Waterview  
 25 Towers.

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 2 If this garbage transfer station  
 3 becomes a reality, I'm concerned about safety of  
 4 people who use Nellie Bly Amusement Park for  
 5 little children located on Shore Parkway and 25th  
 6 Avenue. The park has been there many years and is  
 7 enjoyed by families and very little children. I  
 8 understand there is now new ownership and the  
 9 party's new name is Adventurous Entertainment.

10 I have here a copy of an article  
 11 from New York Daily News on Friday, April 13th  
 12 which describes the improvement the new owner  
 13 made, including a brand new roller coaster  
 14 imported from Italy and picnic tables. Clearly  
 15 the new owner hopes to continue the tradition  
 16 which allows children to enjoy the rides.

17 The trucks must enter the garbage  
 18 station by turning off on Shore Parkway and onto  
 19 25th Avenue along the fence of the park. The  
 20 trucks will exit the garbage station and travel  
 21 down the street on the other side of the park.

22 Currently, these two streets and  
 23 part of the Shore Parkway near the park are used  
 24 by families to exit from cars with the little  
 25 children to use the park and to load up the cars

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 2 said that the total tonnage, when I added it up,  
 3 will be sixteen hundred and sixty-eight hundred  
 4 tons putting together with residential and  
 5 commercial. Then why is the permit for three  
 6 times that amount that's being asked for?

7 I want to talk about something that  
 8 nobody else has talked about. And that's about  
 9 pesticides and the transfer station.

10 In its Final Environmental Impact  
 11 Statement, FEIS, the City writes: "Procedures to  
 12 control vermin, such as rats and insects, would be  
 13 or, in the case of existing facilities, are  
 14 incorporated into the operating permit of each  
 15 proposed plan facility.

16 "Licensed exterminators would  
 17 service each converted MTS monthly. The  
 18 exterminators would evaluate potential pest and  
 19 vector problems and apply bait and/or spray  
 20 throughout their refuse handling area, the tipping  
 21 floor, the lunch and locker rooms and  
 22 administrative areas.

23 "Standing water in the barges not  
 24 being used will be treated with larvicide and  
 25 pesticide spray when necessary."

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 2 when they go home.  
 3 Right now Shore Parkway, near the  
 4 park, has a lot of traffic which includes cars  
 5 exiting the Belt Parkway and leaving the Caesar's  
 6 Bay Shopping Mall. The busy New York City bus  
 7 route, plus moving hundreds of Verizon trucks and  
 8 Atlantic School buses entering and leaving the  
 9 parking lots, mixed with hundreds of garbage  
 10 trucks that enter and exit the garbage station and  
 11 mingle with traffic and with families whose  
 12 parents and children may be distracted by  
 13 excitement of the day, is clearly a formula for  
 14 disaster.

15 Building an operational garbage  
 16 transfer station at this location is extremely  
 17 dangerous and not in the best interest of the  
 18 people who use the park.

19 Thank you.  
 20 (Applause.)  
 21 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.  
 22 No. 23, Mitchell Cohen.  
 23 (Applause.)  
 24 MR. MITCHELL COHEN: Hi.  
 25 The Department of Sanitation has

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 2 Now, I'm a coordinator of a group  
 3 called the No Spray Coalition which fought against  
 4 pesticide spray and continue to fight throughout  
 5 New York City.

6 The proposed transfer station will  
 7 be situated right here on Gravesend Bay which is  
 8 the most environmentally sensitive water body in  
 9 this water and perhaps even in the entire state.

10 Pesticides kill fish. Horseshoe  
 11 Crabs, which are in addition to being the oldest  
 12 creatures on the planet, are indispensable for  
 13 medical research that's going on; kill  
 14 butterflies, bees, birds, et cetera, as well as  
 15 mosquitos and unwanted critters.

16 The labels on Malathion, Pyrethroids  
 17 and Piperonyl Butoxide, all warn against spraying  
 18 over or near bodies of the water. Don't forget  
 19 this is situated right on the water.

