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THE NEW SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN
DEIS PUBLIC HEARING
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 2 MR. SZARPANSKI: Good
 3 evening everybody. My name is
 4 Harry Szarpanski. I'm the
 5 Assistant Commissioner for the
 6 Bureau of Long Term Export at the
 7 New York City Department of
 8 Sanitation. I welcome the
 9 opportunity to be here before you
 10 tonight.
 11 With me are Sarah Dolinar,
 12 Vaughan Arnold and Walter
 13 Czwartacky of the Department of
 14 Sanitation. Also here tonight are
 15 Dan Harkins and Susan Raila of the
 16 firm of Henningson, Durham &
 17 Richardson, HDR. HDR is
 18 responsible for preparing the draft
 19 EIS which is the subject of
 20 tonight's meeting.
 21 We also have representatives
 22 here from the firm of Ecology and
 23 Environment who helped organize
 24 this meeting.
 25 As you know, in October of

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 2 2004, the Department of Sanitation
 3 issued a New York City
 4 Comprehensive Solid Waste
 5 Management Plan for the next 20
 6 years. As required, the new SWMP,
 7 as we refer to it, has been
 8 submitted as a draft to the City
 9 Council.
 10 The New SWMP is proposed to
 11 replace the current SWMP and must
 12 be approved by the City Council
 13 before it can be submitted to the
 14 New York State Department of
 15 Environmental Conservation for
 16 final approval.
 17 The new SWMP plans for the
 18 management of all of the solid
 19 waste generated in the City over
 20 the next 20 years and is supported
 21 by a draft environmental impact
 22 statement or draft EIS on which we
 23 will take comments this evening.
 24 My comments tonight will be
 25 brief. I will make a short power

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2 point presentation before the
3 public portion of the meeting
4 begins. Copies of my statement and
5 presentation will be available at
6 the end of the meeting.

7 Should you require the
8 assistance of a Spanish
9 interpreter, please let the
10 individuals at the front table
11 know.

12 Because the real focus of
13 this public hearing will be your
14 comments, if you plan to make a
15 statement for the record, please
16 take a moment to fill out the
17 speaker sign up sheet and submit it
18 to the individuals sitting at the
19 table you passed on your way in.
20 You will then be assigned a number
21 and I will call your name when it
22 is your turn to speak.

23 Note that elected officials,
24 who may be attending many meetings
25 on behalf of their constituents on

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2 A copy of all the documents are
3 available on the Department's
4 website and in six public
5 repositories in Brooklyn for your
6 review. It's also available in
7 other boroughs.

8 The City Council expects to
9 hold hearings on the SWMP probably
10 in January.

11 There are three broad
12 categories that the SWMP is
13 organized into: There's the
14 recycling portion, the Department
15 of Sanitation DSNY-managed waste
16 and the commercial waste.

17 With respect to recycling,
18 our goals are to hold down the cost
19 of recycling and expand barge
20 transport of recyclables. Meet a
21 25 percent recycling goal for the
22 DSNY Curbside Program by 2007 and
23 by the same date, meet a 35 percent
24 recycling goal for all
25 Department-managed waste.

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2 any given night, will have an
3 opportunity to speak first.

4 We are interested to make a
5 complete record of your comments.
6 Please state your name clearly and
7 slowly for the stenographer.

8 So that we can hear everyone
9 who wants to speak, we ask that you
10 keep your statement to three
11 minutes. If you do not wish to
12 speak, but would like to provide us
13 with written comments, please
14 complete a comment card which we
15 provided for your use.

16 Thank you for coming and
17 I'll begin my power point
18 presentation.

19 (Showing slides) This is a
20 public hearing on the City's DEIS
21 for the draft comprehensive solid
22 waste management plan or, as we
23 call it the SWMP. Both the new
24 SWMP and the DEIS were issued by
25 the City Department of Sanitation.

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2 The specific initiatives for
3 recycling are to enter into a
4 20-year contract for metal, glass
5 and plastic processing and
6 marketing, and for a new recycling
7 processing facility at the South
8 Brooklyn Marine Terminal and that's
9 on 30th Street.

10 Enhance composting and waste
11 prevention programs; develop an
12 electronics recycling program and
13 establish a recycling education
14 center and acceptance facility at
15 the Gansevoort Peninsula or an
16 alternate Manhattan site.

17 The Gansevoort site is a
18 site that is in Lower Manhattan
19 just below 14th Street where we
20 once used to operate a marine
21 transfer station.

22 With respect to Brooklyn
23 recycling, in July of this year we
24 resumed weekly Brooklyn recycling
25 collections. Hugo Neu is the

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 2 company that will develop a
 3 processing center on City-owned
 4 land at 30th Street in the Brooklyn
 5 Marine Terminal. And composting
 6 began again in the fall of this
 7 year at Canarsie Park.
 8 Full funding was given to
 9 the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens for
 10 composting information programs.
 11 With respect to
 12 Department-managed waste, our goals
 13 are to end the use of long-haul
 14 trucks for waste transport and
 15 export and export more waste by
 16 barge or rail; to stabilize the
 17 waste export costs; to distribute
 18 waste transfer facilities
 19 throughout the City and
 20 containerize waste to get more
 21 transport and disposal options.
 22 Our long term export program
 23 specifically calls for the use of
 24 private transfer stations for barge
 25 and rail export of containerized

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 2 On the commercial waste
 3 side, we're looking to limit new or
 4 expanded transfer stations in
 5 communities where they are already
 6 concentrated. We're looking to
 7 establish new operational
 8 regulations to reduce noise, odor
 9 and dust at private waste transfer
 10 stations. We will study how to
 11 lessen waste truck transport on
 12 truck routes through residential
 13 areas.
 14 Expand barge/rail export of
 15 commercial waste from
 16 DSNY-contracted transfer stations.
 17 Export some of the commercial waste
 18 through converted marine transfer
 19 stations and offer the 59th Street
 20 Marine Transfer Station for export
 21 of commercial waste.
 22 The draft environmental
 23 impact statement evaluates the
 24 environmental consequences of sites
 25 and facilities that are or may be

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 2 waste from the Bronx and from
 3 Brooklyn and Queens communities
 4 that was once served by the
 5 Greenpoint and South Bronx MTSS;
 6 complete the construction of the
 7 Staten Island Transfer Station and
 8 begin export of Staten Island waste
 9 by rail. And to enter into a long
 10 term contract for the disposal of a
 11 portion of Manhattan's waste at the
 12 Essex County Resource Recovery
 13 Facility and that's in Newark, New
 14 Jersey. And build four new marine
 15 transfer stations at existing
 16 sites. And those include the East
 17 91st Street site in Manhattan, the
 18 North Shore site in Queens and the
 19 Hamilton Avenue and Southwest
 20 Brooklyn sites in Brooklyn.
 21 And I just need to point out
 22 to people that we are not planning
 23 to convert the Greenpoint Marine
 24 Transfer Station as part of this
 25 plan.

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 2 part of the proposed action in the
 3 SWMP. It also evaluates the
 4 alternative sites and facilities.
 5 It identifies the things that the
 6 City would do to avoid potential
 7 significant impacts and meets City
 8 and State environmental review
 9 requirements.
 10 This is just a map showing
 11 where the four converted MTSS are
 12 going to be and where there are
 13 private facilities that we're
 14 looking to negotiate for waste
 15 export services.
 16 For this community
 17 specifically, we're looking to
 18 enter into a long-term contract
 19 with one or two private waste
 20 companies for truck-to-rail or
 21 truck-to-barge disposals of the
 22 Brooklyn waste that formerly went
 23 to the Greenpoint Marine Transfer
 24 Station. There are two specific
 25 facilities that we're looking at

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 2 and negotiating with.
 3 One is the Allied Waste
 4 Services facility at 72 Scott/598
 5 Scholes Street. And the other one
 6 is the Waste Management facility at
 7 485 Scott Avenue.
 8 The Allied facility is a
 9 proposed expansion of waste
 10 processing capacity, however, the
 11 proposed expansion will be offset
 12 by eliminating waste and
 13 recyclables processing at three
 14 existing facilities in Brooklyn
 15 Community District 1.
 16 A new permit is required for
 17 the truck-to-rail facility and for
 18 the waste expansion.
 19 On the Waste Management
 20 facility, there's no proposed
 21 expansion, but there will be a need
 22 for permit modification for a
 23 truck-to-barge facility.
 24 And I just want to make a
 25 few comments deviating from this

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 2 also have to go out by barge or
 3 rail and that would further reduce
 4 the number of long-haul trucks that
 5 come through the facility, that
 6 come through the community
 7 everyday.
 8 And thirdly, if the
 9 Department chooses to award
 10 contracts to both vendors, then the
 11 benefit of doing so is that we can
 12 divide up the 950 tons a day that's
 13 generated by the Brooklyn wasteshed
 14 between the two facilities, we
 15 will, through our contract
 16 requirements, be able to force both
 17 facilities to export Department and
 18 commercial waste out by rail or
 19 barge. And again, this would have
 20 an impact in reducing the long-haul
 21 transfer truck traffic that is now
 22 being experienced.
 23 This is just a map showing
 24 the various Brooklyn wastesheds.
 25 The green area is the area that

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 2 presentation, specifically about
 3 what appeared to be some
 4 misunderstandings on these two
 5 particular projects.
 6 We issued a request for
 7 proposals where we asked companies
 8 to propose based on having to
 9 provide us offsets on a ton-per-ton
 10 basis if they were looking to
 11 expand in this community so that
 12 proposing vendors were specifically
 13 required to include in their
 14 proposals, a plan to eliminate the
 15 equivalent tons per day of
 16 permitted capacity at one or more
 17 transfer stations in Community
 18 District 1.
 19 A request for proposals also
 20 mandated that if the Department
 21 awarded a contract to either of
 22 these companies, that commercial
 23 waste that went to these two
 24 facilities, not just
 25 Department-managed waste, would

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 2 we're talking about for contracting
 3 with either one or both of the
 4 companies.
 5 Just a summary of what the
 6 draft environmental impact
 7 concluded with respect to traffic
 8 and air quality.
 9 With signal timing change at
 10 Gardner and Metropolitan Avenues,
 11 there are no significant impacts
 12 that were found.
 13 Commercial waste accepted
 14 would have to be containerized and
 15 go out by rail. No significant
 16 off-site air quality impacts were
 17 shown.
 18 And with respect to odor and
 19 noise, no detectable odor is shown
 20 at off-site sensitive receptors and
 21 off-site noise analysis showed no
 22 significant impacts.
 23 With respect to traffic, air
 24 quality and odor, this is for the
 25 Scott Avenue truck-to-barge

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2 facility, the environmental review
3 found no significant traffic, air
4 quality, odor or noise impacts.
5 And modifications to a
6 truck-to-barge facility would
7 reduce the outbound transfer
8 trailer traffic. Commercial waste
9 accepted would have to go out in
10 containers by barge.
11 Let's go back a slide,
12 please.
13 If you're looking to provide
14 comments to us on the DEIS, there
15 are several ways you can do that.
16 You can provide comments to us
17 verbally tonight. You can submit,
18 fill out a comment sheet and then
19 I'll call on you. You can submit
20 written comments here or in the
21 future and those comments could be
22 mailed either to myself or to our
23 consultant. I ask that we receive
24 those comments by January 24th.
25 And I'll open it up to

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2 industry in the Williamsburg
3 community and the impacts of that
4 industry on the quality of life and
5 the infrastructure of this
6 neighborhood.
7 And that being said, he
8 wants to begin, where I need to
9 begin the testimony by
10 congratulating the Bloomberg
11 Administration on making some real
12 steps forward with this SWMP.
13 First of all, it is a real
14 move towards borough
15 self-sufficiency. The plan to open
16 up the marine transfer stations in
17 Manhattan and in other boroughs, in
18 Queens, et cetera, is a really
19 positive step and we commend the
20 administration for working towards
21 that goal and we hope that you will
22 work hard to make sure that those
23 marine transfer stations happen and
24 that communities can support their
25 waste that they produce.

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2 comments from you. And the first
3 speaker I'm going to call is Alison
4 Hirsch representing Assemblyman
5 Vito J. Lopez.
6 MS. ALISON HIRSCH: Good
7 evening everybody. My name is
8 Alison Hirsch and I am here
9 representing Assemblyman Vito Lopez
10 who had another meeting tonight so
11 he couldn't be here. He stopped by
12 earlier himself.
13 The Assemblyman, I just
14 submitted written comments on
15 behalf of the Assemblyman and I'm
16 not going to read the written
17 comments. I'm going to extrapolate
18 some of the most key points I think
19 from the comments.
20 The Assemblyman has
21 represented Williamsburg now for 20
22 years. In those 20 years, he has
23 witnessed, and in the time that
24 I've worked for him, I've witnessed
25 the growth of the waste processing

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2 That being said, there are a
3 number of concerns that we have
4 after having read the environmental
5 impact statement. The first being
6 the alternative to the Greenpoint
7 Marine Transfer Station.
8 It would be unacceptable for
9 both of those sites to remain open
10 processing the waste that they are
11 planning on processing according to
12 the DEIS.
13 One site maybe, if the
14 proper traffic and truck mitigation
15 measures are taken into account, et
16 cetera, but if both the Scott
17 Avenue and the Scholes Street site
18 and the Scott Avenue truck-to-barge
19 site remain open, the impact on
20 this community will be
21 unbelievable.
22 We already have such
23 horrendous truck traffic going
24 through our residential streets and
25 if both of those sites in these

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 2 communities are allowed to be open,
 3 particularly with the proposed
 4 permit capacity expansions that one
 5 of the sites is suggesting, it
 6 would be incredibly problematic,
 7 particularly because the SWMP does
 8 not even discuss the closure of the
 9 commercial waste sites, the sites
 10 that are already processing 40
 11 percent of this City's waste
 12 stream, 70 percent of that I
 13 believe is commercial waste.

