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THE NEW SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN
PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING
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2 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** My name is
3 Harry Szarpanski, I'm assistant
4 commissioner for the Bureau of
5 long-term export with the New York City
6 Department of Sanitation. I welcome
7 the opportunity to appear before you
8 tonight.

9 I'm joined by members of my
10 staff, Vaughan Arnold to my left,
11 Walter Czwartacky and soon we'll have
12 Sarah Dolinar sitting here with us too.

13 I also want to introduce Dan
14 Harkins and Susan Raila and Scott Mills
15 with the firm Henningson, Durham and
16 Richardson, HDR, they are responsible
17 for conducting the environmental review
18 for the Department's projects.

19 We also have representatives of
20 Ecology and Environment here with us,
21 they helped organize this meeting
22 tonight.

23 As you now, the Department of
24 Sanitation is preparing a new
25 comprehensive solid waste management

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2 These facilities containerize
3 waste and transport it by barge for
4 disposal. The proposed East 91st
5 Street converted MTS would handle the
6 Department-managed waste from Manhattan
7 community districts 5, 8 and 11 only as
8 in the past.

9 This program to build new
10 marine transfer stations is called the
11 MTS conversion program. Note that
12 because Staten Island has no existing
13 marine transfer station, a truck to
14 container-to-rail waste transfer
15 station is now being constructed at the
16 site of the former Fresh Kills landfill
17 for Staten Island, Department-managed
18 waste. That facility is expected to be
19 operational this November; rail
20 transport is expected to begin in 2006.

21 We are before you tonight to
22 hear your comments on the environmental
23 review of the proposed East 91st Street
24 converted marine transfer station. In
25 addition, we seek your comments on all

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2 plan for the City to replace the plan
3 that will expire in October of this
4 year. The new solid waste management
5 plan, or as we refer to it as the new
6 SWMP, will plan for the management of
7 all of the solid waste generated in the
8 City over the next 20 years.

9 We expect to issue a draft of
10 the new SWMP in September; it will need
11 to be approved by the City Council and
12 by the State. The new SWMP will be
13 supported by an environmental impact
14 statement.

15 The new SWMP will rely on
16 current programs to recycle, compost
17 and prevent or reduce waste. A key
18 component of the new SWMP is the
19 long-term export of solid waste managed
20 by the Department of Sanitation through
21 state-of-the-art marine transfer
22 stations to be built at the City's
23 eight existing marine transfer stations
24 sites in Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens
25 and the Bronx.

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2 the proposed actions including the MTS
3 conversion program and alternatives
4 that were outlined in the draft scoping
5 document we issued on May 17th.

6 The draft scoping document was
7 mailed to all of the elected officials
8 and community boards as well as to
9 environmental organizations and to our
10 regulators. It was placed on the
11 Department's web page and in public
12 repositories in your community and nine
13 other communities that are the proposed
14 sites for new marine transfer stations
15 or for alternatives.

16 My comments tonight will be
17 brief. I will make a short power point
18 presentation before the public portion
19 of the meeting begins. Copies of my
20 statement and presentation will be
21 available at the end of the meeting.

22 For those who wish to make a
23 statement for record in Spanish, an
24 interpreter is available with us
25 tonight.

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2 Because the real focus of this
3 public meeting will be your comments,
4 please make sure you take a moment to
5 complete the speaker sign-up sheet if
6 you plan to make a statement for the
7 record. You will be assigned a number
8 and I will call your name when it is
9 your turn to speak.

10 Note that elected officials
11 will have an opportunity to speak
12 first. We are interested to make a
13 complete record of your comments so
14 please state your name clearly and
15 slowly for the stenographer.

16 So that we can hear everyone
17 who wants to speak tonight, we ask that
18 you keep your statements to three
19 minutes. If you do not wish to speak,
20 but would like to provide us written
21 comments, please complete one of the
22 comment cards we have provided for your
23 use. Thank you for coming tonight and
24 now I'll begin my short presentation.

25 (Showing slides) The

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2 delivery of waste in collection
3 vehicles or barges to an out-of-city
4 waste disposal facility.

5 This slide just shows the
6 location of our existing marine
7 transfer stations; there are three in
8 Manhattan, one at East 91st Street, one
9 at West 135th Street and one at West
10 59th Street. It also shows the other
11 locations of the marine transfer
12 stations and the alternatives being
13 considered.

14 There are three Manhattan
15 marine transfer stations that will be
16 evaluated, three in Brooklyn, one in
17 Queens, one in the Bronx, and as part
18 of the program, we're looking to
19 reactivate a barge staging area at 52nd
20 Street in Brooklyn.

21 The main objectives of this
22 program include export waste by barge
23 and/or rail, reduce in-city transfer of
24 in-city transfer trailer traffic,
25 utilize more economical disposal

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2 initiatives to be included in the solid
3 waste management plan include long-term
4 export of waste through new recycling
5 facilities in the City and the plan
6 will also address commercial waste.

7 To receive your comments, as I
8 mentioned, you can provide them
9 verbally tonight, you can fill out a
10 comment sheet or you can submit a
11 written comment, written statement
12 tonight or you can mail comments to me
13 to the address above no later than July
14 9th or you can send them to our
15 consultant, Ecology and Environment.

16 The proposed action is the
17 marine transfer station conversion
18 program. The alternatives that we are
19 evaluating in the environmental impact
20 statement include, rail/barge export of
21 waste from private transfer stations in
22 the Bronx, Brooklyn and Queens;
23 rehabilitating existing marine transfer
24 stations to barge waste to an
25 out-of-city unloading facility and the

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2 capacity and provide more transport and
3 disposal options.

4 This shows the various
5 wastesheds for the three Manhattan
6 marine transfer stations. Here we have
7 a typical cross-section of the 91st
8 Street marine transfer station. Trucks
9 will arrive at the facility by going up
10 a ramp; they will back up on the
11 tipping floor and unload waste down to
12 the loading floor.

13 On the loading floor, a
14 front-end loader will push waste into
15 one of four openings in the floor.
16 Each opening will have a container
17 sitting right below it and waste will
18 fill those containers; waste will then
19 be tamped down and it will, the
20 containers will then be moved to the
21 next area which was where the lidding
22 operation takes place.

23 The lids will be put on the
24 containers, the containers will be
25 sealed; all of this happens within the

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2 enclosed building. Once the containers
3 are sealed, they will be moved out and
4 lifted by a container gantry crane and
5 the crane will place the containers on
6 a barge.

7 The odor control system being
8 designed will provide a ventilation
9 system which will prevent air from
10 escaping the processing buildings when
11 the doors are open.

12 The doors will be rapid roll-up
13 doors so that they stay open for less
14 time. They'll be an interior, interior
15 water misting system inside the
16 building to reduce dust in the exhaust
17 air.

18 There will be a
19 state-of-the-art odor control system
20 which will not mask, but rather
21 neutralize the odors in the building
22 exhaust area so that there's no
23 detectable odors at sensitive receptors
24 outside the building.

25 This shows where the location

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2 once they're sealed, and no exposed
3 waste will be outside of the building.
4 This shows a typical piece of equipment
5 that handles these containers.

6 The draft EIS will evaluate the
7 following alternatives: Rehabilitate
8 some or all of the existing marine
9 transfer stations to barge waste to an
10 out-of-city unloading facility; the use
11 of East 91st Street, West 59th Street,
12 or a new marine transfer station at
13 Gansevoort Street as a receiving
14 facility for recyclables collected in
15 Manhattan, to be delivered by barge to
16 an in-city recyclables processing
17 facility.

18 And the other alternative is to
19 deliver Manhattan waste in Department
20 of Sanitation collection vehicles to an
21 out-of-city waste-to-energy facility.

22 Just to give you a rough
23 timeline of when events will happen,
24 this is the seventh of ten such public
25 scoping meetings; they started on June

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2 of the converted marine transfer
3 station is. It shows the nearest
4 sensitive receptor and it also shows
5 the DOT designated trucks routes.

6 The access ramps being designed
7 are longer than before; the truck or
8 the ramps are designed to support
9 queuing of trucks at this facility. We
10 will be able to have 18 collection
11 vehicles on the ramps so that there's
12 no backup into the street and there
13 will be tipping bays for six trucks
14 inside the building.

15 This is an overhead aerial of
16 the proposed marine transfer station,
17 that's the area shaded in and it also
18 shows where the existing marine
19 transfer station, which is going to be
20 demolished, that's below it in white.

21 The containerization operation
22 will use specially-designed intermodal
23 containers that have leak-proof seals.
24 They'll be lidded inside the building
25 and loaded out on to a flat bed barge

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2 16th and they will run through Thursday
3 of this week, July 1st.

4 Comments on this draft scoping
5 document will be received by us by July
6 9th if you're going to mail it or
7 through the 11th if you're going to fax
8 the comments in.

9 We intend to issue a final
10 scoping document on or about July 14th.
11 A draft EIS is expected to be issued on
12 August 6th and then since the State DEC
13 needs to have permits for these
14 facilities issued, we expect that the
15 DEC will hold permit hearings between
16 September 8th and September 28.

17 The City Council is expected to
18 hold hearings on the draft solid waste
19 management plan some time in September
20 and then comments on the draft EIS will
21 be received between August 6th and
22 October 8th.

23 We expect to publish the final
24 EIS on December 9th. For those of you
25 who want to call in with either

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 2 comments or if you have questions, you
 3 can call a toll-free hot line that
 4 we've established. The number is
 5 888-NYC-SWMP. And documents can be
 6 reviewed at various public
 7 repositories; there are two
 8 repositories in this communities.

9 I will now turn the meeting
 10 over to you for any comments you wish
 11 to make. I will ask you to try to keep
 12 your comments to three minutes; there
 13 are a lot of people who want to speak
 14 tonight.

15 Has Council Speaker Gifford
 16 Miller arrived yet?

17 **THE AUDIENCE:** He's not here
 18 yet.

19 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Anthony Ard.