20 Pesticides are especially dangerous  
 21 for brain and nerve development in young children  
 22 and for elderly people with the expectation that  
 23 almost five thousand trucks per month will be  
 24 utilizing this facility picking up pesticides on  
 25 their wheels and rumbling past various local

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 2 facilities for developmentally disabled children  
 3 on their route. One would think that a proper  
 4 Environmental Impact study would address those  
 5 concerns. Yet, there's not a single line, not one  
 6 line in the FEIS about these concerns in the  
 7 Environmental Impact Statement.

8 Just last week the City agreed to  
 9 settle a seven-year-old lawsuit brought against  
 10 the massive and indiscriminate spraying of toxic  
 11 pesticides that we brought. And I was one of the  
 12 plaintiffs. And in addition to winning, us  
 13 winning eighty thousand dollars for a number of  
 14 local grassroots environmental and wildlife  
 15 protection groups, as part of last week's  
 16 settlement agreement, the City admitted and I  
 17 quote, "Pesticides may remain in the environment  
 18 beyond their intended purpose, cause adverse  
 19 health effects, kill mosquitos' natural predators,  
 20 increase mosquito resistance to the sprays and are  
 21 not presently approved for direct application to  
 22 waterways."

23 In fact, I submit here the following  
 24 seven groups of published studies that speak  
 25 directly to this grave issue which is one of

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 2 extraordinary environmental injustice. And I  
 3 quote here from a number of studies.

4 One is by Centers for Disease  
 5 Control that found that all residents of the  
 6 United States now carry dangerously high levels of  
 7 pesticides and their residue in our bodies.

8 Second. The U.S. Geological Study,  
 9 which shows that a large percentage of waterways  
 10 and streams throughout the United States including  
 11 those in New York City and right here in Brooklyn,  
 12 have been found to contain environmentally  
 13 destructive pesticides that may severely impact on  
 14 animal and aquatic life. And while there is a  
 15 long list and people want to know about it and  
 16 there are five more categories of different areas  
 17 that the new research -- not the research from the  
 18 nineties, but from the new research that's been  
 19 done the past few years show that there's impacts  
 20 on health.

21 Finally, I know that DSNY is which  
 22 we call "Disney" because it has these Mickey Mouse  
 23 proposals, is concerned with reducing overall  
 24 garbage mileage within New York City. That's  
 25 great but -- and that is the selling point for the

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 2 Solid Waste Management plan. But while that may  
 3 end up reducing total mileage for the City, it  
 4 will concentrate hundreds of garbage trucks daily  
 5 in our area which will subvert the stated  
 6 intention of the plan but poisoning this area and  
 7 other areas in which these plants are being put.

8 So in addition to considering,  
 9 considering the all-night rampage of commercial  
 10 garbage trucks on our, streets, how much in  
 11 additional pollutants will be added to the  
 12 additional eight or so miles per truck in each  
 13 direction to the current particular levels.  
 14 That's nowhere in the Environmental Impact  
 15 Statement, yet, another thing and then there are  
 16 more.

17 I just wanted to stand here also in  
 18 solidarity. Nobody said it yet, in solidarity  
 19 with the people of Greenpoint and Williamsburg who  
 20 are being poisoned by commercial land-based waste  
 21 transfer stations and they have a right to shut  
 22 those down. They're absolutely correct in  
 23 shutting those down.

24 The point, though, is not to put  
 25 them in another residential area. The point is to

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 2 put them in industrial areas and elsewhere and  
 3 reduce the amount of garbage in New York City  
 4 totally and the whole waste stream which is  
 5 nothing and is being proposed by "Disney."

6 (Applause.)  
 7 MR. SZARPANSKI: Mr. Cohen, do you  
 8 have a copy of your remarks? That would be  
 9 helpful to us.

10 MR. MITCHEL COHEN: (Handing.)

11 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.  
 12 Our next speaker, No. 24, Julian  
 13 Melendez.

14 (Applause.)  
 15 MR. JULIAN MELENDEZ: Good  
 16 evening.

17 My name is Julian Melendez,  
 18 President of the Environmental Club at a local  
 19 college, CUNY College.

20 I want to say a few words for the  
 21 children of our wonderful community.

22 In the area where they want to put a  
 23 marine transfer station, there is a beautiful  
 24 school for special children.

25 (Applause.)