14 The other concern I have is
 15 you talk about those two sites will
 16 be processing the waste that the
 17 Greenpoint MTS is processing. The
 18 Greenpoint MTS has not been in
 19 operation for a good five years so
 20 to say that it's just sort of
 21 shifting the waste burden is a
 22 little bit misguided and so that is
 23 another issue.

24 With that said, we have a
 25 couple of sort of suggestions

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 2 the BQE, directly from the highway,
 3 from the Metropolitan Bridge, et
 4 cetera, straight to those sites.
 5 Because right now, sure, there are
 6 truck routes, but they are so
 7 crowded and exits as they are so
 8 unmanageable that truck drivers,
 9 everyday, hundreds of trucks go
 10 through our residential streets,
 11 and they have an effect on asthma,
 12 on public health and on the
 13 infrastructure; you should see some
 14 of the houses on Ainslie Street in
 15 this district that are, the walls
 16 are cracking from the truck
 17 traffic.

18 The other recommendation,
 19 and this is incredibly important
 20 and it covers all the subsidiary
 21 issues. We urge the Department of
 22 Sanitation to work with the
 23 community board, work with elected
 24 officials in the area, work with
 25 community leaders, work with St.

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 2 because we can only give two
 3 suggestions to how to move forward
 4 and the best ways to forward.

5 First of all, as I already
 6 said, opening both of those sites,
 7 both the Scott Avenue
 8 truck-to-barge and the Scholes
 9 Street truck-to-rail, having both
 10 of them would be totally
 11 unacceptable.

12 If either of those
 13 alternatives are chosen, there
 14 would have to be some clear
 15 mitigation measures. We urge the
 16 Department of Sanitation to work
 17 closely with the New York City
 18 Department of Transportation as
 19 well as the New York State
 20 Department of Transportation to
 21 figure out whether there are any
 22 ways to create designated off ramps
 23 or truck routes separate from those
 24 that already exist so that the
 25 waste trucks can go directly from

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 2 Nick's, OUTRAGE, et cetera, to
 3 create a Community Advisory Board.
 4 And I urge that board to go into
 5 effect, you now, as soon as
 6 possible, maybe even before the
 7 final environmental impact
 8 statement is approved. And this
 9 advisory board can work with the
 10 Department of Sanitation and
 11 Department of Transportation on
 12 truck routes; can work with
 13 whichever site is selected to
 14 handle the waste on mitigation
 15 measures to ensure that the
 16 operational standards are of the
 17 highest and strictest environmental
 18 requirements; to work on -- if any
 19 of those sites, the alternative
 20 land-based transfer stations are
 21 going to be permanent for this, to
 22 work with those sites to ensure
 23 that as part of the permit
 24 regulations and the part of the
 25 permitting process, there is

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 2 consolidation of waste, there is
 3 redistribution and there are
 4 closures of some of the other
 5 existing sites that process this
 6 waste.
 7 The worst thing that can
 8 happen in this community is to have
 9 one or both of those sites opened
 10 and none of the other sites closed,
 11 because all that would do would add
 12 to the burden in this community and
 13 it would be a real disaster.
 14 So, that all being said,
 15 there are many more details that
 16 you can read about in the written
 17 testimony. If anybody would like a
 18 copy of the written testimony, I
 19 have that with me.
 20 Thank you very much for the
 21 opportunity to testify tonight and
 22 good luck to everybody in this
 23 process (applause.)
 24 MR. SZARPANSKI: I see we're
 25 joined by Senator Lentol and

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 2 Council Member Diana Reina.
 3 Senator Lentol.
 4 MR. LENTOL: (Applause) Good
 5 evening, Mr. Czwartacky, Mr.
 6 Arnold, Mr. Szarpanski, Ms.
 7 Dolinar. Thank you very much for
 8 listening to us tonight.
 9 Ladies and gentlemen, I have
 10 a few things that I want to say.
 11 I'll try not to be as exhaustive,
 12 although I probably won't be as
 13 good as Alison was, I'll try to be
 14 very brief and reach what I think
 15 are the salient points, because I
 16 believe I've given this speech
 17 before. So I have a question
 18 though, are you listening?
 19 Let's talk about the City
 20 waste, solid waste management plan
 21 circulated prior to the plan's
 22 actual release.
 23 I was pleased to hear that
 24 the proposal would include the
 25 opening of the marine transfer

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 2 stations in neighborhoods other
 3 than those within Community Board
 4 1. I thought that we would finally
 5 begin to see fairness, fair share
 6 initiatives implemented in solid
 7 waste plans in the City. And that
 8 process seems to have started, but is
 9 by far not complete.
 10 I remain opposed to the
 11 opening of any private marine or
 12 rail-based transfer stations in
 13 this community. The only way to
 14 equalize past injustices on our
 15 communities is to bypass siting new
 16 facilities in our areas. You
 17 cannot keep the current land-based
 18 operations open and add numerous
 19 marine or rail-based operations on
 20 top of that, it's just not fair and
 21 your plan neglects to deal with
 22 this obvious unfairness.
 23 Furthermore, the proposal
 24 before us does not implement an
 25 environmental quality review

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 2 process for solid waste transfer
 3 stations that tells the truth. And
 4 I've been asking for that for
 5 years.
 6 We need a system of review
 7 that meets CEQR guidelines, that
 8 goes beyond that by looking at
 9 facilities as they cumulatively
 10 affect our neighborhoods.
 11 This has never been done
 12 and, therefore, the review we get
 13 never tells the truth about how
 14 these facilities affect us.
 15 Now, you know that our
 16 alcohol beverage control laws in
 17 our state have very specific
 18 mandates regarding neighborhood
 19 establishments being too close to
 20 one another or within a certain
 21 feet of a school or a church and
 22 the reason is because the quality
 23 of life destruction can be
 24 significant. Therefore, the number
 25 of establishments must be

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2 controlled. And this is the type
3 of siting requirements that I want
4 to see and review that transfer
5 stations should undergo.

6 We know the harm they cause
7 a community. Restrict their numbers
8 by evaluating real factors. Tell
9 the truth about these facilities and
10 our City will still be able to have
11 a solid waste plan, one that will
12 be fairer, but perhaps not as easy.

13 I believe that because of
14 our experience with solid waste
15 transfer stations, this community,
16 our community, the one we live in,
17 is home to some of the Cities' most
18 experienced activists, they are
19 knowledgeable and I know you know
20 as well. And Alison mentioned some
21 of them, OUTRAGE, for example. And
22 I urge you to listen to them and
23 listen to us tonight, take our
24 suggestions back with you and
25 incorporate them into this plan.

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2 It is that important because it
3 affects our quality of life, our
4 environment and ultimately the
5 health of our people.

6 Here in New York City
7 approximately 45,882 tons of waste
8 is produced per day. In my
9 community we have 16 waste transfer
10 stations that process 40 percent of
11 the City's waste. These facilities
12 generate 4,000 truck trips in and
13 out of our community on a daily
14 basis.

15 New York Lawyers for The
16 Public Interest of 2003 cited this.
17 Imagine that, imagine living in a
18 community where the backdrop is
19 traffic, air and noise pollution,
20 respiratory illnesses and
21 oppressive odors. Yet the real
22 truth is that these hazardous
23 conditions only seem to take place
24 in low-income communities of color.
25 Please, let's think about

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2 It may make it a little harder to
3 do, but it's the right thing to do,
4 it's the fair thing to do and
5 that's what will be best for us and
6 for the entire City as a whole.

7 Thank you (applause.)

8 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.

9 Our next speaker is Council
10 member Diana Reina (applause.)

11 MS. DIANA REINA: Good
12 evening to everyone. I want to
13 wish everyone, first of all, a
14 happy holiday and a safe one; I
15 hope that our upcoming year brings
16 many more fruitful and better
17 things to our community as well as
18 to each of your loved ones.

19 I want to thank you for the
20 opportunity to testify on such an
21 important issue, a matter that we've
22 dealt with for over three decades.

23 The issue of waste
24 management is one of the most
25 pressing issues facing the globe.

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2 the underlying message being placed
3 here. The concentrations of waste
4 transfer stations in Williamsburg
5 and Greenpoint and the South Bronx
6 is discriminatory and must be
7 addressed by the Department of
8 Sanitation and its solid waste
9 management Plan.

10 Let me make one point very
11 clear tonight: Neither the
12 community or I will stand for any
13 plan that does not include the
14 reduction of the number of
15 land-based sites, a reduction of
16 truck traffic and the reduction of
17 putrescible waste (applause.)

18 I continue to believe in the
19 opening of all marine transfer
20 stations in the City of New York.
21 We are gathered tonight to hear the
22 Department of Sanitation's
23 environmental impact statement on
24 proposed solid waste management
25 plan.

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 2 Let us not forget that the
 3 key feature of an environmental
 4 impact statement is the objective
 5 detailed analysis of any action
 6 that will significantly affect the
 7 quality of the environment, but
 8 also the improvement of that
 9 environment.
 10 Environment in a broader
 11 sense, encompasses the quality of
 12 our air, the impact the sites will
 13 have on our schools, parks, homes
 14 and most importantly, the health of
 15 our community.
 16 Solid waste and the proper
 17 handling of it is an issue that
 18 pays tribute to bigger societal
 19 things. Thus, we must work
 20 together to improve the quality of
 21 our environment by reinvesting in
 22 our green space and park lands.
 23 For the purposes of this
 24 hearing, it is critical that the
 25 environmental impact statement

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 2 proposed take into account the
 3 true environmental impacts of these
 4 sites and not just the geographic
 5 proximity taken into account in the
 6 previous commercial waste study.
 7 I will not stop fighting
 8 until an equitable Sanitation plan
 9 is adopted, one that takes into
 10 account the burden of my community,
 11 one that it has had to bear for so
 12 long.
 13 I applaud the Department of
 14 Sanitation's commitment to
 15 transparency. I believe the
 16 department has come a long way by
 17 involving the community in the
 18 issue of the waste transfer
 19 stations and in the consideration
 20 of the solid waste management plan.
 21 It is of paramount concern
 22 to me that continued community
 23 involvement take place especially
 24 in the crucial last stages of
 25 implementing the solid waste

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 2 management plan.
 3 I think that the amount of
 4 people in this room is an
 5 indication of just how important
 6 this issue is for the community and
 7 although it's not packed yet, I'm
 8 sure we will continue to see more
 9 people come in and out revolving
 10 through the Swinging '60s Senior
 11 Center doors.
 12 I want to thank those who
 13 are here present tonight, our
 14 advocates that have taken their
 15 time to attend this hearing. It is
 16 through partnerships that a true
 17 force lies.
 18 Thank you and have a good
 19 night (applause.)
 20 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you
 21 very much.
 22 We will now hear from Ana
 23 Zak representing Senator Dilan.
 24 MS. ANA ZAK: Hello. Good
 25 evening everyone. My name is Ana

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 2 Zak and I'm representing State
 3 Senator Martin Dilan who
 4 unfortunately could not be here,
 5 he's attending another meeting with
 6 Assemblyman Lopez.
 7 And I think Assemblyman
 8 Lentol and Ms. Diana Reina and
 9 Alison covered all of the details
 10 and points that are included in the
 11 Senator's speech and I know that we
 12 have many speakers to speak
 13 tonight, so I will just briefly say
 14 that the Senator is not going to
 15 support this plan unless there's
 16 going to be a great reduction of
 17 waste in our community.
 18 It is unfair that our
 19 community has to take care of 40
 20 percent of the City's waste and 70
 21 of which is commercial waste. We
 22 have thousands of trucks going
 23 through our streets. Our houses
 24 are cracking, there's noise
 25 pollution and odors and we don't

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 2 want deal with that anymore.
 3 Our residents are moving out
 4 because of the fact that the
 5 community is being so affected by
 6 the waste transfer stations. And
 7 we think that it's unfair for our
 8 community to have two marine
 9 transfer stations opened within our
 10 community when there are so many
 11 other marine waste transfer
 12 stations that could be opened in
 13 other parts of the City.
 14 And we are already handling
 15 so much of the City's waste and we
 16 demand a reduction. And that is
 17 what I'm going to say for the
 18 Senator tonight.
 19 And I'm submitting a
 20 statement with detailed comments
 21 from him and I also have enough
 22 copies for all of the people that
 23 are interested in reading it.
 24 Thank you so much and thank
 25 you for listening to my testimony

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 2 (applause.)
 3 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.
 4 We have Judd Schechtman
 5 representing Borough President
 6 Marty Markowitz.
 7 MR. JUDD SCHECHTMAN: Good
 8 evening. As well, Marty regrets
 9 that he could not make it tonight
 10 and he asked me to read his
 11 comments for the record and for
 12 everyone in the room here as well.
 13 "Brooklyn has been
 14 shouldering the burden of waste
 15 transfer stations and the City's
 16 garbage infrastructure for years
 17 and this neighborhood,
 18 Greenpoint/Williamsburg has been by
 19 far the most significantly impacted
 20 in Brooklyn.
 21 Today, of course, as we all
 22 know, it handles over 40 percent of
 23 the waste throughput of the entire
 24 City. And Marty regrets that it
 25 looks like Brooklyn will continue