20 **MR. ANTHONY ARD:** Is the
 21 microphone on? Okay, thank you.
 22 Commissioner Szarpanski, members of
 23 the --

24 **THE AUDIENCE:** Louder; it's not
 25 on.

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 2 Let me make a few remarks in
 3 general about the draft scoping
 4 document and what we understand about
 5 it. The commercial waste study, which
 6 was recently completed, concluded that
 7 91st Street station could process 4,290
 8 tons per day of residential and
 9 commercial waste with no adverse
 10 impacts. The scoping document is vague
 11 on whether the commercial waste study
 12 conclusions form the basis of the scope
 13 of the draft environmental impact
 14 statement. A draft environmental
 15 impact statement without a commercial
 16 waste impact we think would be
 17 inaccurate and misleading.

18 Let me comment on the
 19 neighborhood character an socioeconomic
 20 conditions. Gracie Point and Upper
 21 Yorkville are densely populated and
 22 growing. City Planning data indicates
 23 that the area between 89th and 96th and
 24 between First Avenue and East River,
 25 has grown by 14 percent since the year

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 2 **MR. ANTHONY ARD:** Commissioner
 3 Szarpanski, I hope you won't count that
 4 last 30 seconds against my three minute
 5 allotted, okay.

6 Thank you. My name is Tony
 7 Ard, I'm the president of the Gracie
 8 Point Community Council. The council
 9 is an organization of residences,
 10 businesses and community facilities
 11 united to preserve and to protect the
 12 quality of life in the Gracie Point and
 13 Upper Yorkville neighborhoods.

14 Consistent with that mission,
 15 we are of the position that marine
 16 transfer station should not be located
 17 in a densely populated residential
 18 neighborhood.

19 The practical effect (applause)
 20 -- the practical effect of the
 21 information presented in the public
 22 scoping -- in the draft scoping
 23 document would be an environmental and
 24 economic disaster for these
 25 neighborhoods.

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 2 2000, the year after, by the way, the
 3 transfer station was closed.

4 The square mile density right
 5 now is 102,000 plus per square mile.
 6 The increase in families with young
 7 children has been drawn by affordable
 8 housing, by open station and by
 9 extraordinary recreational facilities,
 10 specifically things like Asphalt Green.

11 The neighborhood includes the
 12 Stanley Isaacs and John Holmes
 13 Communities with significant
 14 populations of minority and low-income
 15 citizens and community services which
 16 meet their needs; the scope states that
 17 there are no environmental justice
 18 communities in the area, that's clearly
 19 wrong.

20 Retail businesses on York,
 21 First Avenue, Second Avenue and 86th
 22 Street provide goods and services for
 23 the people who live there. The flow
 24 and the queuing of trucks will create
 25 traffic congestion which will have

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 2 substantial problems for operations of
 3 the retail businesses, specifically
 4 delivery of goods and providing goods
 5 and services to the residents.

6 So therefore, it is our
 7 recommendation that the scope must take
 8 into account the nature of commerce in
 9 the entire area, not just in quarter or
 10 half mile radii.

11 With respect to air quality,
 12 public health and noise, the scope must
 13 take account of the effects of the
 14 operations of the station and the
 15 trucks as a whole, and in particular,
 16 the compounding of diesel emissions
 17 from queuing has to be considered
 18 together with the likely increases in
 19 rat and cockroach populations.

20 Now, the diesel emissions link
 21 to asthma, emphysema and lung cancer
 22 has always -- already been well
 23 researched, but new studies in
 24 Baltimore show a high correlation
 25 between rabid cockroach infestation and

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 2 Asphalt Green; senior citizens
 3 navigating complicated intersections.
 4 Normal statistical analyses are
 5 inadequate and variables must be
 6 tailored to the realities that will
 7 otherwise grossly underestimate the
 8 traffic impact and endanger all who
 9 live and work there.

10 Open space, historic resources,
 11 land use; the draft scoping document
 12 appears to ignore Asphalt Green as a
 13 park and I was struck by the fact that
 14 the slide that you showed appeared to
 15 have blotted out Asphalt Green
 16 (applause.)

17 It fails to identify the Gracie
 18 Mansion, the Murphy Center and
 19 Henderson place as historic resources
 20 and fails to show that the station will
 21 be a few hundred feet from parkland,
 22 that being both Asphalt Green and Carl
 23 Schurz Park, a few hundred feet from
 24 residences.

25 So therefore, the scope must go

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 2 high incidence of asthma, so combining
 3 two sources of diseases in one densely
 4 populated neighborhood would be
 5 catastrophic.

6 Accordingly, we think it should
 7 take the study, the scope should take
 8 into account the cumulative effects of
 9 noise from station truck and FDR
 10 sources, noise sources.

11 With respect to traffic,
 12 transit and pedestrians, routes are
 13 already congested. There are two bus
 14 lines that travel York and 86th Street;
 15 there are passenger vehicles entering
 16 and exiting from the FDR on 96th; there
 17 are school buses taking and picking up
 18 children, delivering them to schools
 19 and to residential facilities,
 20 recreational facilities.

21 At 91st Street, the buses turn
 22 left onto a street that's crowded with
 23 trucks serving grocery, bakery and
 24 Verizon dispatch station. Children,
 25 and families playing, going to and from

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 2 beyond simple zoning designations and
 3 look at what is in fact around the site
 4 and how it is actually used.

5 Just a couple of closing
 6 comments with respect to alternative
 7 sites and methods and cost benefits.
 8 There are no serious assessments in --
 9 indicated in the draft scoping document
 10 of alternative sites.

11 The commercial waste study
 12 dismisses certain sites with similar
 13 characteristics that 91st Street
 14 possesses. There are new site
 15 locations, many of which are already
 16 owned by the City, which are more
 17 removed from surrounding uses such as
 18 those at 91st Street, yes.

19 In closing, I would just like
 20 to recommend that in addition to the
 21 considerations that I've just
 22 mentioned, that a cost/benefit analysis
 23 be done so that alternatives which
 24 might achieve the objectives and better
 25 achieve those objectives for less cost,

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 2 should be considered. Thank you very
 3 much (applause.)
 4 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you for
 5 your comments. We have New York City
 6 Council Speaker Gifford Miller
 7 (applause.)
 8 MR. GIFFORD MILLER: Thank you.
 9 I am here tonight to address the
 10 omissions and errors in the East 91st
 11 Street section of the Department of
 12 Sanitation's draft scoping document for
 13 the City of New York comprehensive
 14 solid waste management plan draft
 15 environmental impact statement. That
 16 is a mouthful.
 17 I would like to begin first by
 18 stating for the record that am I a
 19 proponent of using marine transfer
 20 stations for waste removal in New York
 21 City generally.
 22 In general, I believe that the
 23 City should be moving away from
 24 land-based transfer stations and moving
 25 toward a marine-based system.

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 2 However, I also believe that zoning in
 3 this City should matter; that it makes
 4 a difference when we zone things. And
 5 that in particular, of the residential
 6 character of the proposed neighborhood
 7 should effect choices about where to
 8 put things likes marine transfer --
 9 marine-based transfer stations.
 10 As a result, I am opposed to
 11 the re-opening of the marine transfer
 12 stations at 91st Street (applause) and
 13 135th Street, because both are located
 14 directly in the heart of residential,
 15 densely-populated communities.
 16 Re-opening these sites will
 17 wreak environmental and economic havoc
 18 on these communities and I believe that
 19 other, more appropriate alternatives
 20 within Manhattan exist. In fact, I'm
 21 surprised that these two sites are
 22 under consideration at all.
 23 Using your own criteria, the
 24 criteria the DEIS used for the
 25 commercial waste study, both of these

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 2 sites would be considered inappropriate
 3 for use as marine transfer stations.
 4 For example, the 91st Street
 5 MTS, like Pier 42, is located within
 6 400 feet of a playground or a park. In
 7 fact, it's located right directly in
 8 the middle of a playground and a park.
 9 And thus, I believe an alternative,
 10 more appropriate location should be
 11 included in the scope.
 12 Second, I'd like to note that
 13 given the facility that is proposed for
 14 construction here, that it seems
 15 improbable that the proposal, that the
 16 long-term proposal here is to avoid
 17 commercial waste, that the facility
 18 would have to operate, that we should
 19 be considering as part of the scoping
 20 document, what the impact would be if
 21 the -- if commercial waste was
 22 included, because frankly, you know,
 23 you don't build an entire facility to
 24 only operate at 25 percent of capacity.
 25 And so, this proposal clearly

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 2 is to build a much larger transfer
 3 station than would be accomplished just
 4 by residential ways, whatever the
 5 environmental considerations are, we
 6 should be considering that part as part
 7 of the scoping document and not
 8 ignoring that reality of what the
 9 underlying statement is (applause.)
 10 Finally, I'd like to draw your
 11 attention to some of the factual errors
 12 that I think are contained in the
 13 scope.
 14 The (bell rings) DOS -- you're
 15 going to give me a sec, God bless you
 16 -- inaccurately states that there are
 17 not City, state or nationally
 18 designated landmarks or historic
 19 districts within half a mile radius of
 20 the site. This is simply false.
 21 Of course, there are a two
 22 landmarks within a half mile radius of
 23 the site, Gracie Mansion and Asphalt
 24 Green. And Henderson Place is, I'm
 25 going to get there Betty. You know,

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 2 you get, you keep going higher up, but
 3 you can't escape Betty.
 4 So obviously, it's amazing to
 5 ignore Gracie Mansion which is, you
 6 know, one of the most renown historical
 7 structures in the City of New York, but
 8 Asphalt Green was also designated a
 9 landmark and it's currently a community
 10 recreation center.
 11 There's also an historic
 12 district a mere five blocks away,
 13 Henderson Place, a dead-end street
 14 between 86th and 87th, near East End
 15 Avenue, just south of Gracie Mansion,
 16 which became its own historic district
 17 in 1974. And it's also troubling that
 18 only cursory mention is made in the
 19 scoping document of Carl Schurz Park,
 20 DeKovats Park and Asphalt Green
 21 Recreational Facility.
 22 Certainly, these parks should
 23 be taken into consideration when
 24 determining the environmental impact
 25 that the MTS will have in the area.