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 2 MR. JULIAN MELENDEZ: Those  
 3 children cannot speak for themselves and may be  
 4 badly affected by the toxins which will be brought  
 5 to the surface by the dredging. There are also  
 6 renovations of a children's amusement park known  
 7 as Nellie Bly, where parents have brought their  
 8 children for many years.

9 This park will be in the shadow of  
 10 the proposed station. Would you bring your  
 11 children to a park if you knew that it was right  
 12 next to a marine waste transfer station?

13 There is also Dreier Offerman Park  
 14 which several leagues play their baseball games in  
 15 the fresh air against the water. What will become  
 16 of these children? Will they also be affected by  
 17 the toxins that have permeated this area in the  
 18 past.

19 This neighborhood has gone through  
 20 one situation already with the first incinerator  
 21 that emitted a putrid smell and sickened many  
 22 tenants in my building. And many of them in our  
 23 building have died from cancer from the previous  
 24 incinerator.

25 We cannot have this happen again.

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 2 is stupid. That can't be done by accident, can't  
 3 be done by accident. What we want is to sleep.  
 4 Put the new trucks back there, the City trucks but  
 5 that wouldn't coincide with the contractors,  
 6 right, the other people.

7 No, we say that there's no trucks in  
 8 back between 10:00 and 8:00 in the morning.  
 9 That's what we're saying. And if you insist in  
 10 putting those trucks on the Belt Parkway and you  
 11 say "what Belt Parkway," we're ten feet from the  
 12 Belt Parkway. We want noise barriers put up just  
 13 like you did on the Long Island Expressway and all  
 14 the other highways.

15 If you insist on putting the  
 16 noisiest, the oldest, the most decrepit, the most  
 17 polluted trucks at night facing our building,  
 18 right there (indicating), three hundred and  
 19 twenty-one apartments -- not one of you came to  
 20 that building -- we're the most affected by 26th  
 21 Avenue -- because you don't care. You know but  
 22 you don't care.

23 As it is now, do you know where our  
 24 parking lot entrance is? Not one of you knows.  
 25 Your surveys, I'm sure, we're not done at an

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 2 Let's try to make this area better instead of  
 3 worse.

4 Thank you.  
 5 (Applause.)

6 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.  
 7 No. 25, Stephen Abramson.  
 8 (Applause.)

9 MR. STEPHEN ABRAMSON: My name is  
 10 Steve Abramson.  
 11 I'm the President of Waterview  
 12 Towers.

13 Does anybody in the dais know where  
 14 Waterview Towers is?  
 15 (No response.)

16 MR. STEPHEN ABRAMSON: Right over  
 17 there (indicating.) None of you know because not  
 18 one of you ever approached me in all the years of  
 19 what nonsense you're doing. I have to assume that  
 20 everybody on the dais knows the truth of what  
 21 we're saying and you do know it.

22 Now, I hear you want to put the  
 23 dirtiest, the noisiest, the oldest garbage trucks  
 24 running at 8:00 at night to 8:00 in the mornings  
 25 so we cannot sleep. That is an obscenity. That

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 2 intersection. We're on 26th Avenue. I can't get  
 3 into the parking lot now. How in the world are  
 4 you telling me we are not going to be affected.  
 5 You are denying me the right to my property, I'll  
 6 tell you that right now. And if it takes a  
 7 lawsuit, if it takes me sitting down in front of  
 8 your trucks like we had to do before, then we'll  
 9 do it.

10 (Applause.)

11 MR. STEPHEN ABRAMSON: One other  
 12 thing. To show you how much credibility I give  
 13 for you people, when they had the barge -- I have  
 14 been here many years and the whole world said "not  
 15 in my back yard." I wonder where you guys put the  
 16 garbage. Wow, could it be right here because you  
 17 didn't care. The whole world said "no," and you  
 18 said we'll do it right here in Bensonhurst.

19 You have no credibility and I laid  
 20 down in front of your trucks at that time. And if  
 21 Waterview Towers has to do it again, we will do it  
 22 again. We will go to court. We will lay down. We  
 23 will put our cars in the way because you know  
 24 what's being said is true, you just don't care.