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 2 to be the centerpiece of the City's
 3 proposed waste system in the new
 4 solid waste management plan as
 5 well, as we are destined for three
 6 proposed marine transfer stations
 7 and the facility to handle all of
 8 City's recyclables.
 9 We all agree and we have
 10 been working together to make sure
 11 that this new solid waste
 12 management plan is better for the
 13 environment, better for residents
 14 and quality of life and better for
 15 the City.
 16 The promise of marine
 17 transfer stations in Manhattan and
 18 in Brooklyn is a vast improvement
 19 over the disastrous hodgepodge
 20 Brooklynites live with everyday
 21 right now and for that we are
 22 thankful, but we need to ensure
 23 that the remedies to the injustices
 24 that have plagued Williamsburg and
 25 Greenpoint for years are effective

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 2 and meaningful, and that Brooklyn
 3 residents are given the respect
 4 that they deserve.
 5 That is why we will accept
 6 nothing less than absolute
 7 certainty that Manhattan transfer
 8 stations open above the din of
 9 protest both at West 59th Street
 10 and East 92nd Street, and that this
 11 community sees a real decline in
 12 the throughput of Manhattan's
 13 putrescible waste.
 14 I have also heard that the
 15 City is looking at using excess
 16 capacity at the marine transfer
 17 stations for Brooklyn commercial
 18 waste. The marine transfer station
 19 should be able to handle all of the
 20 commercial waste generated from
 21 Brooklyn, once recycling is
 22 improved and waste prevention and
 23 recycling guidelines are
 24 implemented.
 25 Whether by franchise,

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 2 financial incentives or some other
 3 means, the City should coax
 4 commercial carters to use the
 5 marine transfer stations.
 6 With Manhattan commercial
 7 waste handled in Manhattan and
 8 Brooklyn commercial waste handled
 9 at marine transfer stations, the
 10 need for new and existing
 11 putrescible waste to land-based
 12 transfer stations should be
 13 eliminated and should allow the
 14 City to begin the phased shut down
 15 of the land-based transfer system.
 16 In the meantime, the City
 17 should be vigorously enforcing the
 18 operational regulations at the
 19 existing facilities, ensuring with
 20 absolute precision they do not
 21 violate the law.
 22 Enforcing the regulations if
 23 they are meaningful needs a fine to
 24 be effective. They should be set
 25 to escalate with each violation and

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 2 should accrue for each day if the
 3 violation is remedied. The new
 4 rule should also provide for the
 5 termination of a permit if the
 6 facility does not come with
 7 compliance within 30 days of
 8 issuance of a violation.
 9 We must have guarantees that
 10 the transfer stations that
 11 continually disobey operational
 12 health and safety regulations will
 13 be fined and closed. We must have
 14 guarantees that the Sanitation
 15 Department's own facility in the
 16 new marine transfer stations will
 17 also follow the same stringent
 18 standards we expect at a private
 19 facilities. The
 20 community must have recourse
 21 in the form of citizens supervision
 22 if they don't. And this should
 23 also apply for other violations of
 24 the law such as violating the truck
 25 routes. We must have guarantees

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 2 that it will all be followed and
 3 that the violators will be fined.
 4 I am prepared to support
 5 this community in accepting a
 6 law-abiding marine or rail transfer
 7 facility to handle its fair share
 8 of waste generated here, but it
 9 should be absolutely clear that
 10 means only one facility, not two,
 11 as the DEIS discusses. And it
 12 should also be absolutely clear
 13 that means that not additional
 14 capacity, but rather replacement
 15 capacity to a land-based transfer
 16 station which was closed under the
 17 implementation of the plan.
 18 This community has endured
 19 too much rumbling, toxic leaching
 20 and putrid smells for too long. It
 21 is time that Greenpoint and
 22 Williamsburg residents and
 23 residents of all of Brooklyn be
 24 given the respect that they
 25 deserve. Thank you" (applause.)

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 2 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.
 3 Are there any other elected
 4 officials or their representatives
 5 who wish to speak tonight?
 6 Our next speaker is Ray
 7 Kairys.
 8 MR. RAY KAIRYS: Good
 9 evening everyone and thank you for
 10 coming out, especially OUTRAGE
 11 members and members of the
 12 community.
 13 My name is Ray Kairys, I am
 14 the Chairman of OUTRAGE,
 15 Williamsburg and Greenpoint
 16 Organization United for Trash
 17 Reduction and Garbage Equity, that
 18 is OUTRAGE.
 19 We are a coalition of more
 20 than two dozen communities and
 21 civic groups which formed in 1999
 22 to address the growth of the waste
 23 industry in East Williamsburg and
 24 Greenpoint.
 25 Our community is home to a

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2 disproportionate share of the
3 City's private waste transfer
4 stations with 16 waste transfer
5 stations processing over a third of
6 the entire City's waste.

7 As you know, our community
8 is overburdened by the current
9 land-based waste transfer station
10 system. Residents continue to be
11 overwhelmed by thousands of garbage
12 trucks on our neighborhood streets.
13 The results are traffic, air
14 pollution, horrible odors and noise
15 pollution.

16 Over the last five years,
17 OUTRAGE has worked with our local
18 public officials and community
19 board, our neighbors and our
20 colleagues in OWN, the Organization
21 of Waterfront Neighborhoods, the
22 City Council and the administration
23 to develop a more equitable solid
24 waste policy that will reduce
25 impacts on our members and in

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2 executive summary of the draft
3 comprehensive SWMP that the new
4 plan intends to treat each borough
5 fairly, which is what OUTRAGE has
6 been working for for the past five
7 years.

8 This principle is crucial to
9 reducing the burdens largely borne
10 by Williamsburg/Greenpoint and the
11 South Bronx.

12 The new garbage plan must
13 include the opening of the MTSS and
14 the private marine and rail-based
15 alternatives, including Manhattan's
16 East 91st Street MTS and West 59th
17 Street MTS. Manhattan must handle
18 both the residential and commercial
19 garbage that it produces in order
20 to reduce the amount of waste
21 coming into our neighborhood.

22 Without Manhattan handling
23 its own infrastructure,
24 Williamsburg/Greenpoint will
25 continue to be overburdened by

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2 neighborhoods that our neighbors
3 experience everyday.

4 We are submitting our
5 comments this evening on the draft
6 environmental impact statement of
7 the solid waste management plan,
8 conditioned on the fact that the SWMP
9 must significantly and prudently
10 reduce the amount and impact of
11 solid waste processing in our
12 community.

13 I am presenting testimony
14 this evening on behalf of OUTRAGE
15 and you can see that many of our
16 members and supporters are here in
17 the audience. We do appreciate
18 this opportunity to comment on the
19 proposed plan.

20 The new SWMP must be linked
21 to an overall plan that will
22 permanently and significantly
23 reduce both commercial and
24 residential waste processed in our
25 neighborhood. It states in the

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2 garbage.

3 Part of the strategy must
4 also include closing a significant
5 number of the private land-based
6 transfer stations currently
7 operating in
8 Williamsburg/Greenpoint as the MTSS
9 and alternatives are opened.

10 As we stated in the scoping
11 hearings, the SWMP environmental
12 impact statement must include ways
13 to close the land-based transfer
14 stations at the same time as it
15 develops plans for the opening of
16 the MTSS and the alternatives; a
17 plan which would schedule the
18 opening of the Brooklyn MTSS prior
19 to the opening of the alternatives
20 so as to reduce the amount of
21 residential waste currently being
22 processed in
23 Greenpoint/Williamsburg as rapidly
24 as possible. And because
25 commercial waste accounts for the

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2 majority of the waste handled by
3 Williamsburg/Greenpoint, it is
4 important that all of the MTSS
5 handle commercial putrescible
6 waste. This will help take
7 thousands of trucks off the roads
8 each year.

9 While we support the shift
10 to marine transfer stations and
11 marine or rail-based alternatives,
12 we are opposed to the opening of
13 two private marine and/or
14 rail-based alternatives in
15 Williamsburg/Greenpoint.

16 We are especially concerned
17 that the City is entertaining the
18 idea of entering into a 20-year
19 contract with two private
20 facilities given the following:
21 Williamsburg and Greenpoint are
22 already overburdened with 16 waste
23 transfer stations that process over
24 ten thousand tons of waste per day.
25 On top of that, East Williamsburg

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2 land-based stations in
3 Williamsburg/Greenpoint and
4 redistribution of waste capacity
5 citywide. This must be incorporated
6 into any agreement with the
7 selected transfer stations.

8 There must be dedicated
9 ingress and egress from local
10 highways to the selected facility
11 to reduce the impacts of truck
12 traffic on local residential
13 streets.

14 Related to this point is the
15 traffic impacts from the Kosciusko
16 Bridge Project and other traffic
17 projects must be considered.

18 Lastly, we urge the
19 Department of Sanitation to create
20 a Community Advisory Group and a
21 timeline with milestones to develop
22 and implement the redistribution of
23 waste capacity throughout the City.

24 The draft SWMP includes
25 creating a special advisory group

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2 is soon to be home to two large
3 sanitation garages which will only
4 increase the harmful overburdening
5 in this part of the neighborhood.

6 The City must not choose
7 both private alternatives to handle
8 Brooklyn's residential waste. This
9 would further maintain the
10 concentration of waste processing
11 in East Williamsburg and Southern
12 Greenpoint and this is entirely
13 unacceptable.

14 OUTRAGE is also opposed to
15 any expansion of capacity for the
16 private marine and/or rail-based
17 alternatives unless the
18 alternatives receive an offset
19 based on actual throughput of the
20 same waste used by a facility in
21 the community district.

22 At the same time as the City
23 selects a facility to handle the
24 residential waste, there must be a
25 commitment for closure of

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2 to work on a traffic study of
3 Metropolitan Avenue. In the same
4 manner, we encourage the Department
5 to create a group composed of
6 community members, elected
7 officials, the Department of
8 Sanitation and the administration
9 to make sure that the new SWMP is
10 implemented in a manner most
11 effective to this community.

12 Thank you for this
13 opportunity to submit the
14 testimony. We will submit more
15 detailed comments within the next
16 month.

17 Should you have any further
18 questions, please contact the
19 OUTRAGE office at 718-388-5454,
20 extension 170. Thank you very much
21 (applause.)

22 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you
23 for your comments.

24 Our next speaker is Deborah
25 Masters.

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 2 MS. DEBORAH MASTERS: Good
 3 evening, my name is Deborah
 4 Masters. I'm the Chair of the CBI
 5 Environmental Committee.
 6 "Thank you for adopting most
 7 of the people's SWMP which was
 8 developed over many years by OWN,
 9 Organization of Waterfront
 10 Neighborhoods, a coalition of
 11 neighborhoods which are host to the
 12 predominance of transfer stations
 13 in New York City.
 14 The MTS system, the
 15 operational and performance
 16 standards are mostly excellent. My
 17 concerns have to do with the
 18 specifics of
 19 Greenpoint/Williamsburg which has
 20 been overburdened by the transfer
 21 station industry since its
 22 inception.
 23 We presently handle roughly
 24 45 percent of all the City's waste.
 25 OWN's review of the DSNY commercial

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 2 board, that they are aware of the
 3 promises made to our community in
 4 the SWMP, but neither of them have
 5 heard of other transfer stations
 6 making preparations for closure.
 7 What will the Greenpoint MTS have?
 8 It is very important that a
 9 more toxic use than the MTS or the
 10 Greenpoint Incinerator not be
 11 operated at these two DOS
 12 sites.
 13 How will DOS interact with
 14 the community during the choice of
 15 the alternative? It is very
 16 important to this community that we
 17 be included in this decision, which
 18 is one that must be made with
 19 serious consideration for the huge
 20 impact the present truck traffic
 21 has on our neighborhoods.
 22 Many other projects of great
 23 magnitude are occurring within this
 24 district right now, such as the
 25 upgrade of Newtown Creek, the

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 2 waste study demonstrated that the
 3 health and land use impacts from
 4 the overburdening result in serious
 5 health concerns to the community
 6 because of the clustering of
 7 facilities.
 8 It is my concern that
 9 reductions of overall waste will be
 10 too long in coming because of the
 11 retrofit of the MTSS outside of our
 12 district and that the reductions
 13 will not be adequate.
 14 There are many questions
 15 about how this process will work.
 16 How will the City make a
 17 privately-owned business close?
 18 What will replace their present
 19 transfer station business? Will
 20 the same companies own and operate?
 21 What will come next? What is the
 22 timetable for these closures?
 23 Our two alternatives, BFI
 24 and WMI, have mentioned in
 25 conversations with the community

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 2 largest sewage treatment plant on
 3 the East Coast. The rebuild of the
 4 Kosciusko Bridge, the possible
 5 Cross Harbor Rail system which will
 6 bring every major truck
 7 distribution system for the City
 8 through Maspeth and Greenpoint.
 9 The construction associated with
 10 the rezoning and the reconstruction
 11 of many CBI truck routes.
 12 We would like there to be a
 13 Community Advisory Committee that
 14 regularly meets with DOS to
 15 consider these issues in choosing
 16 the alternative and identifying the
 17 redistribution and reduction
 18 commitments that are incorporated
 19 into the final SWMP. The committee
 20 should also have regular meetings
 21 with the chosen alternative after
 22 build-out and during, following
 23 operations.
 24 Health issues are of equal
 25 importance in a district that faces

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2 the City's third highest and
3 growing rate of asthma. The permit
4 applications must include an
5 analysis of the impacts of PM2.5
6 and H2S that is separate from what
7 is required by NYSDEC and the New
8 York State DEC in the air permits.

9 The analysis should reflect
10 background levels. The PM2.5
11 analysis must include all vehicular
12 emissions, on-site equipment and
13 trucks idling adjacent to this
14 site. Particulate matter/dust
15 migration controls must be
16 installed in putrescible C&D and
17 clean fill operations.