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 2 Asphalt Green in particular
 3 really deserves to be given much
 4 greater consideration in the scope.
 5 Not only is it a landmark managed by
 6 the Parks Department, it is also the
 7 proposed entrance to 91st Street MTS.
 8 The entrance ramp literally
 9 bisects the recreational facility. The
 10 ramp is situated between Asphalt
 11 Green's two buildings, the aqua center
 12 and the Murphy Center and reopening the
 13 MTS will obviously effect the
 14 operations of this community facility
 15 that employs 250 people, sees 675,000
 16 visits a year and donates free services
 17 to 12,000 individuals a year, many of
 18 them children from 47 different public
 19 schools through the City (applause.)
 20 So in closing, I want to ask
 21 DOS to make sure that you consider all
 22 of those items, and in particular, just
 23 close with what I started out and by
 24 saying, that there's a reason that we
 25 zone land in the City, it's because we

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 2 want to make sure that the area that we
 3 zone is appropriate for the use that we
 4 zone it for, and to locate a marine
 5 transfer-based station, marine transfer
 6 station in a heart of a residential
 7 community either here or in West Harlem
 8 is a mistake and I hope you'll
 9 re-consider it. Thank you very much
 10 (applause.)
 11 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you for
 12 your comments. We have with us
 13 Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia
 14 Fields.
 15 **MS. C. VIRGINIA FIELDS:** Good
 16 evening, and let me say that before I
 17 make some brief comments about the
 18 draft scoping document of the City's
 19 new 20-year comprehensive solid waste
 20 management plan, I want to reiterate my
 21 position, and that I am opposed to
 22 re-opening or expanding the 91st Street
 23 marine transfer station (applause.)
 24 I think, I think we must take
 25 into consideration the fact that these

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 2 communities are vastly different now
 3 from what they were when these MTSS
 4 were opened the last time.
 5 We have invested monies
 6 especially with respect to the 91st
 7 Street MTS with Asphalt Green, the
 8 residential area surrounding it and we
 9 must take these factors into
 10 consideration and not simply say
 11 because they were there once before, we
 12 can now reopen, we must re-think that
 13 (applause.)
 14 I would say that first of all,
 15 alternative would be to identify a site
 16 for an enclosed barge unloading
 17 facility, for solid waste dumped
 18 directly into barges is taken directly
 19 and put into containers.
 20 Another alternative would be to
 21 identify other sites that would not
 22 violate the Department of Sanitation's
 23 own siting guidelines such as not
 24 locating the entrance to a facility
 25 within 400 feet of a park, a school or

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 2 a residence (applause.)
 3 When the plan was first
 4 announced, I expressed concerns about
 5 the localized truck impacts of the MTSS
 6 re-opening. And though this issue
 7 applies to all MTSS, it is unacceptable
 8 of course, that the approach road to
 9 the 91st Street cuts right through
 10 Asphalt Green.
 11 In addition to expansion in
 12 truck impacts, a third issue is the
 13 proposed processing of commercial waste
 14 through the converted MTSS. Therefore,
 15 I make the following recommendations in
 16 order to access the impact of the
 17 processing of commercial, as well as
 18 residential waste through the East 91st
 19 Street MTS.
 20 First, the analysis of truck
 21 impacts should be not only done for the
 22 residential stream, but also for a mix
 23 of residential and commercial waste at
 24 some fixed percentage of total expected
 25 capacity of the MTS.

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 2 Second, the plan phasing in of
 3 pollution controls and the use of
 4 ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel in
 5 Department of Sanitation trucks should
 6 be spelled out and taken into
 7 consideration on an out-year basis so
 8 that fleet impacts are accurately
 9 projected year-by-year.
 10 Third, worst-case scenarios of
 11 private waste hauler vehicle pollution
 12 should be included in anticipated
 13 impacts from inclusion of commercial
 14 waste in the stream handled by the MTS.
 15 Four, particulate matter should
 16 be measured as PM2.5, not PM10.
 17 Six, it appears Department of
 18 Sanitation has determined that none of
 19 the four additional sites evaluated in
 20 the commercial waste study are suitable
 21 for export. However, the existing
 22 transfer stations would also not be
 23 suitable were the Department of
 24 Sanitation to apply the same criteria
 25 used to disqualify the other four

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 2 (applause.)
 3 Consequently, the draft
 4 environmental impact study must
 5 disclose precisely the technical, legal
 6 and other parameters that have made the
 7 Department of Sanitation to plan on not
 8 using the -- on using rather the
 9 existing sites only.
 10 The environmental impact study
 11 should disclose the technical, legal
 12 and other obstacles to their use in
 13 order for the public to be able to
 14 fully evaluate the various
 15 alternatives.
 16 Detailed design drawings and
 17 descriptions of the converted MTS must
 18 be included for public review.
 19 Features of the design that will
 20 contain and mitigate noise and odor as
 21 well as how truck queuing on local
 22 streets will be prevented, should be
 23 clearly described.
 24 And lastly, noise and odor
 25 impacts from truck traffic and from the

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 2 operation of the MTS itself should be
 3 analyzed in terms of sensitive
 4 receptors and not just average over
 5 large areas as was done in the
 6 commercial waste study.
 7 These are recommendations for
 8 the Department of Sanitation as we move
 9 forward in finding more appropriate
 10 sites and workable sites from the ones
 11 that have been proposed throughout the
 12 Borough of Manhattan, East 1 -- East
 13 91st Street. Again, Asphalt Green must
 14 be taken into consideration; 135th
 15 Street, 138th Street, the sewage
 16 treatment plant, different community
 17 from when the facilities were there as
 18 well as the 59th Street.
 19 I stand ready to work with you
 20 to identify alternatives, but this is
 21 not the answer. Thank you (applause.)
 22 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you. I
 23 now call on State Senator Liz Krueger.
 24 **MS. LIZ KRUEGER:** Thank you.
 25 My name is State Senator Liz Krueger, I

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 2 represent the East Side and Midtown
 3 Manhattan and I will shorthand my
 4 comments because my colleagues, who
 5 already spoke tonight, said so many of
 6 the things that I also want to say, so
 7 for the record, I support marine waste
 8 transfer options for the City, but East
 9 91st Street is absolutely the wrong
 10 place to be putting this site
 11 (applause.)

12 Again, what needs to be
 13 evaluated, and the scoping document has
 14 failed to do so, is the deleterious
 15 effects of putting this location in the
 16 middle of a park. It will have
 17 enormous impact on traffic in the area,
 18 odor, noise, air quality, public
 19 health, the character of the
 20 neighborhood and the vitality of
 21 Asphalt Green and Carl Schurz Park.

22 The scoping document severely
 23 neglects the maximum operational
 24 capacity of the converted MTS as
 25 proposed. Again, others mentioned it

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 2 but I want to highlight this: If you
 3 forecast it will only receive 1,190
 4 tons or residential trash per day, but
 5 has the capacity to accommodate 4,290
 6 tons, either you haven't done your math
 7 right or you're trying to get my
 8 community to believe that you're only
 9 going to use part of the capacity of a
 10 facility you're going to build
 11 (applause.)

12 To outline, 4,290 tons of trash
 13 from four community boards would result
 14 in the operation, six days a week
 15 receiving trucking throughout the day
 16 and the night.

17 On peak collection days, this
 18 MTA -- MTS will receive 469 delivery
 19 vehicles per day, not the 130
 20 projected. On off-peak days, the site
 21 would still need to accommodate given
 22 an conservative assumption of 15
 23 percent less traffic, 398 trucks or 17
 24 trucks per hour.

25 All trucks would drive straight

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 2 through Asphalt Green even if under
 3 your design plan you can queue 18 at a
 4 time on your expanded ramp, that's
 5 still just one hour's worth, you will
 6 be queuing up and down the streets in
 7 the area and queuing trucks across
 8 Asphalt Green on almost a continuous
 9 basis day and night.

10 In order to go through the site
 11 and unload content into nonspill
 12 containers, turn around and then exit,
 13 each truck would require more than the
 14 three and a half minute average that
 15 your current plan would allow.
 16 Reconfiguring just a few intersections
 17 or alternating -- altering some traffic
 18 light patterns seems like hopeless
 19 remedies for this potential plague of
 20 trucks going in and out of the area on
 21 an ongoing basis.

22 As truck take long to unload
 23 their cargo, those that arrive later
 24 will begin to line up along the
 25 delivery routes, the narrow streets

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 2 running east/west on congested York
 3 Avenue, a thoroughfare that already
 4 barely accommodates two bus routes, the
 5 FDR drive access and a high volume of
 6 cars.

7 While idling waiting to unload
 8 the waste that they carry, the trucks
 9 would be sitting with their motors
 10 running, releasing carbon, nitrogen and
 11 sulfur-based pollutants, emitting
 12 pungent odors and creating a din.

13 This situation would cause
 14 problems which there is no adequate
 15 mitigation. And if you think the
 16 driving on York Avenue is already
 17 frustrating, wait until there are
 18 standing trucks constantly climbing the
 19 ramp (applause) thank you.

20 Beyond the environmental and
 21 quality of life problems that the MTS
 22 would cause at this location, there
 23 would also exist a significant threat
 24 to public health.

25 With 55 schools, Speaker Miller

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 2 said 47, one of us is right, one of us
 3 is wrong, the point is the same, with
 4 55 schools sending almost 4,000
 5 children to Asphalt Green for
 6 recreational activities, permitting
 7 heavy polluters like diesel fuel trucks
 8 to constantly idle at the site and
 9 imperil the population particularly
 10 susceptible to respiratory ailments, is
 11 not only unsafe, but negligent to the
 12 City.