25 Thank you.

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 2 (Applause.)  
 3 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.  
 4 Our next speaker, No. 26, John  
 5 Vento.  
 6 MR. JOHN VENTO: No comment.  
 7 Everything was covered quite well.  
 8 (Applause.)  
 9 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.  
 10 MR. JOHN VENTO: What can I say,  
 11 this community is going to do it our way.  
 12 (Applause.)  
 13 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.  
 14 No. 27, Alice Uzoaga.  
 15 (Applause.)  
 16 MS. ALICE UZOAGA: Good evening.  
 17 My name is Alice Uzoaga. I've been  
 18 a resident of this community since 1963. My son  
 19 grew up here and I'm going to talk about the  
 20 quality of life.  
 21 I'm a senior now but I'm still able  
 22 to fight. The quality of life is very important.  
 23 When I'm sleeping in my bed, I don't want to be  
 24 annoyed by trucks coming down the road shaking a  
 25 seven-story brick building so that my bed

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 2 their trucks when they pick up garbage. The law  
 3 says that they are supposed to pick up the garbage  
 4 that they spill. The men don't do it. Nobody  
 5 monitors them.  
 6 I want to know who's going to pick  
 7 up the garbage in your wonderful, beautiful new  
 8 building when you have spillage from when you have  
 9 transfers from trucks to your holding pen or  
 10 whatever you want to call it, from the holding pen  
 11 to the barges. There is going to be spillage of  
 12 garbage on the floor in that building and around  
 13 the building.  
 14 Who's going to pick that up? Once  
 15 the garbage is there, we know what's going to  
 16 come, rodents, rats. Taco Bell will be a prize  
 17 compared to your site. That's my third point.  
 18 The last point is you talked about  
 19 neutralizing the air in this building. I don't  
 20 know what kind of building it is going to be but I  
 21 guess you must have a magical Febreze bottle that  
 22 you're going to spray. Because if you're going to  
 23 use chemicals to neutralize the stench and the  
 24 smell of this garbage, then I want to know what  
 25 kind of chemicals are you going to use. Are they

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 2 vibrates. It happens even now. I don't want to  
 3 hear the noise from trucks as they go over the  
 4 bumpy, terribly surfaced New York City surfaced  
 5 streets that are never paved correctly.  
 6 When I want to walk to my wonderful  
 7 walkway along the water, I want to be able to  
 8 cross Bay Parkway and Cropsey without having to  
 9 wait for traffic and trying to get across and I  
 10 can't because of the traffic that's turning.  
 11 There's traffic backed up Bay  
 12 Parkway all the way to Benson Avenue and beyond.  
 13 That did not happen ten years ago, fifteen years  
 14 ago. It was a liveable community then, it isn't  
 15 now.  
 16 So when you say you did a traffic  
 17 study, I don't know what corner you were standing  
 18 on but you were not standing on Cropsey and Bay  
 19 Parkway because Bay Parkway is backed up all the  
 20 time now.  
 21 (Applause.)  
 22 MS. ALICE UZOAGA: My second point  
 23 is when we look at the history of the Sanitation  
 24 Department, we know that historically they can't  
 25 clean up anything. They can't clean up behind

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 2 going to be chemicals that two years from now  
 3 somebody is going to discover that the chemical is  
 4 toxic and we have been breathing it for two, three  
 5 years? How are you going to neutralize the  
 6 stinking air that's going to come from all the  
 7 garbage that's going to be in our area?  
 8 I say no more. We're not going to  
 9 have it. I'm from the old school. I'm used to  
 10 when you talk, talk, talk and nobody listens, then  
 11 you put your money and your body where your mouth  
 12 is. And I'm ready to put my body on the line.  
 13 I'll stand in front of the first truck that tries  
 14 to go down 26th Avenue.  
 15 (Applause.)  
 16 MR. SZARPANSKI: No. 28, Debbie  
 17 Drago. Is speaker No. 28 here?  
 18 (No response.)  
 19 MR. SZARPANSKI: We'll skip Debbie  
 20 for now.  
 21 Speaker No. 29, Mikhail, and I'm not  
 22 going to be able to pronounce this. Is it  
 23 B-L-A-Y-K-H-A-U-A-R-I?  
 24 (No response.)  
 25 MR. SZARPANSKI: Speaker No. 30,