18 All of the above should be
19 housed within closed buildings
20 given the existing PM levels within
21 this community. PM should be
22 filtered through a baghouse or
23 similar device and putrescible
24 transfer stations, additional
25 activated carbon filtration should

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2 solved in the new SWMP program.
3 The main solution must be
4 the redesign of transfer station
5 ingress and egress ramps from the
6 BQE. These might be existing
7 ramps, widened or redesigned with
8 dedicated lanes for transfer
9 station trucks; new exits and
10 entrances might be needed to the
11 East Williamsburg Industrial Park.

12 The exit at Humboldt Street
13 is rarely used because it is
14 practically impassable. There are
15 too many traffic lights after the
16 exit; it is clogged with car
17 traffic.

18 There should be money
19 available for reconstruction work
20 on the BQE from the money that is
21 available from the savings on the
22 retrofit of the Greenpoint MTS.
23 There is also money available from
24 the New York State DOT from the
25 Kosciusko Bridge rebuild.

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2 filter the air exchanges as an odor
3 capture system along with the
4 negative pressure gradient.

5 Odor neutralizing systems
6 which are designed to mask odors,
7 but do not remove hazardous
8 chemicals, should be eliminated
9 along with the now less frequently
10 used perfumes. Neutralizers and
11 perfumes can add to a resident's
12 breathing problems while carbon
13 filtration will remove that risk.

14 Community monitoring should
15 be employed to give accurate
16 readings of particulate matter
17 levels. Odor monitoring should
18 demonstrate compliance.

19 The truck issues have long
20 been one of the most pressing
21 problems in
22 Greenpoint/Williamsburg. Diesel
23 particulate, vehicle speed and
24 accidents, trucks traveling
25 off-route are issues that must be

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2 DOS should also do a traffic
3 survey as part of the EIS to
4 analyze our traffic nightmare.
5 Metropolitan Avenue cannot be the
6 transfer station truck
7 thoroughfare.

8 Truck routes must have the
9 least possible impact on the
10 community. Resurfacing of existing
11 roads would alleviate the nighttime
12 noise of empty trucks harshly
13 clanging in and out of potholes
14 that wakens the nearby population
15 every single time a truck passes.
16 Widening the Metropolitan Avenue
17 Bridge might ease the terrible
18 congestion in East Williamsburg.

19 The impact of major local
20 projects was not considered in
21 either EIS for
22 Greenpoint/Williamsburg.

23 DOS issues: A DOS truck
24 must stagger their deliveries in
25 order to alleviate truck queuing in

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 2 the communities. The simultaneous
 3 arrival of dozens of trucks leaves
 4 residential streets clogged and
 5 impassable unnecessarily.
 6 For the receiving facility,
 7 the sudden arrival of dozens of
 8 trucks can force workplace
 9 accidents and the lack of good
 10 housekeeping. Truck staggering
 11 will also minimize air quality
 12 impacts. A staggered schedule
 13 would be the single largest
 14 contribution to a smooth operation
 15 at either BFI or Waste Management.
 16 In our recent visit to Waste
 17 Management, we asked about the
 18 rebuild of the Kosciusko Bridge and
 19 its effect on their operation.
 20 Waste Management said DOS had
 21 mentioned the Kosciusko Bridge
 22 reconstruction, but had provided no
 23 details or timetables. New York
 24 State DOT complained that DOS had
 25 never attended one of their

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 2 the Achilles Heal of the
 3 alternatives choice. What is the
 4 transportation breakdown plan for
 5 each of the alternatives? Waste
 6 Management has space to store
 7 several days' worth of containers
 8 at its site, but there is no option
 9 other than trucking for removing
 10 them. BFI has no option other than
 11 trucking if there is a train strike
 12 or a problem at the Harlem River
 13 Rail Yards.
 14 My greatest anxiety is that
 15 there is no solution to this
 16 problem other than trucking or
 17 keeping both alternatives to allow
 18 for redundancy. Will we eventually
 19 be host to both of the
 20 alternatives?
 21 With the Community Advisory
 22 Committee, let's work to resolve
 23 the contingencies without choosing
 24 both alternatives.
 25 Other performance standards:

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 2 meetings, despite frequent
 3 invitations.
 4 In addition, Waste
 5 Management might have to dredge
 6 Newtown Creek for their barging
 7 operation. How long would the
 8 dredging take and what are the
 9 NYSDEC and Army Corps of Engineers'
 10 attitude towards the dredging?
 11 Would there be a health danger to
 12 residents two blocks from this
 13 facility from airborne bacteria and
 14 VOCs from the dredge soil? Would
 15 the dredge soil be stored on shore
 16 or would it be immediately removed?
 17 The community is lacking
 18 information to guide its
 19 alternatives choice.
 20 If BFI is chosen as the
 21 alternative and employs CSX Rail
 22 Transport, what is DOS' plan for
 23 minimizing congestion in the Harlem
 24 River Rail Yards?
 25 Redundancy: Redundancy is

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 2 The tipping floor should be washed
 3 with hot water and soap during the
 4 half hour daily cleaning. There
 5 must be on-site decontamination
 6 system at the exit from the
 7 facility to remove all residue from
 8 trucks, tires and truck
 9 under-bodies. The decontamination
 10 system must be an automated system,
 11 one that turns on and off without
 12 the intervention of an operator and
 13 must have an enclosed drainage
 14 system. The decontamination system
 15 must be designed to remove dust,
 16 garbage residue and odors from the
 17 vehicle.
 18 An automatic log must be
 19 kept confirming that each vehicle
 20 leaving the facility has been
 21 decontaminated. Additionally, the
 22 facility should operate its own
 23 street cleaner in a ten-block area
 24 surrounding the facility twice
 25 daily.

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 2 I may actually not read the
 3 rest since I appear to be losing my
 4 voice, except for the last
 5 paragraph. But if you could enter
 6 the rest of my testimony.
 7 The implementation of the
 8 new SWMP is doomed to failure
 9 within Greenpoint/Williamsburg if
 10 the MTS retrofits are not concluded
 11 in a timely manner; if the
 12 Manhattan infrastructure does not
 13 handle its own waste; if the DOS
 14 commitment for
 15 redistribution/consolidation of
 16 land-based private transfer
 17 stations in Williamsburg is not
 18 done at the time of the selection
 19 of the alternative facility and
 20 incorporated into any agreement and
 21 permit with the selected company;
 22 if the widening, resurfacing and
 23 rebuilding of new roads within
 24 Greenpoint/Williamsburg is not a
 25 DOS commitment; if the Community

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 2 Advisory Committee is not part of
 3 the alternatives selection and part
 4 of the process for identifying
 5 least impacting reuse of land-based
 6 closures.
 7 If these commitments are not
 8 made, overburdened communities such
 9 as Williamsburg are likely to
 10 continue to be overburdened.
 11 Thank you for hearing my
 12 comments (applause.)
 13 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you
 14 for your comments.
 15 Our next speaker is Sister
 16 Veronica Hammond.
 17 MS. VERONICA HAMMOND: I'm
 18 Sister Veronica Hammond and I have
 19 lived for 22 years in the
 20 Williamsburg area.
 21 I have a behavioral
 22 psychology background and I have
 23 been watching the trucks very, very
 24 carefully. I stood on Bushwick
 25 Avenue and Metropolitan Avenue

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 2 watching 30 trucks, one behind the
 3 other as the children were going
 4 into 132 and as they were traveling
 5 to the school on Metropolitan
 6 Avenue.
 7 It is a total injustice. I
 8 have worked in hospitals and I know
 9 that asthma is very high with our
 10 children. Therefore, what the City
 11 of New York has done to our
 12 children is a total injustice. It
 13 is such an injustice that we
 14 shouldn't even have waste stations
 15 here in order to clean up the air
 16 pollution that is within our area
 17 (applause.)
 18 As I watched the trucks go
 19 down, I waited on that corner for
 20 about 30 minutes watching one truck
 21 behind the another. At another
 22 time, because of my behavioral
 23 psychology background, as I watched
 24 the trucks, there was a truck on
 25 the street with two particular

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 2 trucks and they were speeding.
 3 We already lost one person
 4 from the bread place on Graham
 5 Avenue by a truck hitting her and
 6 killing her. These two particular
 7 trucks were speeding down
 8 Metropolitan Avenue past 132 and it
 9 was at time when children were
 10 getting out of school.
 11 This is another grave
 12 injustice. And these injustices we
 13 are not going to tolerate because I
 14 will go strictly into the media
 15 with my medical background and with
 16 my behavioral psychology background
 17 (applause.)
 18 I have also studied
 19 environmental conditions in
 20 California so I completely agree
 21 with you and I agree with all of
 22 the politicians in what they have
 23 said.
 24 Secondly, what I picked up
 25 from my behavioral psychology

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 2 background, when you look at 70
 3 percent of commercial waste coming
 4 from Manhattan, that is a political
 5 stance of politicians wanting to
 6 get the vote, therefore, not
 7 putting in stations in their area.
 8 This is a total injustice in our
 9 Government and I really firmly
 10 believe that our Government has
 11 done a great harm to our children
 12 and to our adults.

13 We have many, many adults
 14 carrying these (indicating) in
 15 their pocketbooks because of what
 16 was happening with the pollution in
 17 the air and with the trucks going
 18 down Metropolitan Avenue, okay.
 19 And these are what many people have
 20 to hold and carry because of what
 21 has happened to them with the
 22 pollution.

23 Therefore, it is time for
 24 all of us to make sure that we get
 25 a reprieve now. If there's gonna

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 2 have been getting 70 percent of the
 3 commercial waste from Manhattan in
 4 the past. Therefore, Manhattan has
 5 to handle their own and there
 6 should be no more than one station
 7 in Williamsburg and Greenpoint
 8 because of the injustice that has
 9 been done to this community for
 10 years.

11 I really want to say that
 12 there are many trucks going down
 13 Metropolitan Avenue all the time.
 14 It does not stop. When I go to
 15 teach the children in my Convent of
 16 Mercy it takes me eight minutes on
 17 the expressway from Kent Avenue.
 18 It takes me 45 minutes to travel
 19 from the expressway down
 20 Metropolitan Avenue to turn on
 21 Catharine Street. That is
 22 unacceptable behavior. We are here
 23 to protect our children. We are
 24 here to protect our adults. We are
 25 also here to protect the

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 2 be any station, there should be no
 3 more than one station because an
 4 injustice has been done to our
 5 people, even to the point of one
 6 person killed by those trucks.
 7 Therefore, it is about time that
 8 our government agencies and the
 9 City of New York begin to recognize
 10 that Williamsburg and Greenpoint
 11 needs a reprieve.

12 We do not need to tolerate
 13 the pollution, children getting
 14 asthma and adults having to carry
 15 one of these in their pockets in
 16 order to be able to breathe
 17 properly as they go to work.

18 Therefore, I'm talking from
 19 a medical perspective. That
 20 medical perspective, if the
 21 politicians from Manhattan want to
 22 get the votes and don't think of
 23 what they're doing to children,
 24 then that is a terrible, terrible
 25 injustice because we should not

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 2 environment of the birds, of the
 3 trees, of the flowers, of the
 4 parks. And without that
 5 protection, then the City of New
 6 York is responsible for the
 7 sickness of anybody within our
 8 community. And when people get
 9 sick, I intend to go public.

10 Thank you (applause.)

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

13 Our next speaker is Delia
 14 Lopez.

15 MS. DELIA LOPEZ: Good
 16 evening, my name is Delia Lopez. I
 17 lived in Brooklyn, Williamsburg
 18 since 1949. My mother moved to
 19 America a single parent with four
 20 children and she raised us, she
 21 raised us to work very hard. She
 22 had three jobs in order to support
 23 us. She didn't go on no Welfare,
 24 or food stamps or anything like
 25 that, because she was a very proud

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 2 woman. And she raised me and my
 3 siblings the same way.
 4 You know that I'm the only
 5 one left in New York from all of us
 6 because my brother, he moved to
 7 Pennsylvania. My sister after many
 8 years of living in New York and my
 9 other brother have decided to go to
 10 Puerto Rico and they keep telling
 11 me why don't you? I say, no, I'm a
 12 real New Yorker. I love my -- I
 13 really, really love New York. I
 14 raised my children the same way and
 15 already one son went to Florida
 16 because of the smell.
 17 I own a house on White
 18 Street and sometimes I cannot open
 19 my windows because of the smell
 20 that comes through. And sometimes
 21 even with the smell, I keep -- with
 22 the windows closed that odor comes
 23 through the air conditioner when we
 24 have it.
 25 And it's very, very unfair

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 2 and I'm not gonna say what you
 3 already heard from all these nice
 4 people because I have years of
 5 living this way, but believe me,
 6 believe me, these people have told
 7 you exactly how it is and how we in
 8 Greenpoint and Williamsburg exist.
 9 Thank you very much
 10 (applause.)
 11 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.
 12 Shannon Stone? Is Shannon Stone
 13 here?
 14 MS. SHANNON STONE: The
 15 predominant topic of conversation
 16 here tonight is about the marine
 17 transfer stations and the export of
 18 New York City's waste. Why any of
 19 this waste will not be exported in
 20 the 20 years is not being
 21 addressed. The solution to the
 22 export problems begins with
 23 aggressive advancement of waste
 24 prevention, reuse and recycling.
 25 The Department of Sanitation

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 2 has just released a 20-year solid
 3 waste draft solid waste management
 4 plan, with the admirable goal of
 5 reaching 70 percent diversion of
 6 both commercial and DOS-managed
 7 waste by 2015.
 8 However, the draft
 9 comprehensive SWMP is anything but
 10 comprehensive when it comes to
 11 laying out in detail how DOS
 12 intends on reaching that goal.
 13 The New York City Waste
 14 Prevention Coalition, a coalition
 15 of 25 organizations dedicated to
 16 community waste prevention, is the
 17 most responsible, environmentally
 18 sound and cost effective form of
 19 waste management, has come together
 20 to augment the existing waste
 21 prevention portion of the draft
 22 SWMP and write a new section which
 23 is currently missing in its
 24 entirety.
 25 Although I have given you a