13 The effects of converting the
 14 MTS in question I believe will be
 15 disastrous for this community. A
 16 renovated station would stagnate
 17 traffic flow, create noise pollution,
 18 destroy air quality, emit unbearable
 19 fumes, erode the character of
 20 neighborhood, our neighborhood,
 21 threaten the safety of children and
 22 cripple Asphalt Green; I'm not sure
 23 Asphalt Green would continue to exist
 24 if this MTS went forward and that would
 25 be a disaster for adults and children

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 2 from throughout the City of New York
 3 (applause.)
 4 I do believe that an
 5 appropriate environmental income state
 6 -- environmental impact statement, one
 7 that displays a far greater
 8 understanding of these ramifications in
 9 the scoping document that proceeded it,
 10 would account for residential and
 11 commercial waste, strenuously explore
 12 other sites along the East Side that
 13 could host marine transfer station and
 14 fairly assess the risks associated with
 15 the proposed location.

16 It would also account for the
 17 landmarks there were mentioned earlier,
 18 Gracie Mansion, just a half -- within a
 19 half mile radius among other historical
 20 locations.

21 If the EIS accomplished all
 22 these goals, then this neighborhood
 23 should be safe because 91st Street is a
 24 truly inappropriate site for an MTS.
 25 Thank you very much for your time

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 2 (applause.)
 3 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you for
 4 your comments. Our next speaker is New
 5 York State Assembly Member Peter
 6 Grannis.

7 **MR. PETER GRANNIS:** Good
 8 evening and welcome to the Upper East
 9 Side (applause.) I now know why the
 10 streets of the northern part of my
 11 district our so empty tonight.
 12 I'm pleased to join to appear
 13 and I'd like to join with my
 14 colleagues, Senator Krueger, Council --
 15 Borough President Fields and Speaker
 16 Miller, in voicing my objection to the
 17 reopening of the 91st Street marine
 18 transfer station.

19 And after -- I just want to
 20 briefly focus on Speaker Miller's
 21 statement because after all,
 22 ministerial actions and the permitting
 23 that go on by the Army Corp of
 24 Engineers, State DEC and the State
 25 Department of State, and the City

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 2 agencies, at the last moment, this
 3 program is planning to go before the
 4 City Council, without their approval,
 5 it cannot go forward so his opposition
 6 I think is very significant and ought
 7 to be taken into full account.

8 I'm submitting my statement
 9 which is a much longer statement as
 10 Senator Krueger did, it sets forth my
 11 major concerns with both the generic
 12 portions on the draft scoping document
 13 and its particular relevance to the
 14 planned reopening of the 91st Street
 15 marine transfer station.

16 Just to highlight those, I do
 17 have a concern about the propensity and
 18 capacity, the maximum capacity and the
 19 expected average daily peak deliveries
 20 of this site. The capacity is four
 21 times the average peak deliveries,
 22 there has to be a wonderment going
 23 through the community as to why the
 24 capacity is so much bigger than the
 25 actual expected peak deliveries.

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 2 I do have problems with the
 3 errors in describing the surrounding
 4 community, a lack of any commercial
 5 buffer zone. As most other plants,
 6 marine transfer stations is surrounded
 7 by either heavy or light industrial
 8 zones to buffer the impact of the
 9 impacts of these stations. There is no
 10 such buffering in this particular
 11 instance.

12 Obviously (applause) I'm
 13 concerned about the inadequate
 14 attention paid in the draft scoping
 15 document to pedestrian traffic
 16 concerns, those were addressed in my
 17 statement, they will be addressed and
 18 have been addressed by others and I
 19 have a particular concern with the
 20 noise and the odors and the air
 21 pollution that will come from this. So
 22 I'll have my written statement and I
 23 ask you to take particular count of
 24 that.

25 But I want to let this, use

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 2 about the numbers of trucks that are
 3 planned and the queuing efforts will be
 4 handled at this particular station.
 5 And then more importantly,
 6 everybody's talked about the Asphalt
 7 Green, you may not be aware of this,
 8 but between 14th Street and 96th
 9 Street, there is only one year-round
 10 playing field in the entire East Side
 11 of Manhattan and that's the Asphalt
 12 Green (applause.)

13 Four miles, one playing field
 14 right next to the marine transfer
 15 station. And it's been said before,
 16 but as the trucks come up York Avenue
 17 which I expect will be the normal route
 18 access to the access ramp, they will
 19 have to queue up not only along York
 20 Avenue, but beside the Asphalt Green,
 21 the entire 90 to 91st Street block
 22 between the -- just prior to the
 23 entrance to the marine transfer station
 24 and then proceed up the ramp which
 25 parallels the entire northern boarder

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 2 what's left of my brief time and what I
 3 consider to be one of most significant
 4 aspects to the community from this
 5 plan.

6 The quality of fully-loaded
 7 garbage trucks queuing along York
 8 Avenue and on the access ramp to the
 9 marine transfer station. As I
 10 described in my statement, my family
 11 and I live on York Avenue and we and
 12 thousands of our neighbors lived
 13 through the last iteration of this
 14 marine transfer station when trucks
 15 lined up from 91st Street, sometimes as
 16 far south as 85th Street along York
 17 Avenue idling, spewing noxious liquids
 18 on to the pavement, blocking traffic,
 19 often hanging out for hours while they
 20 waited for their turn to dump their
 21 loads.

22 It was a mess, it was an insult
 23 to the community and something that
 24 nobody should have to live through
 25 again and I'm particularly concerned

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 2 of a playing field. The entire time
 3 idling, polluting, stinking, noise, all
 4 insults, not only to the community, but
 5 I think to the ability of that facility
 6 to survive and to the health and well
 7 being, risk, health and well being of
 8 the kids that use that field, it is a
 9 heavily-used field, year-round and I
 10 think having these trucks in there is
 11 absolutely uncalled for.

12 No matter how good the
 13 technology, I just don't believe the
 14 trucks are going to ever be able to be
 15 environmentally-friendly in that very,
 16 very congested commercial and
 17 residential community (applause.)

18 And I acknowledge that we are
 19 indeed a heavy throw-away society, we
 20 generate a great deal of waste and
 21 marine transfer stations may in fact be
 22 the answer, I don't think this
 23 particular site ought to be part of the
 24 final plan for new single solid waste
 25 management plan. And I encourage you

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2 to -- there you go, I'm a sailor; that
3 is a picture you will not see next to
4 the marine transfer station (laughing
5 and cheers.)

6 Clearly, in addition to
7 focusing on what we do with our waste,
8 I think the City as part of this plan,
9 has to be far more aggressive in
10 promoting recycling and taking some
11 very, very tough steps on discouraging
12 excess packaging, expansion of the
13 Bottle Bill, for instance, other
14 containers, take them out of the waste
15 stream and encouraging greater use of
16 garbage disposal both by residences and
17 commercial businesses. Thank you
18 (applause.)

19 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you very
20 much. We have Adam Szlachetka
21 representing Assembly Member Jonathan
22 Bing.

23 **MR. ADAM SZLACHETKA:** Again, my
24 name is Adam and I'm here to represent
25 (adjusting mic) Again, my name is Adam

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2 and I'm here to represent Assembly
3 Member Jonathan Bing and I just want to
4 briefly express our opposition to this
5 placement as well.

6 "We (applause) -- while we
7 understand the need to find suitable
8 location for this waste transfer
9 station, this location is not
10 appropriate. Within our district
11 specifically, locations such as the
12 Stanley Isaacs Center which is an
13 invaluable part of our community, which
14 serves thousands of senior residents
15 and children, would be negatively
16 affected.

17 We're deeply concerned with the
18 effects on the economy, air quality,
19 noise pollution and general quality of
20 life.

21 We're here with other community
22 organizations, elected officials and
23 residents in opposition of this
24 placement and we hope that you will
25 take our view into account, thank you."

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2 (applause)
3 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.
4 Are there any other elected officials
5 in the room that want to speak?
6 I'm going to call the next
7 speaker. Please keep in mind, we're
8 going try to keep comments up to three
9 minutes; the bell will ring to give you
10 a warning that you should wrap things
11 up.

12 Next speaker is Carol Tweedy
13 (applause.)

14 **MS. CAROL TWEEDY:** Thank you.
15 I noticed that there are a number of
16 people standing in the back, perhaps
17 they could be encouraged to find a few
18 seats that are available.

19 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Are there
20 still seats?

21 **MS. CAROL TWEEDY:** There are
22 spotted seats here (indicating.)

23 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Please come
24 down if you're standing in the back,
25 there are seats up front here.

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2 **MS. CAROL TWEEDY:** If people
3 would raise their hands where there's a
4 seat next to them (audience complies.)
5 Good evening, thank you for
6 giving me the opportunity to speak, I'm
7 Carol Tweedy and I am executive
8 director at Asphalt Green (applause.)
9 I'm very concerned about the
10 effect of the marine transfer station
11 opening on our neighborhood and the
12 residential neighborhood, but I will
13 confine my remarks to the effects on
14 the operations of Asphalt Green and
15 please excuse me if I repeat some of
16 the wonderful things that have been
17 said about us already.

18 We understand the need for the
19 City to develop a solution to the issue
20 of garbage that this facility and this
21 location will have tremendous negative
22 effects on important City-owned
23 property that serves 42,000 New
24 Yorkers. And we feel it's important
25 that the impact on all these people and

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 2 its effects be recognized and heard.
 3 For 30 years our mission has
 4 been to bring health through sports and
 5 fitness to a wide range of New Yorkers.
 6 We know what the garbage was like
 7 before 1999 when the marine transfer
 8 station was operational and we speak
 9 from that experience.
 10 As a not-for-profit agency, we
 11 have a significant public, private
 12 partnership; the land we're on and the
 13 buildings are owned by the New York
 14 City Department of Parks.
 15 Since its first renovation in
 16 '83 of the asphalt plant, the City has
 17 invested ten million dollars in capital
 18 funds, and the private community has
 19 invested over 30 million in capital
 20 funds and millions more every year in
 21 operational support.
 22 At 42,000 participants, making
 23 675,000 visits, most of these by young
 24 children who come from a very wide
 25 geographic area.