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 2 Victoria Goldfedib.  
 3 (Applause.)  
 4 MS. VICTORIA GOLDFEDIB: Hi. My  
 5 name is Victoria Goldfedib.  
 6 I am representing roughly the one  
 7 thousand people who use the Marine Basin Marina  
 8 right across the street from your proposed  
 9 transfer station and also the Yacht Club and there  
 10 -- there is two hundred people there.  
 11 And I've seen the mess that goes on  
 12 there every single day from the station that's  
 13 already there. There is always garbage leaking  
 14 into the water, straight into the Gravesend Bay  
 15 and it's just disgusting. There's giant rats  
 16 running there everywhere. And you had no reason  
 17 to stop it now and the problem is only going to  
 18 get worse.  
 19 All of that stuff is leaking  
 20 directly into the Gravesend Bay and it's hurting  
 21 the fish. And there's this huge layer of grease  
 22 and gunk already at the bottom of the sea floor  
 23 that I've seen for myself because I fish there and  
 24 I eat the fish there. And this area is going to  
 25 be even more polluted and it can not happen. It

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 2 has to be stopped. It's already horrendous and  
 3 it's only going to get worse for the future  
 4 generations.  
 5 I'm going to be a mother. And I  
 6 don't want my children to grow up in an area that  
 7 is wholly contaminated by your proposed station.  
 8 (Applause.)  
 9 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.  
 10 Speaker No. 31, Joseph Laspragata.  
 11 (Applause.)  
 12 MR. JOSEPH LASPRAGATA: How you  
 13 doin' everybody.  
 14 My name is Joseph Laspragata. I  
 15 grew up here in Brooklyn. I'm forty years old. I  
 16 got a lot of close history into the area where  
 17 you're putting this thing.  
 18 No. 1, the boatyards used to be  
 19 shipyards during World War II. So whatever ships  
 20 were made or loaded there could probably still be  
 21 buried there. That's No. 1.  
 22 No. 2, we've heard from everybody  
 23 tonight about the traffic. Traffic is horrendous  
 24 over there, period. I don't care when you did the  
 25 study, your eyes had to be closed because it's

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 2 bad. I don't mean to, you know -- I'm not here to  
 3 poke punches.  
 4 The other thing is this it is just  
 5 not going to work because even if you built, if  
 6 now, if you could "poof" magically put it there,  
 7 the numbers wouldn't work what you got there.  
 8 Instead of sending sixty trucks through there  
 9 you'll be trying to put two hundred trucks through  
 10 there. That's not going to happen.  
 11 No. 3, after the truck throws its  
 12 garbage down and if the tugboats have a strike, if  
 13 they can't get a barge, what happens to the  
 14 garbage, does it just lay there? That's the other  
 15 thing.  
 16 No. 4, we've got a situation here  
 17 where garbage is bad all over New York. There's  
 18 got to be a better solution to the management.  
 19 Brooklyn here has plenty of property where they  
 20 have the sewage treatment plant from the BQE  
 21 Expressway to the water from 69th Street all the  
 22 way to the Battery Tunnel. It's a dead area.  
 23 There are some warehouses or whatnot but there's  
 24 no residents.  
 25 All the residents are on the other

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 2 side of the highway. You can build a world-class  
 3 facility there with recycling. Not only could you  
 4 do recycling, you have the cardboard and the  
 5 paper.  
 6 With today's technology filters  
 7 could be made and we can produce power off of it,  
 8 too, off of the same crap we're trying to get rid  
 9 of. I just think it's sickness. You're wasting  
 10 everybody's money. You're wasting our containers,  
 11 you waste it on everything. It's a waste and  
 12 that's the problem. And you're going to look to  
 13 stick these things in other neighborhoods. And  
 14 you're going to have the same problems in other  
 15 neighborhoods. And you know this and you knew it  
 16 when you went into it, right?  
 17 What I'm trying to say to you is  
 18 this, we need to really put our heads together and  
 19 we need to stop thinking about now, and we need to  
 20 stop thinking about twenty years from now. We  
 21 need to stop and think about fifty or a hundred  
 22 years from now. And there's no doubt that a  
 23 world-class facility in the neighborhood in which  
 24 I told you would not work, it would definitely  
 25 work.