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 2 copy of our detailed waste
 3 prevention reuse program, I will
 4 only outline a few points as time
 5 allows.
 6 The most disappointing
 7 omission from the draft SWMP is the
 8 waste prevention coordinators
 9 programs.
 10 During the creation of the
 11 City's comprehensive solid waste
 12 management plan modification in
 13 2000, the New York City Waste
 14 Prevention Coalition proposed a
 15 five-year waste prevention action
 16 plan.
 17 From that plan, the City
 18 Council adopted a program for
 19 community-based waste prevention
 20 coordinators with one year's
 21 funding.
 22 Eight community-based
 23 organizations each received
 24 contracts for 90,000 and together
 25 diverted nearly 200 tons of waste

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 2 from the landfill.
 3 The new solid waste
 4 prevention, reuse and recycling
 5 programs take time to establish.
 6 Unfortunately the program was cut
 7 short when this dropped in the
 8 budget and the waste prevention and
 9 community-based organizations
 10 prevention and implementation
 11 ceased.
 12 We recommend that DOS
 13 reestablish and expand the
 14 residential waste prevention
 15 coordinator program to include one
 16 waste prevention coordinator in
 17 every community district. The
 18 coordinator's primary
 19 responsibility will be to increase
 20 waste prevention in the residential
 21 sector.
 22 They will be able to promote
 23 backyard composting and
 24 leave-it-on-the-lawn activities;
 25 educate households about where, how

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 2 corresponding with the
 3 redevelopment of the waste
 4 prevention coordinators program.
 5 The success of both depends on the
 6 other.
 7 The community leaves complex
 8 would be a one-stop shopping center
 9 that is arranged by the tenants,
 10 City-subsidized reuse organizations
 11 similarly to the Hunt's Point
 12 Redistribution Center.
 13 Beginning with one community
 14 reuse complex with a 100,000 square
 15 feet of retail viable space and
 16 later expanding to one per borough,
 17 the reuse organization whose
 18 handling and presence under one
 19 roof, will be easier for community
 20 use. It's kind of like a mini mall,
 21 you drop one thing off, you pick
 22 another.
 23 The Waste Prevention
 24 Coalition is excited about the
 25 waste characterization study

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 2 and where they can donate or buy
 3 reusable materials, organize waste
 4 prevention block leaders, advertise
 5 waste prevention shopping campaigns
 6 and coordinate collection of
 7 electronics and hazardous
 8 materials.
 9 The most glaring omission
 10 from the draft SWMP's chapter two
 11 is in the title. Please put reuse
 12 back into the SWMP so that section
 13 two is entitled, "waste prevention
 14 reuse and recycling."
 15 The omission seems to convey
 16 a lack of understanding about the
 17 waste management hierarchy and the
 18 differences between waste
 19 prevention, reuse and recycling.
 20 The lack of reuse
 21 initiatives in the draft
 22 comprehensive solid waste
 23 management plan could begin to be
 24 addressed with the inclusion of a
 25 community reuse complex

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 2 because examining the content of
 3 the City's waste is vital to
 4 evaluating how well the City's
 5 moving towards its diversion goals
 6 and how best to design future
 7 programs to reach its goals.
 8 However, only the current waste
 9 characterization study is outlined
 10 in the draft 20-year SWMP. We
 11 believe that a waste
 12 characterization study should be
 13 conducted every five years and that
 14 the categories of materials are
 15 separated into, should revolve
 16 around durables or reusables such
 17 as appliances and clothing,
 18 nondurable goods such as plastic
 19 and paper disposals and packaging
 20 categories such as plastic bags and
 21 Sheet Rock.
 22 The Waste Prevention
 23 Coalition is also glad to see that
 24 the marketing research to better
 25 educate the public was mentioned in

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2 the draft SWMP. However, much more
3 can be done over a 20-year time
4 frame. The market research should
5 address an understanding,
6 motivation and attitude of
7 self-reporting and have no barriers
8 to the three R's, reduce, reuse and
9 recycle.

10 Not only do we need to
11 educate the general public about
12 waste prevention reuse (bell rings)
13 but we also need to instill
14 life-long habits and respect for
15 the environment in our children.

16 While the expansion of the
17 Global Apple Program is a step in
18 the right direction, the DOS
19 Administration should work with the
20 City Administration with the
21 education program and
22 literature. Our City agencies like
23 schools, have little motivation to
24 prevent waste and recycling because
25 they receive free pickups and

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2 electronic waste is only addressed
3 in the draft 20-year SWMP with the
4 2004 electronic drop-off event and
5 is already past.

6 Since the City only supports
7 federal EPR legislation, the City
8 could show meaningful support
9 initiative by hosting, for example,
10 a national EPR roundtable for USA
11 East.

12 Through adoption, funding
13 and implementation of Waste
14 Prevention Coalition's
15 recommendations, DOS can more
16 readily achieve the goal and accept
17 the word solid and divert more
18 garbage from marine-based transfer
19 stations that are going to
20 Greenpoint/Williamsburg. It is not
21 only about waste prevention reuse,
22 there has to be a more cost
23 effective form of waste management
24 as land filling or other
25 unsustainable forms of waste

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2 sometimes are not allowed to reuse.
3 The Waste Prevention
4 Coalition recommends instituting
5 12 waste prevention coordinators by
6 2009 and would like to receive
7 money for them to complete their
8 mission of waste prevention and
9 reuse projects and consider
10 charging City institutions for the
11 waste they produce while offering
12 waste incentives.

13 The WPC applauds DOS' effort
14 to institute an annual household
15 hazardous waste collection day.
16 However, we recommend some items
17 for collection with a higher
18 capture rate of hazardous
19 materials. Also, electronic waste
20 should be included in pick-ups,
21 subsidized by the industries that
22 design the waste into the product
23 to grants, until extended
24 producer's responsibility
25 legislation is passed, otherwise

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2 management and the costs there, but
3 also that waste prevention and
4 especially reuse even more than
5 recycling, creates jobs and earns
6 revenues in the City, rather than
7 solely burying tax dollars in
8 out-of-state landfills.

9 Thank you (applause.)
10 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.
11 Our next speaker is Guido
12 Cianciotta.

13 MR. GUIDO CIANCIOTTA: My
14 name is Guido Cianciotta. I'm the
15 President of the Concerned Citizens
16 of Whithers Street that's been in
17 existence for 25 years. We fought
18 many battles in this area and it
19 seems to reach a deaf ear because I
20 see what's happening right here and
21 they look to put a 20-year, they
22 make it sound so great that they
23 gonna give you more garbage.

24 I told you something and
25 I'll tell you again, because I have

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 2 the experience being with
 3 Sanitation with the union.
 4 I tell you the way to solve
 5 80 -- 90 percent is to open all
 6 MTSSs including the one at 91st
 7 Street that Miller don't want
 8 (applause.) The people should have
 9 their say because every time you
 10 turn around, this community gets
 11 dumped on. For some reason they
 12 don't look to the right or the
 13 left. We're sick and tired.
 14 The plan that the Mayor has,
 15 we're not for it. Sixteen transfer
 16 stations, put them up someplace
 17 else. Split them up, we don't want
 18 sixteen, two, two, two.
 19 It reminds me of 20 years
 20 ago when me and all the people in
 21 this community, when Mayor Koch
 22 didn't know where to put the
 23 homeless, he says, "Greenpoint
 24 Hospital just closed, give
 25 everybody 200, give them 1,200."

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 2 We had 1,200 and I was in the
 3 middle of the street with a
 4 bullhorn for 18 years before he
 5 straightened that out. And if I have
 6 to go with a bullhorn on
 7 Metropolitan Avenue and any other
 8 place, I will be there because an
 9 injustice is being done here.
 10 You're not looking out for
 11 the people right here. The woman
 12 right here told you the
 13 environmental problem that we have.
 14 I'm on Metropolitan Avenue, you
 15 can't even cross, you gotta wait 30
 16 minutes after the light changes.
 17 Now, is somebody Downtown,
 18 125 Worth blind, don't they see
 19 what they're trying to shove
 20 everything in this area (applause.)
 21 And I want you to know, and I'm a
 22 little more handsome than the other
 23 guy, Metropolitan Avenue divides
 24 Greenpoint/Williamsburg so a lot of
 25 people get a little confused. We

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 2 won that argument at the City
 3 Council.
 4 Now, if you're gonna keep
 5 putting this on us, we want all
 6 incinerators -- you said not
 7 Greenpoint, not, I live in
 8 Greenpoint, I want that open too if
 9 it relieves the 16 transfer
 10 stations down here, because these
 11 people down here can't even breath.
 12 I see the old people beg to
 13 cross the street. "Please, will
 14 you hold my arm?" There's a
 15 million trucks piled up. Go up
 16 Metropolitan and Green, go down
 17 Metropolitan, see you got children
 18 that can't cross. Have a heart.
 19 When you go back, tell the
 20 Commissioner this is not a good
 21 idea to put everything in
 22 Greenpoint/Williamsburg.
 23 And now I heard you's wanna
 24 open two marine transfer stations
 25 and a couple of garages in the same

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 2 area, on Varick. Either there's
 3 something wrong upstairs or you
 4 better get with it because there's
 5 other areas that we can go.
 6 Believe me, I'm here a long time.
 7 You's are on the wrong track. If
 8 we gotta fight you, we'll go into
 9 court, we'll do anything we could,
 10 but don't keep dumping on us
 11 because you got a fight on your
 12 hands.
 13 Thank you (applause.)
 14 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.
 15 Theresa Cianciotta.
 16 MS. THERESA CIANCIOTTA: I
 17 don't know how I'm going to follow
 18 that one. Okay.
 19 Well, my name is Theresa
 20 Cianciotta. I represent the
 21 Concerned Citizens of Whithers
 22 Street and the Area Block
 23 Association. We have been involved
 24 in working for the betterment of
 25 the quality of life in our

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 2 community of
 3 Greenpoint/Williamsburg for 25
 4 years. We are also members of
 5 OUTRAGE for the past five years.
 6 We are concerned about the
 7 environmental unsafe air quality,
 8 excessive truck traffic, the noise
 9 and the rats and everything else
 10 that's terrible in our community
 11 due to all of these trucks on
 12 Metropolitan Avenue, due to 16
 13 waste transfer stations in our
 14 community.
 15 40 percent of the City's
 16 garbage goes through
 17 Williamsburg/Greenpoint. That's
 18 ten thousand tons per day. 70
 19 percent commercial waste, mostly
 20 from Manhattan, everything comes
 21 here from Manhattan.
 22 Four thousand garage trucks
 23 rumble down our streets each day
 24 and often on residential streets,
 25 blocks which people don't

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 2 485 Scott Avenue or 72 Scott
 3 Avenue, but that's an over
 4 development, an over abundance of
 5 garbage coming into our area. Two
 6 marine transfer stations, people
 7 don't realize the impact. They
 8 haven't seen the structure, it's
 9 tremendous, humongous and it's
 10 really something that we shouldn't
 11 have to shoulder in our community.
 12 Now, this is wrong. Two
 13 marine transfer stations in
 14 Greenpoint/Williamsburg, this is
 15 absolutely wrong. Whatever
 16 happened to the original plan we'll
 17 never know, but we are being
 18 treated unfairly and dumped on.
 19 Open up all the original
 20 marine transfer stations. What I
 21 think happened was that a lot of
 22 people that have a lot more clout
 23 than our people in our community
 24 and they were able to swing things
 25 around and that's wrong, because as

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 2 recognize. A lot of times these
 3 trucks aren't even covered properly
 4 and they're in areas where they're
 5 not supposed to be.
 6 At some point we're trying
 7 to get the police here, they have
 8 been actively ticketing and
 9 summonsing these trucks. So we have
 10 it on the record with the different
 11 police precincts as well as through
 12 Assemblymen Lentol's office and
 13 Lopez who has been active at the
 14 various truck stops.
 15 Now, we don't support the
 16 alternative plan to the former
 17 Greenpoint Marine Transfer Station
 18 and I keep asking, why did the
 19 Mayor change his plans from opening
 20 up all the existing marine transfer
 21 stations, okay? The Mayor changed
 22 the plan that will now impact on
 23 our community. Now we will have to
 24 shoulder the weight of two private
 25 marine transfer stations, maybe on

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 2 my husband said, we are always
 3 being dumped on.
 4 We've seen an overabundance
 5 of methadone centers in our
 6 community, we had the shelter, as
 7 my husband spoke about and we've
 8 lost a lot in our community. The
 9 old 87th Precinct, we've lost a
 10 firehouse, recently the Engine
 11 Company 212 and our hospital which
 12 was everything we needed in our
 13 community. And that was lost and
 14 to try to get a nursing home back,
 15 we've worked for 20 years. We have
 16 worked diligently, we never give up
 17 and that's on the brink of failing.
 18 So what happens? We get all
 19 the dumping and everything comes to
 20 us. Now, we don't agree with the
 21 alternative plans and we really, I
 22 feel that in the next 20 years, I
 23 don't know if I'm going to be here
 24 and I don't want to see that
 25 humongous marine transfer station

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2 in our community. It's against all
3 that we have worked for all our
4 years working for the betterment of
5 the community. I want the best for
6 my community.

7 And then consider the
8 garages at Varick Avenue that are
9 going to be newly built, the
10 Sanitation trucks. They're going
11 to be rumbling through our
12 community. That's gonna be an
13 excess of trucks, plus they'll be
14 the Kosciusko Bridge that's gonna
15 to be possibly a new bridge, that
16 will be demolished. We're gonna
17 have havoc in our community with
18 all of what's happening. People
19 are not really aware of what all
20 this will be shouldered on us.