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 2 We offer classes in aquatics
 3 which start at the age of four months;
 4 gymnastics, soccer, softball,
 5 basketball; we provide health and
 6 fitness memberships to over 3,000
 7 people and we make special efforts to
 8 provide very high quality classes for
 9 the elderly and people with disability.
 10 At the core of our mission is
 11 free services. These happen through
 12 partnerships with public schools,
 13 intentionally low-priced programs for
 14 the elderly and scholarships. Every
 15 year, 12,000 people get free services.
 16 There was a time when the City
 17 wanted to pull down the asphalt plant
 18 and the surrounding neighborhood and
 19 said there was a greater public good
 20 and the asphalt plant was converted
 21 into what is now the Murphy Center and
 22 it was landmarked and Paul Goldberger,
 23 the critic architectural of the New
 24 York Times called it, "Inadvertent, but
 25 great monumental architecture."

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 2 (applause)
 3 Today, our campus includes a
 4 two-floor fitness center, 50-meter
 5 olympic standard pool and the only one
 6 open to the public in the City of New
 7 York. A regulation-size soccer
 8 Astro turf field to gymnasium lecture
 9 hall and gymnastic studio and two parks
 10 that are used by thousands of children,
 11 DeKovats and the Sun Dial Plaza.
 12 (Bell rings) I hope once again,
 13 the great public good can be taken into
 14 consideration in terms of these
 15 facilities. The draft scope ignores
 16 Asphalt Green in its consideration of
 17 immediate impacts. The access and peak
 18 queuing surrounds the entire west and
 19 north side of the astrofield and cuts
 20 right through the center of the campus
 21 within 400 feet of sensitive receptors,
 22 this is in the sensitive receptor
 23 (applause.)
 24 The geographic area of the
 25 study needs to be broadened.

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 2 Traditionally data is collected from a
 3 primary area quarter mile and a
 4 secondary area, a half mile, but the
 5 users of Asphalt Green come from all
 6 over the City.
 7 The children who receive free
 8 services come primarily from our
 9 neighbors in East Harlem. This
 10 community already has a high asthma
 11 rate, a problem which will be
 12 compounded by the diesel fumes and the
 13 garbage (applause.)
 14 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** I'm sorry, can
 15 I ask you to wrap it up? Thank you.
 16 **MS. CAROL TWEEDY:** I will wrap
 17 up.
 18 We need the technical
 19 definition of open, open space which
 20 requires the effect on utilization and
 21 aesthetic value. So ask anyone, do you
 22 want to use a recreation area that
 23 smells of garbage and we know from our
 24 past experience we deserve --
 25 **THE AUDIENCE:** No way.

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 2 **MS. CAROL TWEEDY:** -- direct
 3 effect on operation, finances and free
 4 services; school buses load and unload
 5 at the aqua center; people with
 6 disabilities use Access-a-ride and
 7 ambulette; there are baby carriages for
 8 the elderly; there are unique traffic
 9 problems at 91 Street and York which
 10 must be studied.

11 Height, for 30 feet additional
 12 height will create a shadow on the
 13 playing field making it hard to see a
 14 ball in the air and will effect light
 15 on the pool creating potential HVAC
 16 problems.

17 Finances, tomorrow morning
 18 there are going to be a thousand people
 19 on the field as parents bringing their
 20 children to the first day of day camp.
 21 We know from past experience they
 22 withdrew their children from day camp
 23 before because of the nauseating
 24 smells. It will happen again and just
 25 the perception of those smells will

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 2 effect our enrollments.

3 We know from the past that some
 4 of the smells are the worst and so the
 5 seasonality of the impact needs to be
 6 taken into account.

7 There are 250 people who work
 8 at Asphalt Green and the financial
 9 impacts will affect them, not -- this
 10 is not recognized in the scoping
 11 document which specifically asks for
 12 the actions directly displace the civic
 13 businesses, the answer checked is no
 14 but we know the answer is yes
 15 (applause.)

16 And ultimately the financial
 17 effects will effect the free services
 18 for 12,000 people. The question is
 19 asked, will the action directly
 20 eliminate, displace or alter publically
 21 or publically-funded community
 22 facilities? The answer checked is no,
 23 but we know the answer is yes.

24 This garbage dot is not in our
 25 backyard, it's in our park which is

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 2 filled with thousands of children.
 3 Thank you (applause.)

4 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Before I call
 5 the next speaker, we have over 70
 6 people left who signed up to speak. I
 7 would appreciate it if you would try to
 8 keep your talk to three minutes.

9 We have -- oh, we're told by
 10 the building representative that the
 11 auditorium has to be empty no later
 12 than 9:30 p.m.

13 Next speaker is Marshall
 14 Krassner.

15 **MR. MARSHALL KRASSNER:** My name
 16 is Marshall Krassner and I live on East
 17 86th Street. Can I get some help?
 18 Can you hear me now?

19 **THE AUDIENCE:** Yes, we can hear
 20 you.

21 **MR. MARSHALL KRASSNER:** I'm
 22 following some very tough acts, and
 23 most of my questions have been
 24 answered, but I do have one thing that
 25 I think is pretty important to call to

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 2 everybody's attention. I noticed that
 3 many sanitation workers wear surgical
 4 masks, bandanas, handkerchiefs and even
 5 professional masks when they're
 6 working.

7 Now, I assume these guys work
 8 eight hours a day and five or six days
 9 a week. We'll be exposed to this for
 10 24 hours a day, seven days a week so I
 11 don't know how that could possibly
 12 (applause) -- what I would like to know
 13 or I guess the association would like
 14 to know is, how many, for past three
 15 years, how many cases, Workers'
 16 Compensation cases for emphysema,
 17 asthma and lung disease; any other lung
 18 disease that has been reported to your
 19 Worker's Compensation carrier, we'd
 20 like to see that information because I
 21 think it's germane. And I'm sorry,
 22 that's about all I have left. Thank
 23 you (applause.)

24 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.
 25 Our next speaker is Philip Opher.

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 2 **MR. PHILIP OPHER:** I'm Philip
 3 Opher, a coop shareholder at 1725 York
 4 Avenue in front of the proposed
 5 station. I'm a retired group vice
 6 president of the Engineering Concern
 7 Parsons and we are active in
 8 infrastructure projects,
 9 internationally as well as for the City
 10 of New York, and I am PH.D. in
 11 Economics.

12 My remarks more or less
 13 coincide with what was already said,
 14 however, I should do one step more.
 15 They said it and I'm going to show it
 16 to you.

17 Here is a photograph showing
 18 the Asphalt Green, the Murphy Center
 19 and the station, and collocated, they
 20 are in the same place (indicating.)

21 In contradiction to this, the
 22 Department of Sanitation is giving to
 23 us a fact number sheet number three, it
 24 was also shown on the screen here which
 25 presents a site location picture on

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 2 -- is shown to be residential zone,
 3 residential not within 400 feet, but
 4 within 40 feet and four feet of your
 5 station. Only this item should ask you
 6 if you are honest and you want to work
 7 with us to cut it up and to finish, not
 8 to continue with the work for this
 9 impossible dream (applause.)

10 Map 9A of the zoning, it's on
 11 -- on your website, why don't your
 12 people look at it? The third item, in
 13 your green document it's written that
 14 there's no New York City landmarks in
 15 the area, especially they wrote no
 16 landmarks. I have -- I have your
 17 picture in front of me. And here is
 18 from the report of Asphalt Green and
 19 from the Landmark Commission, the proof
 20 that in 1976, New York City Landmark
 21 Preservation Commission declared the
 22 Asphalt Green Building at the time,
 23 that's a building of that time, is City
 24 landmark.

25 And in addition to this, you

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 2 which Asphalt Green ends, the Murphy
 3 Center is wiped out, look (indicating.)
 4 Fact sheet number three, look and you
 5 can understand with whom you are
 6 dealing.

7 In contradiction to this
 8 (applause) -- in contradiction to this,
 9 I have here the map of the City of New
 10 York Parks and Recreation. On the web
 11 page, the web page shows Asphalt Green
 12 as a park. Here is the proof, you
 13 don't have to spend your money and our
 14 money on it or on researching it, look
 15 on the web page, did you see this
 16 Mr. Commissioner? (applause.)

17 Now, let's say that the
 18 Department of Sanitation is right in
 19 the document, only accept zoning
 20 decisions, here is the map of the
 21 zoning. You should by the New York
 22 City Planning Commission, on the
 23 planning -- on the map, 9A, half of
 24 Asphalt Green is shown to be
 25 manufacturing zone and half of it going

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 2 have your own (bell rings) Gracie
 3 Mansion. How are you going to present
 4 yourself in front of your Mayor,
 5 whoever he or she is going to be and
 6 tell (applause) and tell them that a
 7 protocol activity for the head of state
 8 or an event for the children of City of
 9 New York has to be postponed because
 10 they are downwind?

11 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Can I ask you
 12 to please wrap it up.

13 **MR. PHILIP OPHER:** Yes, I
 14 should wrap it up. I think that the
 15 entire idea of concentrating garbage,
 16 piling it up in several communities, in
 17 several neighborhoods in the City, is
 18 the wrong idea which is to insult us in
 19 terms of high tech and you buy it
 20 because you are shown technology and
 21 you think that this is better than what
 22 we have, it's not better.

23 Concentrating garbage is excuse
 24 me, I apologize, actually biological
 25 warfare against your own City

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2 (applause.)
3 You take this, my suggestion is
4 to take one of your three alternatives
5 which is a good alternative, to
6 continue to have the garbage dispersed
7 under control, perfected within
8 existing system of individual truck
9 transportation. This is the best, the
10 cheapest, the easiest. Thank you very
11 much (applause.)

12 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you. I
13 now call on Betty Cooper Wallerstein.