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 2 You have the railroads that are  
 3 connected throughout the whole country added to  
 4 that area and you got the ships. You have nothing  
 5 to dredge. So it all makes sense to put it over  
 6 there. It's more cost effective. You're  
 7 basically you're trying to put ten pounds of stuff  
 8 in a two-pound bag and that's what it is.  
 9 Thank you and I hope you do  
 10 something about it.  
 11 (Applause.)  
 12 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.  
 13 Speaker No. 32, Brian Gottlieb.  
 14 MR. BRIAN GOTTLIEB: Good evening.  
 15 My name is Brian Gottlieb. Even  
 16 though I speak on my own personal behalf, I am the  
 17 former Chairman of Community Board #13. And  
 18 rather than rehash everything that has been spoken  
 19 by previous speakers, I would like to address  
 20 issues concerning safety procedures and their  
 21 environmental impacts, specifically, we all know  
 22 this area, this part of Brooklyn is in a flood  
 23 zone.  
 24 What happens if an accident happens  
 25 and flooding occurs at this facility? What will

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 2 in the monitoring of how this plant operates and  
 3 communicating with the local residents?  
 4 Streets around the Sheepshead Bay  
 5 and Knapp Street area knew something was wrong  
 6 when they saw the flames coming out of the plant.  
 7 What are people here going to know?  
 8 Thank you.  
 9 (Applause.)  
 10 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.  
 11 Our next speaker is Chris Beeson,  
 12 No. 33.  
 13 MR. CHRIS BEESON: How you doin',  
 14 everyone?  
 15 I'm the President of East Coast  
 16 Kruzers. We've been in the community for about  
 17 six years. We've done a world of difference  
 18 helping the kids, Hurricane Katrina, all of that.  
 19 We've been a part of anything and everything this  
 20 community's done.  
 21 We're putting together a softball  
 22 team to play in the park here. "The Three  
 23 Diamonds" I call it. I grew up here all my life,  
 24 Bay 25th and Bath Avenue.  
 25 You're telling me -- I'm in

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 2 happen to the environment? Also bringing our  
 3 collective memories back to the summer of 2003 at  
 4 the Coney Island Waste Transfer Station on Knapp  
 5 Street when there was an explosion and fire.  
 6 At that time, I served as  
 7 Congressman Weiner's Deputy Chief of Staff. I was  
 8 at that plant as the fire trucks and firemen were  
 9 battling the fire and also I was one of the  
 10 members of a group that took a tour of this  
 11 facility after the fire was put out.  
 12 Now, the people surrounding that  
 13 plant had to deal with foul odor for months on end  
 14 thereafter. What will the people of this  
 15 community are going to have to deal with if  
 16 there's an accident at this plant? What's going  
 17 to happen to the people in Coney Island.  
 18 Now, as you know, and as we all  
 19 know, the City's investing hundreds of millions of  
 20 dollars to revitalize Coney Island to bring in new  
 21 business, bring in new hotels, new everything.  
 22 What's going to happen if there's an accident?  
 23 What type of precautions are being made to advise  
 24 the community? What type of communication is  
 25 being done? What type of oversight is being done

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 2 construction -- you're telling me you're going to  
 3 put commercial vehicles down Bay Parkway, Shore  
 4 Parkway. So what now, the City benefits twice?  
 5 They're going to hit us with summonses for  
 6 bringing in a commercial vehicle on a parkway.  
 7 Bay Parkway can't be commercial, correct?  
 8 Correct?  
 9 MR. SZARPANSKI: Wait.  
 10 MR. CHRIS BEESON: Bay Parkway,  
 11 Shore Parkway, commercial vehicles on Shore  
 12 Parkway, you can't have commercial traffic on  
 13 that.  
 14 MR. SZARPANSKI: I'm not sure  
 15 that's correct. I think Bay Parkway does allow  
 16 commercial vehicles.  
 17 MR. CHRIS BEESON: No, it doesn't.  
 18 MR. SZARPANSKI: It is a truck  
 19 route.  
 20 MR. CHRIS BEESON: No, it isn't. No  
 21 truck route at all. Okay, I've been there. I got  
 22 a ticket.  
 23 Next thing, you're putting this  
 24 incinerator here, this whole situation on the  
 25 other side, what about these kids. What about the