21 So that's everything that
22 I'm talking about is a tremendous
23 burden and the residents are
24 against this plan and as my husband
25 said, the 59th Street, the people

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2 at the 59th Street, East 91st
3 Street, they're fighting. They
4 don't want the marine transfer
5 stations so does that mean that
6 we're going to be stuck with the
7 marine stations? As the Borough
8 President said, all marine transfer
9 stations in Brooklyn? Don't dump
10 on Brooklyn.

11 You know, I'm sorry, it
12 seems to be everybody dumps on
13 Brooklyn and I'm with the Borough
14 President, Marty Markowitz and I
15 stand strong with this, with my
16 statement that we want the best for
17 our community. And consider what I
18 have said because as other people
19 have said, we have a lot of
20 environmental issues. We live near
21 the East Williamsburg Industrial.
22 There are so many trucks in and out
23 of that facility there because it's
24 an area where there are a lot of
25 companies that have toxic chemicals

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2 that are released in the air.
3 I mean, we have to be
4 concerned about our health.
5 Luckily we're still alive, but I'm
6 worried about the children. I'm
7 worried about everybody. And to
8 add more that's going to be
9 environmentally unsound, we are
10 against it.

11 So please take
12 consideration of my concerns as
13 well as there should be maybe a
14 committee. But at this point, it
15 looks like a done deal. I don't
16 know if anybody's gonna pay
17 attention to what we're saying,
18 because it looks like the Mayor has
19 proposed the plan and that's going
20 to be it and we're not happy with
21 it (applause.)

22 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you
23 for your comments.

24 Our next speaker is Rebecca
25 White.

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2 MS. REBECCA WHITE: Hi, good
3 evening. My name is Rebecca White.
4 I'm here with the North Brooklyn
5 Greens. We have over 1,200
6 enrollees in the neighborhood and
7 before I get into what I want to
8 say, you know, people are leaving
9 because they have families to get
10 to. And I really want to point
11 that out, we really hope that
12 you're listening to what everyone
13 in this room has to say, because
14 each person in here represents a
15 family and a building. Each person
16 is here not because they're getting
17 paid, but because they're here
18 concerned about their families and
19 their buildings and this community.

20 We don't have a lot of
21 things that we need to be doing
22 other than being at a Sanitation
23 hearing, but we're here because we
24 care.

25 And when someone said you

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 2 know, we have a really high asthma
 3 rate, it's not just a statistic,
 4 that's a lot of mothers and a lot
 5 of fathers taking their children to
 6 the hospital routinely. And when
 7 someone pulls up that respirator
 8 (indicating) they have to carry
 9 that for life and it's not just an
 10 inconvenience, it's a health risk.
 11 So I just really want it to
 12 sink in that this isn't lip service
 13 and this isn't a NIMBY
 14 neighborhood. We are a very
 15 strong, resilient neighborhood that
 16 really had a lot blows thrown our
 17 way.
 18 We deal with a lot of
 19 different issues. We deal with a
 20 lot of different toxins thrown at
 21 us. This is not a NIMBY
 22 neighborhood, this is a working
 23 neighborhood and a proud
 24 neighborhood and we are standing up
 25 because not that we don't adhere to

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 2 we have a marine transfer station
 3 that takes Lower Manhattan's
 4 garbage to the waterfront there so
 5 that it doesn't have to cross the
 6 bridge and come into Brooklyn?
 7 (Applause.)
 8 Now I agree with our
 9 colleagues that the New York State
 10 Department of Transportation and
 11 the City Department of
 12 Transportation have a lot of
 13 different projects going on that we
 14 need to examine every possible
 15 out-of-the-box solution to have
 16 ways that trucks can get to
 17 transfer stations without hitting
 18 our residential streets. And when
 19 you look at, you know, they did the
 20 whole truck study in this
 21 neighborhood and most of us were
 22 there and they're saying that we're
 23 running out of capacity. So we
 24 can't afford to have any more
 25 trucks on the streets.

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 2 New York City's fair share policy,
 3 but we only want a little bit, we
 4 don't want it all (applause.)
 5 As far as the North Brooklyn
 6 Greens are concerned, we do support
 7 barge and rail options in dealing
 8 with solid waste, but only if the
 9 existing commercial waste stations
 10 are closed.
 11 The number one goal in the
 12 neighborhood is a significant and
 13 permanent reduction in waste
 14 handling capacity.
 15 Now, 80 percent of our
 16 commercial waste is coming from Manhattan,
 17 80 percent of the waste that we
 18 will be handling is coming from
 19 Lower Manhattan and is predominantly
 20 commercial waste. Nowhere on that
 21 map was there a marine transfer
 22 station in Lower Manhattan. We've
 23 got so much construction going on
 24 with the Lower Manhattan
 25 Development Corporation, why can't

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 2 One of the problems with the
 3 DEIS and its sister document from
 4 the commercial waste study is that
 5 it's wholly erroneous in saying
 6 that there are no negative health
 7 impacts on the waste transfer
 8 stations in our neighborhood.
 9 Now, I don't know what other
 10 study would be able to take the
 11 idealized situation and use that as
 12 their benchmark, but when someone
 13 like Nissan tests a car, they can't
 14 just take the idealized crash, they
 15 have to actually crash a car. So
 16 when we're doing an environmental
 17 impact statement, we need to
 18 actually be out there measuring
 19 toxin levels. We need to actually
 20 be out there measuring smells. We
 21 need to be out there measuring
 22 asthma rates, we need to be out
 23 there looking at how many cars or
 24 trucks are idling when they are in
 25 the a queue and how many trucks,

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 2 especially when the cold weather
 3 hits, are idling overnight with the
 4 -- sleeping in their trucks with
 5 their engines on because it's cold.
 6 And I'm sympathetic to truck
 7 drivers, my father was a truck
 8 driver, but that breaks the
 9 regulations, that's not good for
 10 the neighborhood and it's not an
 11 appropriate way to be running a
 12 waste business.

13 Now, I'm really, really
 14 happy that the Chairman from the
 15 New York City Waste Coalition came
 16 because one of things that this
 17 plan does not address is that waste
 18 prevention is the number one key.

19 We have to deal with garbage
 20 and we have to deal with it now and
 21 that's pragmatic, but New York City
 22 is not committed to waste
 23 prevention. New York City needs to
 24 be committed to aggressive waste
 25 prevention not only on City

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 2 agencies, but in promoting it
 3 because we have eight million
 4 people and we're not getting any
 5 smaller. We need to figure out how
 6 to reduce our waste overall and
 7 there is not a serious commitment
 8 to waste prevention in this plan
 9 and there is no commitment to green
 10 garbage trucks.

11 One of the things that would
 12 help out greatly is, if when the
 13 garbage trucks go out of
 14 commission, a green energy garbage
 15 truck is purchased to replace it.
 16 As long as we're having garbage
 17 trucks going throughout streets, we
 18 need to reduce their emission.

19 And there are really simple
 20 things that we can be doing to
 21 reduce the overall waste burden,
 22 not only on this neighborhood, but
 23 on the City and on the City's
 24 pocketbook. And we need to see a
 25 serious commitment from the SWMP on

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 2 that. So thank you very much
 3 (applause.)

4 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.
 5 Our next speaker is Laura Hoffman
 6 (applause.)

7 MS. LAURA HOFFMAN: I am
 8 Laura Hoffman of the Barge Park
 9 Pals. I am glad to see that the
 10 Department of Sanitation solid
 11 waste management plan will
 12 implement marine transfer of solid
 13 waste. However, community
 14 organizations and residents such as
 15 myself, remain concerned about
 16 achieving a net reduction of solid
 17 waste handling in our community.

18 The New York City Department
 19 of Sanitation must achieve a
 20 significant reduction of solid
 21 waste handling in this community.

22 I had the opportunity to
 23 tour the Waste Management facility
 24 and the BFI facility with the CBI
 25 Environmental Committee which, by

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 2 the way, I support every word of
 3 Deborah Master's testimony. It was
 4 very, very to the point.

5 It is clear that the City
 6 must choose only one major
 7 marine/rail facility. It would be
 8 environmentally unjust to force
 9 both on one community.

10 Clearly, the Waste
 11 Management facility is managed far
 12 better than BFI. However, BFI
 13 states that it would commit to a
 14 consolidation resulting in less
 15 facilities and consolidation is
 16 important to the community.

17 If BFI is chosen to take on
 18 this major operation, DOS must make
 19 certain that its operation is
 20 brought up to a state-of-the-art
 21 status.

22 Presently the facility looks
 23 like it's held together with sticks
 24 and string, resembling arts and
 25 crafts status. The marine transfer

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 2 station in Manhattan must be
 3 brought on line. Manhattan must
 4 begin to handle some of its own
 5 waste and stop dumping on this
 6 community (applause.)
 7 As it is, this community
 8 handles most of the City's waste
 9 water, enough is enough. The
 10 Greenpoint Marine Transfer Station
 11 must not go into operation or be
 12 expanded as part of the SWMP
 13 package. That site neighbors the
 14 largest sewage treatment facility
 15 in the City. The community
 16 surrounding the sewage treatment
 17 facility cannot handle the
 18 cumulative effect, nor can it
 19 handle the truck traffic;
 20 particularly since North Greenpoint
 21 will be severely impacted with high
 22 residential towers and a massive
 23 increase in population impacts due
 24 to the Greenpoint/Williamsburg
 25 rezoning.

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 2 community deserves it.
 3 Wherever there is solid
 4 waste handling, there should always
 5 be associated tree plantings and
 6 open space improvements to help
 7 filter the horrid air in the
 8 affected areas.
 9 I'm in the position to have
 10 read the SWMP DEIS, the
 11 Williamsburg/Greenpoint rezoning
 12 DEIS and the Cross Harbor Project
 13 DEIS. The SWMP EIS must consider
 14 the major truck traffic impacts
 15 that the Cross Harbor DEIS
 16 proposes. The Cross Harbor Project
 17 proposes the construction of a new
 18 bridge over the Newtown Creek
 19 extending from Queens, on 59th
 20 Avenue to Greenpoint in the area
 21 most affected by transfer stations.
 22 This bridge would be in
 23 addition to the Kosciusko Bridge.
 24 That's unacceptable.
 25 The Cross Harbor Project

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 2 The Department of Sanitation
 3 must work with the community to
 4 address what the former Greenpoint
 5 MTS will be used for. Presently,
 6 there is construction going on at
 7 that site, despite dioxin
 8 contaminated soils.
 9 The community has been
 10 unable to find out what the
 11 structure will be used for or how
 12 the property remediation is being
 13 handled, having formerly housed the
 14 Greenpoint incinerator.
 15 This lack of communication
 16 with the community is unacceptable
 17 and it must stop. DOS must not
 18 rely on odor controls such as
 19 misters. DOS should choose much
 20 more reliable odor treatments such
 21 as carbon filtration.
 22 The City must provide the
 23 communities affected by the SWMP
 24 with amenities for handling borough
 25 and City solid waste loads. The

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 2 proposes the filling of Maspeth
 3 Creek and a portion of Newtown Creek
 4 which may affect SWMP plans which
 5 also needs careful review. And the
 6 Cross Harbor Project strongly
 7 indicates major truck impacts in
 8 our community in an area most
 9 concentrated with land-based
 10 transfer stations.
 11 The Greenpoint/Williamsburg
 12 rezoning DEIS proposes major
 13 changes that will affect
 14 manufacturing and industrial area
 15 uses which may affect the SWMP. It
 16 proposes massive population and
 17 traffic impacts that will also
 18 affect the community and the SWMP.
 19 These potential and major impacts
 20 need to be looked at in the SWMP
 21 EIS. DOS must also consider
 22 creative ways of directing traffic
 23 off community streets such as a
 24 ramp from the Kosciusko Bridge to
 25 bring truck traffic directly onto

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 2 the major traffic arteries rather
 3 than past homes. This needs DOS
 4 coordination with the New York
 5 State DOT. And I don't know if you
 6 noticed how hard I'm breathing, but
 7 I carry it (indicating) this
 8 Greenpoint trademark as a sort of a
 9 thought. The asthma is very severe
 10 in this neighborhood and you really
 11 need to go back and do the right
 12 thing (applause.)

13 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.

14 Our next speaker is Carlotta
 15 Giglio.

16 MS. CARLOTTA GIGLIO: Thank
 17 you for this opportunity to speak.
 18 I did not prepare a statement
 19 tonight. I did testify before this
 20 committee before and in Manhattan
 21 and I'm sure you don't want to hear
 22 again about all my ailments and all
 23 the noise that I hear.

24 I live on Metropolitan
 25 Avenue between Manhattan and

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 2 to tell you, I just could not
 3 concentrate because every time
 4 trucks passed, they set off the
 5 alarms on every car on that block.
 6 Now, if they're doing that
 7 to me, children at 132 on the next
 8 block have to hear the same thing
 9 and it's just incomprehensible to
 10 me that none of those parents, and
 11 I hope some of them are here,
 12 'cause if they are not here,
 13 because I know if my child went to
 14 that school I would be screaming to
 15 the top of my lungs (applause.)
 16 Excuse me?