14 **MS. BETTY COOPER WALLERSTEIN:**
15 Good evening, I'm Betty Cooper
16 Wallerstein, I'm president of the East
17 79th Street Neighborhood Association
18 which includes some 40 blocks of
19 Manhattan's Upper East Side in the 70s
20 to the 90s.

21 Over the years, we've developed
22 a very close working relationship with
23 your department when Commissioner
24 Doherty asked us to assist by lining
25 our street baskets to work out a rodent

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2 problem of basket buddies, our program
3 became a model which your Department
4 under Maria Termini used for other
5 communities who also assisted in
6 important undercover work for the
7 Department, but now we are no longer
8 supporting our department.

9 Our entire community's appalled
10 and terribly disappointed in the
11 Sanitation Department's unwise and
12 unacceptable decision to establish a
13 large marine transfer operation on East
14 91st Street, in a very populated
15 residential area next to two New York
16 City large and busy parks, public park
17 plans, close to Gracie Mansion whose
18 grounds are used for celebrations and
19 City events; across from several tall,
20 newer family residential towers and
21 other long-standing apartment
22 buildings; at the very street where the
23 huge articulated M31 buses turn west
24 from York Avenue onto 91st Street,
25 returning again from 92nd onto York;

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2 where large trucks deliver goods daily
3 to York and 91st Street's large and
4 popular supermarket known as the
5 Vinegar Factory; where the Mayor's
6 Greenway Bike Plan has bikers traveling
7 north and south along York at 91st
8 Street; where newly-established ferry
9 service serves passengers traveling to
10 Wall Street, Yankee Stadium and Queens;
11 where a volunteer crew organization
12 instructs youngsters in sailing.

13 I mean, this is -- and the
14 entrance of course, this location is at
15 the entrance to the traffic-clogged FDR
16 Drive North. Is this where the
17 Department of Sanitation plans to put
18 an enlarged municipal transfer waste
19 station? I don't think so (applause.)

20 And of course, having worked on
21 some of the landmarks, we also want to
22 add what has already been said, this is
23 in the proximity of four New York City
24 landmark historic sites.

25 Yes, the City needs to have

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2 marine transfer stations, but it must
3 find the appropriate commercial site
4 for this purpose. The East River area
5 is so heavily built up from the Battery
6 to Northern Manhattan, that perhaps you
7 have to think of building out onto the
8 river in a commercial or manufacturing
9 district, and you have to search for
10 appropriate sites elsewhere regardless
11 of location.

12 Now, yes, we understand that
13 every community must accept its fair
14 share of essential city services, but
15 no community anywhere should be
16 expected to have public waste
17 facilities thrust upon its
18 long-established public parklands and
19 residential enclaves (applause.)

20 I ask the Department and our
21 Mayor to stop spending taxpayer dollars
22 on studies for unacceptable,
23 unreasonable sites (applause) and to
24 start searching for alternative,
25 appropriate sites which our citizens

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 2 can fully cooperate with you. Thank
 3 you (applause.)
 4 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.
 5 Our next speaker is Dr. Stephanie J.
 6 Hull.
 7 **THE AUDIENCE:** Excuse me, if
 8 you want to save time, may I suggest
 9 that you call two speakers at once so
 10 that one can stand behind the other.
 11 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you for
 12 your suggestion. Person holding number
 13 six will be the next speaker.
 14 **MS. STEPHANIE J. HULL:** Thank
 15 you, good afternoon. I am Stephanie
 16 Hull, head of the Greeley School at 610
 17 East 83rd street (applause.) This is
 18 my colleague Patricia Hio (phonetic)
 19 head of the Chapin School at 100 East
 20 End Avenue (applause.)
 21 In our two schools combined,
 22 about 1,250 students in kindergarten
 23 through 12th grade, drawn from all of
 24 the boroughs of Manhattan, come to
 25 learn and grow each day.

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 2 Like the leaders of the many
 3 educational institutions, private,
 4 public and parochial that would be
 5 effected by the reopening of the marine
 6 terminal on 91st Street, we are deeply
 7 concerned about the safety, health and
 8 quality of life problems that the
 9 proposed waste station may cause.
 10 The City has the responsibility
 11 to prove through careful research that
 12 the trucking and processing of waste in
 13 this residential area will not have a
 14 detrimental effect on the daily lives
 15 of those who live, work and attend
 16 school there.
 17 Hundreds of our students walk
 18 along the streets near East 91st Street
 19 on every school day, both individually
 20 and in class groups. We need assurance
 21 from the City that heavy truck traffic
 22 through the neighborhood to dump 4,300
 23 tons of garbage for processing daily,
 24 will not jeopardize their safety.
 25 In addition, our students are

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 2 among the thousands who use Asphalt
 3 Green, the recreational facility
 4 adjacent to the proposed waste station
 5 site for physical education classes and
 6 athletic contests.
 7 The City must address the
 8 health concerns raised when children
 9 play outside just a few hundred yards
 10 from a trash-processing facility.
 11 Along with other educators in District
 12 8, we challenge the City to justify the
 13 decision to locate the East 91st Street
 14 marine transfer station in
 15 densely-packed residential
 16 neighborhood, close to schools, parks
 17 and athletic facilities.
 18 Greeley and Chapin fully
 19 understand the need for an effective
 20 way to dispose of the extraordinary
 21 amount of waste generated in New York
 22 City and barge transportation might be
 23 an especially useful means of
 24 transporting this waste.
 25 The selection of a waste

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 2 transfer site however, must be done in
 3 a manner that takes everyone's best
 4 interest into account. We thank you
 5 for your consideration (applause.)
 6 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you. Is
 7 Rick Leland here? The speaker after
 8 that will be Kent Vogel.
 9 **MR. RICK LELAND:** Thank you,
 10 good evening, I'm Richard Leland of
 11 Kramer, Levin, Naftalis and Frankel, we
 12 are counsel to the Gracie Point
 13 Community Counsel.
 14 You can -- as you can tell from
 15 this evening's testimony thus far,
 16 Gracie Point Community Council's
 17 position that a large converted marine
 18 transfer station, such as those under
 19 consideration on the proposed SWMP, a
 20 very inapt acronym, I may add, should
 21 not be sited in residential
 22 neighborhoods.
 23 This is consistent with the
 24 Department of Sanitation's own siting
 25 regulations which prohibit the siting

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 2 of solid waste management facilities
 3 within four hundred feet of residences,
 4 schools, parks and other sensitive
 5 receptors in New York City (applause.)
 6 It's also Gracie Point
 7 Community Council's position that due
 8 to the true nature of the Gracie Point
 9 neighborhood, the siting of the
 10 substantially large MTS to process
 11 residential and most likely commercial
 12 waste, from four community boards,
 13 three community districts, including
 14 Midtown Manhattan, one of the greater
 15 producers of commercial waste, is
 16 particularly inappropriate and that
 17 doing so would create significant
 18 adverse environmental impacts that
 19 cannot possibly be mitigated.
 20 But I recognize the object of
 21 tonight's meeting is not to explain our
 22 opposition in siting, but rather to
 23 comment on the proposed scope of the
 24 DEIS.
 25 Gracie Point Community

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 2 the State Environmental Quality Review
 3 Act (applause.)
 4 As Borough President Fields
 5 said, you did in the commercial waste
 6 study, eliminate four potential sites
 7 which for reasons very similar to
 8 reasons why this site is inappropriate,
 9 but that study was not subject to the
 10 public scrutiny that CEQR requires in
 11 the environmental impact statement
 12 process.
 13 As a matter of fact, you don't
 14 offer any analysis of alternative sites
 15 in the DEIS. It's your obligation to
 16 look for alternative sites of the
 17 facilities you advocate and choose only
 18 those sites where transfer stations had
 19 previously -- your decision to choose
 20 only those sites where transfer
 21 stations had previously been
 22 constructed, irrespective of the fact
 23 that the neighborhoods chosen years ago
 24 have changed significantly, shortcut --
 25 short circuits the SEQOR process, it's

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 2 Council's members and its professional
 3 consultants have analyzed the scope and
 4 the following is a summary, which while
 5 I edited it, because of the elected
 6 officials hit many of our points.
 7 Of the written comments that we
 8 will submit before the close of the
 9 hearing period, which I noticed three
 10 days before you expect to issue a final
 11 scope, the last day being a Sunday, the
 12 most glaring issue in the scope is the
 13 absence of any meaningful discussion of
 14 alternatives to the proposed action,
 15 the conversion of eight City-owned
 16 transfer stations to much larger
 17 containerization and barging
 18 facilities.
 19 The Department of Sanitation
 20 does not intend to include any analysis
 21 of alternative sites for the marine
 22 transfer and barging facilities. This
 23 is contrary to the well-established
 24 legal principle that alternatives are
 25 the heart of a proper analysis under

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 2 improper and it's a disservice to all
 3 the communities that the Department of
 4 Sanitation would have host these
 5 facilities (applause.)
 6 The next major defect in the
 7 scope is the apparent attempt by the
 8 DOS to segment its review, three
 9 closely-interrelated actions.
 10 The scope and other documents
 11 prepared by and behalf of the DOS
 12 clearly indicate that the DOS is
 13 considering using the converted marine
 14 transfer stations to process commercial
 15 waste in addition to residential waste.
 16 The DOS recently released an
 17 extensive study of the feasibility of
 18 this change to the current system.
 19 However, the scoping documents issued
 20 in connection with the solid waste
 21 management plan, is at best vague as to
 22 whether the DEIS will actually study
 23 the combined impacts of both
 24 residential and commercial waste at the
 25 expanded MTS, including 91st Street.

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 2 The scoping document indicates
 3 that as proposed, the expanded East
 4 91st Street facility would have
 5 capacity to process 4,290 tons per day
 6 of waste. The DEIS will only study
 7 environmental impacts of 1190 tons per
 8 days, the estimated peak throughput of
 9 residential waste.

10 The DOS commercial waste study
 11 states that it would be feasible to
 12 process commercial waste at the
 13 expanded MTSSs, because they will have
 14 excess capacity. Thus, the DEIS
 15 appears to be studying residential
 16 waste only, even though the Department
 17 is actively contemplating processing
 18 commercial waste at MTS sites as well
 19 (bell rings.)

20 Either -- either the Department
 21 of Sanitation is improperly segmenting
 22 its review or it is trying to build a
 23 plant much bigger than we need at a
 24 cost greater than that which we can
 25 afford.

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 2 have also in the process of reviewing
 3 amendments to the transfer stations
 4 siting regulations as I thought I
 5 mentioned earlier, the environmental
 6 review of those regulations, the
 7 proposed use of MTSSs to process
 8 commercial waste and the expansion of
 9 the MTSSs for commercial and residential
 10 waste should be conducted in one
 11 review, not three segments of a review.

12 The scope is also deficient in
 13 that it does not include a cost/benefit
 14 analysis of the proposed SWMP. We have
 15 heard that the estimate in cost of the
 16 MTS conversion is somewhere between 400
 17 and 500 hundred million dollars. The
 18 scope does not mention what the
 19 operating cost will be.

20 The scope does not say that
 21 you're going to do analysis to
 22 determine whether the benefits of this
 23 new program outweigh the costs.

24 The head of the Solid Waste
 25 Management Association has estimated

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 2 **THE AUDIENCE:** Excuse me, I'm
 3 number 60, I yield my three minutes to
 4 this gentleman (applause.)

5 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.

6 **MR. RICK LELAND:** Thank you.

7 Now, this is not merely a legal
 8 technicality, because the environmental
 9 impacts with a facility processing
 10 nearly 4300 hundred tons per day, are
 11 significantly greater than those from
 12 an 1190 ton-per-day facility.

13 DOSs own documents underscore
 14 this, the commercial waste study, which
 15 I will reiterate, was not subject to
 16 any public scrutiny, indicates that the
 17 deliveries of commercial waste of the
 18 expanded MTSSs will have priority over
 19 residential waste in the eight p.m. to
 20 eight a.m. time period. The scope, the
 21 DIS -- DEIS doesn't include studies of
 22 noise and traffic during the overnight
 23 period when most people are sleeping or
 24 will be trying to sleep.

25 The DOS and the City Council

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 2 that the current system cost of average
 3 of 250 -- \$2.50 per day per resident,
 4 less than the cost of a Happy Meal.

5 We'd like to see in the DEIS an
 6 analysis of what this plan is actually
 7 going to cost the taxpayers and
 8 determine whether the benefits that
 9 have been espoused are actually worth
 10 the increased cost (applause.)

11 I'm not going to try to upstage
 12 or reiterate what Carol Tweedy and
 13 others had to say about Asphalt Green
 14 and its importance to the neighborhood.
 15 I would like to underscore its
 16 importance to the City as a whole,
 17 which this DEIS does not purport to
 18 study.

19 There are people who come to
 20 Asphalt Green on a daily basis who are
 21 a very sensitive population, young
 22 people, some of them from disadvantaged
 23 neighborhoods where the incidence of
 24 asthma is significant and we all know
 25 that there is a strong connection

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 2 between particulate matter, we hope
 3 you'll be studying 2.5 as opposed to
 4 10, and asthma.
 5 The ingress and egress routes
 6 proposed for the MTS is a ramp that
 7 bisects Asphalt Green and runs through
 8 its playground. The noise impacts on
 9 the playground, the odor impacts on the
 10 playground and the air impact on the
 11 playground, as well as the street,
 12 ought to be studied, particularly when
 13 in fact that under even smaller 1,190
 14 tons per day throughput that you're
 15 purporting to analyze, you're talking
 16 about 18 trucks queuing on that ramp in
 17 an hour. And I want to talk a little
 18 bit about queuing before I turn the
 19 microphone over to the members of the
 20 public.
 21 And that is that without
 22 complete design documents or design
 23 studies as part of the EIS, how is the
 24 public to determine what assumptions
 25 are being made as to how long the

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 2 ballet of trucks moving in, unloading
 3 onto the loading floor, turning around,
 4 coming back out down the ramp is going
 5 to take? And without being able to
 6 assess that, how are we going to be
 7 able to determine exactly what queuing
 8 is going to be on the ramp to Asphalt
 9 Green, on York Avenue and on the very
 10 narrow side streets that we know you're
 11 going to use?
 12 Now, we know that there is a
 13 law that says you can't idle for more
 14 than three minutes. We also know that
 15 that law is more honored in its breach
 16 than in its observance and we also know
 17 that the Department of Sanitation,
 18 through no fault of its own, doesn't
 19 have sufficient personnel to be
 20 enforcing that, particularly at eight
 21 marine transfer stations that purport
 22 to be operating 24/6 and that's just
 23 with residential waste.
 24 There are a number of other
 25 issues that we would like to address,

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 2 we will address in written comments.
 3 Thank you, I appreciate the opportunity
 4 to speak (applause.)
 5 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you for
 6 your comments. The next speaker is
 7 Kent Vogel. And if I could also have
 8 Neal Flomenbaum. I'm sorry,
 9 Flomenbaum, get ready. Thank you.
 10 **MR. KENT VOGEL:** Good evening
 11 Commissioner, my name is Kent Vogel,
 12 I'm a member of the Gracie Point
 13 Community Council as well I'm the
 14 president of East River Tenant Corp.,
 15 177 family cooperative apartment
 16 building located on East End Avenue,
 17 one block from the East 91st Street
 18 marine transfer station.
 19 As well, I'm a long-time
 20 resident of the neighborhood, in fact,
 21 dating when the Murphy Center and
 22 Asphalt Green operated as a City
 23 municipal asphalt plan.
 24 Therefore, my comments will
 25 have deep historical perspective of

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 2 your Department's solid waste
 3 management plan and its effects on our
 4 neighborhood and the City and I will
 5 confine my comments to three points:
 6 Critique of the DOS solid waste
 7 management plan, critique of the draft
 8 scoping document regarding the East
 9 91st Street MTS, excuse me and
 10 opposition to the reactivation of the
 11 91st Street MTS.
 12 The DOS solid waste management
 13 plan, this plan is essentially using a
 14 1950's concept of waste removal,
 15 spending two thousand four dollars and
 16 obligating the City economically and
 17 socially for the next 20 years.
 18 There is little mention
 19 (applause) -- there is little or no
 20 mention of alternative methods or
 21 technologies, private or private sector
 22 partnerships, initiatives or
 23 cost/benefit analysis to ascertain the
 24 solution to the City's current and
 25 future waste removal needs. Without

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 2 this innovative, competitive plan
 3 approach, we're essentially going back
 4 to the future, looking for ideas while
 5 not ensuring a viable cost effective
 6 present and future solution.

7 As to the draft scoping
 8 document itself regarding East 91st
 9 Street, a description of the East 91st
 10 Street MTS and surrounding neighborhood
 11 on pages 37 and 38, has maximized the
 12 rationale for its reactivation and
 13 completely minimized the true nature
 14 and character of Gracie Point and the
 15 MTSs impact on tens of thousands of New
 16 Yorkers that live, work, recreate or
 17 travel through this location.

18 Quote, the MTS site is located
 19 within M-2 zoning district which allows
 20 for moderate, industrial use, unquote.

21 The DOS reactivation plan can
 22 hardly be considered quote, moderate
 23 industrial, unquote.

24 Quote, immediately west of the
 25 site is a small M1-4 zone area and

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 2 percent too much space. Therefore, the
 3 final scoping plan should include and
 4 in detail, evaluate the following
 5 topics in relation to the full design
 6 capacity of 4,290 tons per day and not
 7 the proposed 1,093 tons per day based
 8 on fiscal 1998 averages.

9 Consistent with this approach,
 10 peak hour trips should reflect and be
 11 examined based on 112 trucks from nine
 12 a.m. to ten a.m., not the 28 to be
 13 increased by only 20 percent. Again,
 14 based on 1998 data.

15 There is clearly a overdesign
 16 capacity for a reason and a complete
 17 explanation and its impact on the
 18 surrounding area is required. A full
 19 disclosure of the mix between
 20 residential and commercial waste should
 21 be completely disclosed. Anything less
 22 is somewhat dishonest and lacking full
 23 disclosure of the full potential impact
 24 of this industrial plant.

25 I have a few specific comments

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 2 encompasses most of Asphalt Green
 3 recreation area. Asphalt Green can
 4 hardly be considered a small area and
 5 its size and impact on all New Yorkers
 6 is immeasurable.

7 In fact, there are three
 8 designated landmarks within a half mile
 9 radius, as well as many parks, schools,
 10 New York City Housing Authority
 11 residences, houses of worship and two
 12 hospitals, not to mention numerous
 13 other communities facilities, as well
 14 as a north and southbound access to one
 15 of the most important highways in New
 16 York City, the FDR Drive. This is a
 17 truly high-density, vibrant
 18 neighborhood that will be devastated by
 19 this DOS plan.

20 Specifically let me address
 21 certain issues with your scoping
 22 document as well. Private industry
 23 does not construct a factory for only
 24 25 percent utilization. Private
 25 citizens do not build homes with 300

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 2 on the land use zoning and public
 3 policy chapter. The true evaluation of
 4 the neighborhood's transformation since
 5 the last operations of the 91st Street
 6 MTS should be taken into account.

7 Socioeconomic conditions, the
 8 true impact of reintroducing a major
 9 industrial plant in a high-density
 10 residential neighborhood should be
 11 taken into account.

12 Community facilities and
 13 services, the true impact of this major
 14 industrial plant on the hundreds of
 15 thousands of New Yorkers, of hundreds
 16 of thousands of New York visitors that
 17 use Asphalt Green facilities. CEQR, as
 18 you know, is quite specific on this.