17 THE AUDIENCE: Then they
 18 wonder why our scores in our
 19 schools are so low.

20 MS. CARLOTTA GIGLIO: I
 21 don't know how they concentrate.
 22 It's just beyond my belief. And
 23 they added those, they look like
 24 trailers in the front of the
 25 schoolyards and now the children

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 2 Leonard Street. I certainly agree
 3 with everyone that spoke, about the
 4 waste management stations and the
 5 landfill stations and I certainly
 6 could not articulate any better
 7 than everyone has. But I really
 8 think you need take into
 9 consideration several points:

10 One is, I live on
 11 Metropolitan between, as I said,
 12 Manhattan and Leonard and not only
 13 do I hear thousands of trucks
 14 passing my house on a daily basis,
 15 but I also have the L train running
 16 underneath my home. So my house
 17 rattles from the train and when
 18 that stops, it rattles from the
 19 truck traffic. So it's like I'm
 20 doing a constant rumble all day
 21 long.

22 Yesterday I was tracking a
 23 report because although I'm
 24 retired, I'm involved with many
 25 things in the community and I have

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 2 are closer to the avenue than they
 3 ever were before. So again, I
 4 don't know how they concentrate.
 5 And I agree with what Sister
 6 said, you know, I never thought of
 7 this, but for the past two years
 8 every time I plant flowers in my
 9 garden in the front, they don't
 10 last more than a week, they die.
 11 They're dying from the fumes, the
 12 black smoke that comes out of those
 13 pipes. These trucks are so old and
 14 all you need to do to see what has
 15 been happening with Assemblyman
 16 Lopez. We had two truck stops
 17 already, we're having one tomorrow,
 18 okay and Joe Lentol. They've given
 19 out thousands, I think the last
 20 time was \$97,000 in fines, but
 21 these trucks that pass my home, her
 22 home and anyone else that lives on
 23 Metro, because they are so
 24 overweight, the tonnage is
 25 unbelievable. They're so old, the

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 2 tires are worn and this is what's
 3 passing through our streets.
 4 I have trucks that pass with
 5 seven or eight cars besides Waste
 6 Management trucks. You can't
 7 imagine, and I invite you and I've
 8 invited you the last time and I
 9 invite anyone on this committee or
 10 anyone that will have the final say
 11 as to what happens in this
 12 neighborhood with garbage, to come
 13 to my home for a week, believe me,
 14 it will only take an hour, but you
 15 can stay a week. I'll feed you,
 16 I'll do whatever you want to do.
 17 I think you really, really
 18 need to see firsthand what's
 19 happening down Metro. There is
 20 such a crack in the facade in my
 21 house, it's unbelievable and that's
 22 the outside.
 23 On the inside, all my window
 24 frames are cracking, the sides of
 25 my walls are cracking and, you

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 2 know, as I said, people could say,
 3 well, why don't you get up and
 4 move? I was born and raised here,
 5 I was one of the few people that
 6 stayed here, I didn't run away.
 7 And I helped build this community
 8 and I want to stay here, because I
 9 do love this community. But this
 10 is just, it has to stop, it really
 11 does have to stop. And I really
 12 hope you take this into
 13 consideration. Because one day I'm
 14 going to pull right through
 15 Metropolitan Avenue, ride the L
 16 train to Manhattan, but no thanks.
 17 And I also have to tell you,
 18 last week I fell. I fell on
 19 Manhattan Avenue, I walked in the
 20 street, the tar is buckled because
 21 of the traffic and I landed there
 22 and I just fell flat on my face.
 23 Really, you know, we can stand here
 24 and talk for days, but you have to
 25 really see what's going on

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 2 firsthand to understand and
 3 appreciate what we go through.
 4 Thank you (applause.)
 5 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.
 6 Our next speaker is Alison
 7 Cordero.
 8 MS. ALISON CORDERO: Well,
 9 Mike just said, uh-oh, but I know I
 10 can't top Guido so I'm not even
 11 going to try.
 12 I am actually here to
 13 testify on behalf of St. Nicholas
 14 instead of our Executive Director,
 15 Michael Rochford who had a family
 16 medical emergency and couldn't be
 17 here today. He will be submitting
 18 his written testimony.
 19 A lot of the points that I
 20 would like to make and some of the
 21 ones that he will make in his
 22 written testimony, have already
 23 been made, so I will in the
 24 interest of time and because there
 25 are still other speakers to come,

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 2 not repeat them.
 3 I would like to just
 4 emphasize the three most important
 5 points that I think have been made
 6 tonight.
 7 One is we need a real
 8 reduction and until we have real
 9 reduction, we shouldn't even really
 10 be talking about opening one of
 11 those alternatives, it has to be
 12 concurrent. We cannot open one of
 13 those alternatives until we see a
 14 real reduction called stop
 15 (applause.)
 16 First we need fair share. A
 17 number of us, I think about 50 of
 18 us altogether from the Bronx and
 19 Brooklyn went up to East 91st
 20 Street to take the message to
 21 Manhattan that all boroughs
 22 including Manhattan, must handle
 23 their fair share of all the
 24 residential and commercial garbage
 25 (applause.)

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 2 Now, we appreciate that this
 3 plan takes some long steps and it's
 4 been, I think we've spent the past
 5 five years talking to you, talking
 6 to DEC, talking to the administration
 7 and we appreciate that you've
 8 listened, but it's not far enough.
 9 Whoever said that there needs to be
 10 a transfer station in Lower
 11 Manhattan is right. They dredged
 12 out the one -- maybe the one good
 13 thing that 9/11 did for the City
 14 apart from everybody getting
 15 together, was that they ended up
 16 dredging out, as an emergency
 17 measure, something that would have
 18 probably taken us 25 years to get
 19 permits to do, so now you can move
 20 that stuff out of Lower Manhattan
 21 by barge. You just go to plan the
 22 site.

23 But that's a real -- because
 24 a lot of what we have in addition
 25 to Manhattan's commercial waste, we

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 2 have a lot of fill. And although
 3 fill is not as noxious and we don't
 4 smell it as much as the
 5 putrescible garbage and so we
 6 haven't talked about it 'cause what
 7 we smell in all summer is the
 8 putrescible, the fill; if you go
 9 by a fill station they're probably
 10 some of the worst run stations,
 11 there is a lot of dust. And if
 12 they run by houses like Collatas
 13 like the senior citizen residence
 14 that St. Nick's operates at 609
 15 Metropolitan Avenue, people cannot
 16 keep their windows open because
 17 they try to keep the smell out off
 18 of most of those trucks.

19 Some other things
 20 specifically on behalf of St.
 21 Nicholas and for the work that I
 22 do, there are some people here from
 23 the community that are immediately
 24 proximate to transfer stations
 25 because this is an old industrial

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 2 area, we do have nonconforming
 3 zoning within the industrial area,
 4 on Grattan Street, on Thames Street
 5 as well as the newly built homes on
 6 Seigal Street which Delia testified
 7 about.

8 In particular the White
 9 Street side of that development,
 10 the impacts are terrible. The
 11 Thames Street Station needs to be
 12 closed and closed soon. That
 13 station is in an M-1 area and
 14 literally there are trucks queuing
 15 across the street from tenement
 16 buildings with open windows; we
 17 just reconstructed one of them
 18 actually around the City program
 19 last year.

20 Finally, one, not two.

21 Once we get that reduction,
 22 then we can talk about one
 23 alternative, not two. You want a
 24 redundancy, find the redundancy
 25 somewhere else. We had ten years

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 2 of this because you didn't plan the
 3 last time. We're not going to take
 4 it again. I'm going out with Guido
 5 and that bullhorn if that happens
 6 (applause.)

7 We support, as you know, the
 8 use of barge or rail, their trucks
 9 and in fact I remember that Tisch
 10 was one of the people or the lead
 11 person that testified when BFI had
 12 their CSX application in front of
 13 the community board. But again, it
 14 has to come hand and hand with the
 15 reduction because the fact is that
 16 stuff is still coming in by truck
 17 and those are still a lot of trucks
 18 and we already have the damage to
 19 our streets and our infrastructure
 20 on those trucks.

21 Finally, things the
 22 Sanitation Department can do and
 23 you know you talk to us and many of
 24 the meetings we've had about some
 25 things you can't legally do that

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 2 involve private transfer stations
 3 and you might get sued and I'm sure
 4 in New York City there are many,
 5 many very bright lawyers and the
 6 Mayor seems to be very adept at
 7 getting pro bono legal and other
 8 advice from the best people so I'm
 9 sure somebody can figure that one
 10 out.

11 But there are some things,
 12 some very simple things that you
 13 can do. We're getting two more
 14 Sanitation garages and this is the
 15 part that, because we consider
 16 ourselves the community of
 17 Greenpoint, we haven't talked about
 18 a lot, but the reality is that the
 19 current siting of the garages and
 20 proposed siting of the alternatives
 21 is concentrating the traffic in
 22 East Williamsburg and Southern
 23 Greenpoint. It's not staying on
 24 Thames Avenue 'cause we know they
 25 want to build expensive condos on

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 2 the transfer stations are, you got
 3 Varick one, two garages in Varick
 4 too. That is the largest
 5 Sanitation facility that makes you
 6 want to regulate a huge facility in
 7 the City of New York at this time,
 8 I believe, if you look at the size
 9 of those four buildings, it's six
 10 city blocks long. We got to deal
 11 with that, that's gonna be here.
 12 And the reality is because it has a
 13 barge and rail connection, it's
 14 probably gonna be here for the rest
 15 of our future. So we better figure
 16 out a way to make sure it operates
 17 with the least possible impact on
 18 the community, that we start doing
 19 waste prevention now.

20 We had a pilot waste
 21 prevention program, it lasted a
 22 year. Anyone will tell you that no
 23 program involves that amount of
 24 public education, as Shannon said,
 25 it can be up and running in a year.

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 2 Thames Avenue. It's not going up
 3 to the Greenpoint Marine Transfer
 4 Station where they A, already have
 5 the huge Newtown Creek Plant, but
 6 Mr. Klein also wants to build some
 7 condos up there we hear. So you
 8 understand why some of those things
 9 aren't happening.

10 But we're not going to again
 11 look at that concentration without
 12 some compensation to this community
 13 and some mitigation.

14 One of the things that you
 15 can do right away is you open that
 16 new garage, you better get green
 17 trucks in both garages that are
 18 going in there as a priority.
 19 Every truck that comes off of those
 20 garages needs to be a green truck.

21 We need to have very strict
 22 standards about operations; we need
 23 a Community Advisory Board that
 24 includes, 'cause you've got, for
 25 those people who don't know where

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 2 We did a lot in a year. We did
 3 clothes, we did electronics, we
 4 established six composting programs
 5 which are still running, so let's
 6 -- using \$80,000.

7 I don't know how many hours
 8 your consultants that are here, how
 9 much time that pays for, but not
 10 me, we work a little cheaper and
 11 we'll be happy to continue doing
 12 that work.

13 Thank you (applause.)

14 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.

15 Our next speaker is Venus
 16 Bonnet.

17 THE AUDIENCE: She had to
 18 leave.

19 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.

20 Dolores Clay? Is Dolores
 21 here? Marva Baker? Not here?
 22 Dr. Edward Fishkin
 23 (applause.)

24 MR. EDWARD FISHKIN: Thank
 25 you. I'm not a garbage expert and

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 2 I'm not a Sanitation expert, but I
 3 do work, I'm a Medical Director of
 4 Woodhull Hospital, a community
 5 hospital for our neighborhood.
 6 We're very concerned about
 7 the amount of trucks and garbage
 8 coming into the neighborhood. My
 9 patients are penalized from living
 10 in this neighborhood. It is a
 11 penalty just for living in this
 12 neighborhood and I'll tell you why
 13 in a minute, but what I have to ask
 14 that you'll agree, that everyone in
 15 the room agrees that all men, all
 16 women, all boys and girls are
 17 created equal. Do we all agree
 18 with that?
 19 If you agree with that
 20 premise, then why is it that the
 21 hospitalization rate for children
 22 in this neighborhood with asthma is
 23 between 182 and 220 per 10,000?
 24 If I go to the Upper West
 25 Side or I go to the Upper East

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 2 Side, where we had a demonstration
 3 last week, the hospitalization rate
 4 for children with asthma is zero.
 5 So what is that? I mean, there's
 6 plenty of asthma there, but theirs'
 7 is zero. And how many waste
 8 transfer stations do they have?
 9 Another thing, asthma is, in
 10 Kansas, the asthma prevalence is
 11 about seven percent for the
 12 population. That's not, it's not
 13 bad. In urban centers throughout
 14 the country, Chicago and Los
 15 Angeles, it's about 15 percent,
 16 pretty high, double what it is in
 17 Kansas.
 18 I'll go into schools in our
 19 neighborhood and I go into many
 20 schools, I was in one yesterday,
 21 the asthma prevalence is 25
 22 percent. One out of four children
 23 in the neighborhood have asthma.
 24 Asthma is the number one
 25 reason children come to my

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 2 emergency room. It's the number
 3 one reason children get admitted to
 4 my hospital. It's about the number
 5 three reason adults get admitted to
 6 my hospital. It's the number four
 7 reason that adults come to my
 8 emergency room.
 9 At the end of this year, by
 10 Christmas Eve, by the end of this
 11 month, they'll be 5,000 asthma
 12 deaths in the United States.
 13 Almost 25 percent of them are going
 14 to be in Brooklyn.
 15 I think Brooklyn has the
 16 fourth highest absolute number of
 17 asthma deaths than any other city
 18 in the country. It is outrageous.
 19 The truck traffic is
 20 phenomenal. If you stand on Union
 21 Avenue or Metropolitan in the
 22 summertime and you count the number
 23 of trucks and these folks have done
 24 this, the diesel particulate
 25 emissions, the vapor emissions,

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 2 those are very powerful triggers
 3 and very powerful irritants for
 4 people with asthma, other
 5 respiratory diseases, heart
 6 disease, it's phenomenal.
 7 When I look at the weather
 8 in the morning to see which way the
 9 wind's blowing, I know if my
 10 emergency room is going to be
 11 packed with people with respiratory
 12 illness. That's unacceptable.
 13 In the summertime when it's
 14 hot, you get 5,000 diesel trucks
 15 coming in daily, so you know about
 16 the ground level ozone levels.
 17 Also powerful stimulants for
 18 respiratory illness.
 19 It's not happening in other
 20 neighborhoods. It's really
 21 unconscionable I think, that this
 22 neighborhood has to put up with
 23 things that other neighborhoods
 24 won't put up with.
 25 I was embarrassed frankly

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 2 with the behavior of the Upper East
 3 Side last week when they said, "We
 4 don't want this stuff. We don't
 5 want any of that stuff here." It's
 6 good enough for the people here,
 7 but it's not good enough for them.
 8 But I think what we have to come
 9 out with the discussion in the
 10 City, however it ends up, is that
 11 each neighborhood at least has to
 12 recognize that they're responsible
 13 for their own stuff. At least
 14 everyone agrees (applause.)
 15 It was shocking, I was
 16 actually shocked to see the way the
 17 Upper East Side behaved and I think
 18 if we start with the premise that
 19 we're all responsible for our own,
 20 then I think we can do something
 21 for our people in North Brooklyn
 22 and for people in our City.
 23 Thanks.
 24 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.
 25 Carina, is it Sciangola?

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 2 CARINA SCIANGOLA: I really
 3 like this neighborhood and would
 4 like to stay here, but we can't
 5 with all the garbage and odors. On
 6 garbage collecting days, I get
 7 nervous crossing the street. I get
 8 nervous because I see all these
 9 garbage trucks zooming down the
 10 street, I think well, someone is
 11 going to get hurt.
 12 I honestly think you should
 13 take the trucks off our street and
 14 move the garbage out by barge or
 15 rail because it will be much safer
 16 for our neighborhood.
 17 Now, about the odor. I
 18 think that you should probably
 19 solve it because by bringing other
 20 neighborhood's garbage, people
 21 become sick. We need better odor
 22 control and more monitoring and
 23 enforcement, thanks (applause.)
 24 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you
 25 for that. And how old are you?

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 2 MR. KARINA SCIANGOLA:
 3 Eight.
 4 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.
 5 Dominick Sciangola.
 6 MR. DOMINICK SCIANGOLA: My
 7 name is Dominick Sciangola, a
 8 member of OUTRAGE, parent of three
 9 children who attend St. Nicholas
 10 Elementary School and also
 11 represent St. Nicholas Parish.
 12 We're sick and tired of
 13 bringing my three young children to
 14 the doctor every month to treat for
 15 their sickness. One child at this
 16 point has asthma and this is
 17 obviously a serious problem.
 18 We need to stop this garbage
 19 waste that goes on in this
 20 neighborhood and continues to
 21 destroy the physical and mental
 22 health on our residents. We need
 23 to stop dumping on Williamsburg.
 24 We need to have a reduction in the
 25 number of transfer stations that

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 2 are in this area, 16 is way too
 3 many. We need to open the marine
 4 transfer stations, especially East
 5 91st Street.
 6 Do not now allow any
 7 expansion on any existing waste
 8 transfer stations. Place a cap on
 9 capacity on these existing transfer
 10 stations. And we must close the
 11 existing waste transfer stations
 12 especially if you're going to be
 13 adding the marine transfer stations
 14 in our neighborhood.
 15 We must have more
 16 enforcement of the existing laws
 17 involving the existing transfer
 18 stations because they will continue
 19 to manage their facilities and
 20 their trucks however they want to.
 21 And the trucks especially are
 22 breaking the law when they travel
 23 on the roads being too heavy, bald
 24 tires and we have all those
 25 problems.

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 2 We must reduce the amount of
 3 truck traffic that comes down our
 4 streets especially on Metropolitan
 5 Avenue that bring noise and
 6 unbearable odors to our
 7 neighborhood and continue to speed
 8 down the street just waiting for a
 9 tragedy to happen.
 10 We need to stop this now
 11 before someone gets hurt or
 12 possibly dies from these trucks.
 13 We have young students and
 14 many elderly that need to cross our
 15 streets daily and the main goal of
 16 our neighborhood is to develop an
 17 equitable solid waste policy that
 18 will reduce the impacts on
 19 residents' experience on a daily
 20 basis.
 21 Thank you.
 22 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you
 23 for your comments.
 24 Our next speaker is Council
 25 Member David Yassky (applause.)

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 2 MR. DAVID YASSKY: Thank you
 3 very much. My name is David
 4 Yassky, I represent the 33rd
 5 Council District including the
 6 neighborhood of Greenpoint and
 7 most, much of Greenpoint or most of
 8 Greenpoint and much of
 9 Williamsburg.
 10 And listen, you know that
 11 this community and this
 12 neighborhood has suffered under the
 13 so-called interim plan like none
 14 other with 40 percent of the
 15 garbage coming through Community
 16 Board 1. This community needs
 17 relief and it needs relief
 18 desperately.
 19 I do believe that moving
 20 from a truck-based plan to a
 21 barge-based plan holds out the
 22 promise for relief, but your solid
 23 waste management plan must be
 24 amended to guarantee and make sure
 25 that that relief will come. And

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 2 very specifically what I mean is,
 3 if a marine transfer station is to
 4 open, then an equivalent capacity
 5 in truck-based transfer stations
 6 must be closed down.
 7 We cannot have both. We
 8 cannot have both a marine transfer
 9 station (applause) and continue
 10 with the same truck-based transfer
 11 stations that we have had here in
 12 the neighborhood for the last
 13 several years.
 14 I also believe that you must
 15 very clearly and in a legally
 16 binding way in the plan, make sure
 17 that we won't have the problem that
 18 some marine transfer stations will
 19 open and others will not.
 20 What I'm specifically, what
 21 I'm concerned about is how do we
 22 know that the marine transfer
 23 station we were talking about for
 24 this area won't open and then
 25 others won't -- then others won't,

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 2 either will not open or be delayed
 3 for many years, meaning that all
 4 the truck traffic will have to come
 5 here. I believe that you have to
 6 make sure that they will all open
 7 together or not at all so that the
 8 new ones here don't get permitted
 9 unless all of them do Citywide.
 10 If this community is going
 11 to be asked to bear its share,
 12 everyone I believe has to bear
 13 their share as well.
 14 Those are the changes, those
 15 are the two most, to me, most
 16 important changes that I hope you
 17 will all consider as is this plan
 18 moves forward.
 19 Thank you very much.
 20 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.
 21 Is there anyone else here
 22 who signed up to speak and wasn't
 23 called? Please come up.
 24 Please state your name for
 25 the record.

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 2 MS. EVELYN CRUZ: So tonight
 3 I think Carina put things in
 4 perspective. We are here tonight
 5 to speak on behalf of our most
 6 vulnerable, our young children and
 7 our seniors.
 8 My name is Evelyn Cruz and
 9 I'm here representing Congresswoman
 10 Valezquez, representing the 12th
 11 Congressional District. She's not
 12 here to join us tonight, but she's
 13 asked that I submit, read the
 14 statement on her behalf and we will
 15 be forwarding written comments.
 16 "I thank you for the
 17 opportunity to submit the
 18 statements in response to the draft
 19 EIS regarding the Greenpoint three
 20 marine transfer station
 21 alternatives along the Newtown
 22 Creek significant maritime
 23 industrial area under the new
 24 revitalization plan.
 25 As your representative of

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 2 bear a disproportionate number of
 3 waste transfer stations and other
 4 hazardous waste. These
 5 neighborhoods are home to more than
 6 60 waste transfer stations that
 7 process more than 40 percent of the
 8 entire City's garbage. 4,000
 9 trucks loaded with tons of trash,
 10 travel the streets of these
 11 communities daily causing
 12 environmental and structural damage
 13 and contributing to a high
 14 prevalence of respiratory illnesses
 15 and other ailments among its
 16 residents.
 17 Sadly, the waste management
 18 industry rakes it billions of
 19 dollars at the expense of the
 20 community and low-paying hazardous
 21 jobs. The waste transfer stations
 22 combined with the clustering of
 23 other polluting facilities like
 24 power plants, the Newton Creek
 25 Sewage Treatment Plant, which is

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 2 New York's 12th Congressional
 3 District, which includes Brooklyn,
 4 Queens and Manhattan, I have
 5 actively been working in Washington
 6 to end the environmental injustice
 7 in my districts and nationwide.
 8 In submitting these
 9 comments, I believe that the new
 10 SWMP will only be successful if it
 11 helps permanently reduce a
 12 significant number of land-based
 13 transfer stations in
 14 Greenpoint/Williamsburg, ensures
 15 that each of the City's boroughs,
 16 especially Manhattan, moves to
 17 self-sufficiency in disposing of
 18 its own residential and commercial
 19 waste (applause) and the DOS
 20 acknowledges that the Greenpoint
 21 MTS is inadequately sited to meet
 22 the objectives of the proposed
 23 plan.
 24 The communities of
 25 Greenpoint and Williamsburg already

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 2 considered the largest of its kind
 3 on the East Coast. The Diamond
 4 Asphalt Plant, cement plant and
 5 existing and future roadway and
 6 bridgeway projects, are all
 7 damaging the environment and are
 8 jeopardizing the health and well
 9 being of the community.
 10 The reopening of the MTS
 11 will be an equitable alternative to
 12 the current system which is clearly
 13 overburdening our neighborhoods.
 14 However, I strongly oppose the
 15 opening of two private marine or
 16 rail-based alternatives in
 17 Greenpoint and Williamsburg.
 18 In addition, I oppose any
 19 expansion of capacity for private
 20 marine rail or rail-based
 21 alternatives unless there is a
 22 serious and guaranteed offset that
 23 the same waste processed by another
 24 facility will be reduced in the
 25 immediate community.

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 2 As proposed, the plan will
 3 equitably retrofit the city's
 4 entire network of MTSS to compact,
 5 containerize and export solid waste
 6 via waterways rather than by
 7 trucks. This will substantially
 8 reduce over 30,000 tons of solid
 9 waste transported daily here in the
 10 neighborhood streets.

11 However, for the solid waste
 12 plan to succeed, it is imperative
 13 that DOS one, guarantee a
 14 significant reduction of the number
 15 of private land-based transfer
 16 stations in Greenpoint and
 17 Williamsburg and that DOS
 18 simultaneously works to develop a
 19 plan that addresses the closing of
 20 private land-based stations and
 21 alternatives to the environmental
 22 impact study.

23 The plan must permanently
 24 reduce the amount of commercial
 25 waste processed in Greenpoint and

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 2 alternatives. The people have a
 3 right to know.
 4 Lastly, assessment of
 5 impacts for the SWMP must be a full
 6 environmental impact assessment
 7 that meets the requirements of the
 8 CEQR and CEQRA. As presented, the
 9 study has a series of major
 10 analyses deficiencies in the
 11 sections related to the
 12 geographical, the geographical
 13 proximity, siting regulations and
 14 operational regulations.

15 It is imperative that DOS
 16 identify it has segmented its
 17 consideration of the land-based
 18 transfer system and the regulations
 19 from the EIS from the SWMP.

20 In its rezoning plan, The
 21 Department of City Planning has
 22 proposed the development of more
 23 than 8,000 units which will
 24 increase the population density by
 25 20,000 over the next ten to 12

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 2 Williamsburg. Commercial waste
 3 should be processed at all MTSS.
 4 It's important that each borough
 5 become self-sufficient in managing
 6 their waste.

7 Failure to do so will only
 8 jeopardize the revitalization
 9 projects throughout the Greenpoint
 10 and Williamsburg community.

11 Manhattan needs to take care
 12 if its own garbage. DOS must
 13 assess the environmental impact of
 14 the private land-based waste
 15 transfer station as thoroughly as
 16 the impact studies of the MTS and
 17 the alternatives listed in the SWMP
 18 DEIS.

19 The City has the obligation
 20 to ensure the public welfare of its
 21 citizen. It is unacceptable for
 22 DOS to dodge evaluating the impact
 23 of private land-based waste
 24 transfer systems by listing them as
 25 future no-build condition

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 2 years. It is critical for the new
 3 SWMP DEIS to reanalyze the impact
 4 of the proposed plan and present a
 5 plan that really ends the dumping
 6 of garbage on these communities.

7 We need the city to step up
 8 its enforcement and we need to put
 9 the green back into Greenpoint.

10 In closing, I ask you to
 11 take into consideration the
 12 information from today's speakers
 13 and urge you to develop a better
 14 comprehensive waste management plan
 15 that not does continue to impact
 16 the Greenpoint/Williamsburg
 17 community.

18 Again, thank you for the
 19 opportunity to provide these
 20 comments and written comments are
 21 forthcoming. Thank you (applause.)

22 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you
 23 very much.

24 Is there still someone here
 25 who signed up to speak and did not

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 2 have the opportunity to do so?
 3 I just want to remind you
 4 that written comments can be
 5 submitted to us until January 25th.
 6 I thank you all for coming.
 7 For those of you who want
 8 copies of my statement and the
 9 power point presentation, you can
 10 pick them up at the front desk
 11 here.
 12 (Time noted: 8:21 p.m.)

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 2 C E R T I F I C A T E
 3 STATE OF NEW YORK)
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 5 COUNTY OF NEW YORK)
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 7 I, Marc Russo, a Notary Public
 8 within and for the State of New York,
 9 do hereby certify that the within is a
 10 true and accurate transcript of the
 11 proceedings taken on December 2nd,
 12 2004. I further certify that I am not
 13 related to any of the parties to this
 14 action by blood or marriage and that I
 15 am in no way interested in the outcome
 16 of this matter.
 17 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
 18 hand this 27th day of December, 2004.

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 22 MARC RUSSO
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