19 Hazardous materials, during the
 20 past operations of the 91st Street MTS,
 21 Sanitation trucks consistently leaked
 22 solid and liquid waste, fouling the
 23 streets for blocks along their route of
 24 approach and departure. There is no
 25 mention of containing this pollution

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 2 and hazard to public health.
 3 Water revitalization program,
 4 the reconstruction and enlargement of
 5 the 90th Street Ferry Landing in the
 6 hazard and navigation, inherent in
 7 barge traffic conflicting with the
 8 increased ferry passenger traffic in
 9 one of the world's most treacherous
 10 inland waterways, needs to be studied
 11 (bell rings.)
 12 Traffic and parking. I'll be
 13 about one minute.
 14 A 24/7 analysis of all proposed
 15 routes to and from the facility,
 16 including New York MTA schedule service
 17 of the M86 and M31 flex buses operating
 18 from their start and end route points
 19 on East 91st Street and 92nd Street and
 20 York Avenue and continuing along the
 21 avenue.
 22 The impact of sanitation trucks
 23 queuing on York Avenue; measuring of
 24 traffic on East 90 -- on the East 96th
 25 Street entrance and exit of the

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 2 northbound FDR Drive and the southbound
 3 96th Street exit and 92nd Street
 4 entrance. All of these measurements
 5 also needs to be taken into account,
 6 the back up and increased traffic on
 7 the northbound and southbound FDR
 8 Drive.
 9 Traffic, transit and
 10 pedestrians: What needs to be studied
 11 is the danger caused by the proposed
 12 entrance bisecting the entrance to
 13 Asphalt Green.
 14 Air quality, the impact of
 15 neighborhood health by the introduction
 16 of plant emission, truck emissions and
 17 river tugboat emissions where none are
 18 currently present.
 19 Noise: Specifically quantify
 20 the operations of the MTS plant 24/7,
 21 truck noise 24/7 and river tugboat
 22 noise traffic 24/7. And finally,
 23 opposition to the reactivation of the
 24 91st Street MTS. The placement of a
 25 major industrial plant in any

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 2 high-density residential neighborhood
 3 should not be considered under any
 4 circumstances (applause.)
 5 I, and I think most of the
 6 people here this evening well remember
 7 the past operations of this facility.
 8 From the continuous stench, the rat and
 9 vermin infestation, the swarming
 10 seagulls and their defecation coating
 11 in all directions, the queuing
 12 sanitation trucks, spewing their idling
 13 and accelerating exhaust emissions
 14 above, while leaking noxious solids and
 15 liquids below, trailing to and from the
 16 area for blocks, fouling the complete
 17 neighborhood.
 18 There is no technology
 19 available that will mitigate its
 20 renewed operations or protect the tens
 21 of thousands of New Yorkers that live
 22 or use the neighborhood.
 23 Gracie Point offers all New
 24 Yorkers a small oasis of quiet and
 25 calm, in an otherwise frenetic urban

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 2 environment. And the reactivation of
 3 the 91st Street marine transfer station
 4 will cause infinitely more harm than
 5 benefit. The Department of Sanitation
 6 should consider, as of now unmentioned
 7 alternatives to this plan and this
 8 site, thank you.
 9 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.
 10 Neal Flomenbaum and after that will be
 11 Wanda Wooten.
 12 **MR. NEAL FLOMENBAUM:** Thank
 13 you. My name is Dr. Neal Flomenbaum,
 14 and I am the emergency physician and
 15 chief at New York Presbyterian's Weil
 16 Cornell Medical Center at York Avenue
 17 and 68th Street (applause.)
 18 I'm also medical toxicologist
 19 and coauthor of one of the standard
 20 reference medical textbooks on poisons
 21 and overdoses. And last but not least,
 22 I'm a resident of East End Avenue and
 23 90th Street and father of small
 24 children who play at Asphalt Green and
 25 Carl Schurz Park.

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 2 I have come this evening to
 3 express my concerns over the
 4 potentially serious adverse health
 5 effects that the DSNY solid waste
 6 management program will have on the
 7 health and safety of the many children
 8 and adults who use Asphalt Green and
 9 those who live near the 91st Street
 10 marine transfer station.

11 Over the past 25 years, it has
 12 been a great joy for me to observe the
 13 constant activities at the Asphalt
 14 Green's outdoor basketball courts,
 15 athletic field and jogging track,
 16 involving all children and young adults
 17 from the neighborhood, black and white,
 18 Hispanic and Asian, rich and poor.

19 I cannot express how truly
 20 satisfying it has been to observe this
 21 melting pot within a melting pot. In
 22 25 years, I have never observed a group
 23 of such diverse multiethnic people get
 24 along together so well. But over that
 25 same time, I have also watched with

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 2 take no comfort from assurances that
 3 there will only be an acceptable level
 4 of adverse effects on the health of my
 5 children and my neighbor's children. I
 6 have heard similar assurances before,
 7 examined those exposed to such
 8 conditions afterwards, and I can tell
 9 you now that they were false
 10 assurances.

11 I am thinking of one specific
 12 but horrific example, what we were told
 13 about the air quality from the
 14 September 11th, 2001 World Trade Center
 15 disaster and what we know now are very
 16 different.

17 I'm not saying that the nature
 18 of the exposure or the type of material
 19 that survivors and rescue personnel
 20 were exposed to from the World Trade
 21 Center is the same type of materials
 22 that we are talking about today, nor do
 23 I mean any disrespect to the memories
 24 of those who perished that day or those
 25 who became severely ill or disabled

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 2 great concern, the endless lines of
 3 garbage trucks daily along York Avenue
 4 exposing everyone to garbage and diesel
 5 exhaust fumes as they idled and then
 6 meandered their way steadily up York
 7 Avenue and then across the elevated
 8 ramp above the Asphalt Green track and
 9 field, as well as the joggers along the
 10 East River.

11 I've also watched with alarm
 12 the many rats around 91st Street, 90th
 13 and 89th Streets attracted to and fed
 14 by the MTS and scurrying through the
 15 neighborhood with the disease they
 16 carry every time some movement or
 17 equipment at the MTS disrupted their
 18 activities at that site. I'm also
 19 concerned about the rat poison spread
 20 through the neighborhood to control the
 21 problem.

22 I anxiously await the final
 23 scoping documents and health analysis
 24 that DOS has promised but not yet
 25 delivered for public scrutiny. But I

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 2 afterwards, I mean instead to point out
 3 that despite the best intentions by
 4 government and assurances, that perhaps
 5 even the issuing agencies honestly
 6 believe at the time, no one can give
 7 absolute assurance that transporting
 8 and processing garbage will not
 9 exacerbate conditions such as asthma,
 10 bronchitis, COPD, or cause reactive
 11 airway disease in children and adults
 12 who have never experienced it before.

13 Stuyvesant High School is
 14 located a little north of the World
 15 Trade Center site; even after the
 16 school was thoroughly cleaned and
 17 deemed safe for the faculty and
 18 students to return to class in the
 19 building, the daily transport of debris
 20 from the World Trade Center site that
 21 passed by the school and large dump
 22 trucks foul the air handling and
 23 ventilation systems in the building and
 24 had to be recleaned or replaced again
 25 over the summer of 2002 (bell rings.)

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2 Many students and faculty --
3 **THE AUDIENCE:** I yield my time
4 to this gentleman.

5 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.

6 **MR. NEAL FLOMENBAUM:** Many
7 students and -- many students and
8 faculty members at Stuyvesant
9 complained of breathing difficulties
10 and headaches and most of those
11 complaints were dismissed at the time
12 as psychological in nature.

13 We now know that many of those
14 complaints were not psychological;
15 similarly, no one can convince me that
16 exposing pedestrians and especially
17 small children to endless lines of
18 garbage trucks moving past Asphalt
19 Green is not a safety hazard with
20 predictable consequences.

21 Everyday I deal with acute
22 exacerbations of chronic occupational
23 illnesses, poisonings from
24 environmental containments such as
25 lead, mercury, carbon monoxide and

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2 rotting organic materials, and also the
3 serious and sometimes fatal trauma
4 inflicted upon pedestrians by motor
5 vehicle.

6 Part of this process is about
7 fairness; in fairness, aren't there
8 enough threats to health and safety of
9 multiethnic mixed socioeconomic
10 neighborhoods surrounding Asphalt Green
11 and 91st Street without exposing
12 everyone to even more health threats
13 from the DSNY solid waste management
14 program in the future?

15 20 years ago, DSNY converted a
16 swamp in Central Florida to a beautiful
17 park, is it really necessary now at
18 East 91st Street for DSNY to convert a
19 beautiful multicultural park into a
20 swamp? (applause.)

21 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.
22 Our next speaker is Wanda Wooten and
23 after that will be Karen Alper.

24 **MS. WANDA WOOTEN:** Good
25 evening, my name is Wanda Wooten, I am

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2 the executive director of Stanley
3 Isaacs Neighborhood Center and I'm here
4 (applause) to comment on behalf of the
5 6,000 people who use our community
6 services and the over 2000 residents
7 who live at the Isaacs Houses and the
8 Holmes Towers.

9 We are opposed to this plan
10 because of the, what we believe to be
11 the very negative impact on quality of
12 life, health and safety in our
13 community.

14 We are located within the
15 Isaacs Houses and Holmes Towers which
16 is a New York City Public Housing
17 Authority Development. We're at the
18 corner of 92nd and York and we go to
19 north to 95th Street to the park that
20 ends at 96th and we are between York
21 and First Avenue.

22 We are serving, as I said, over
23 6,000 people; on a daily basis, 500
24 people are coming to the center that
25 represents young children to older

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2 adults who are getting everything from
3 hot meals and a senior center
4 activities to after school and summer
5 day camp programs; family services and
6 team programs.

7 We are quite concerned that the
8 scoping document does not seem to
9 recognize that this in fact is an
10 environmental justice community and I
11 am -- I am hoping that that will, that
12 oversight will be certainly looked at
13 and taken into consideration.

14 In the Isaacs Houses and Holmes
15 Towers, there are over 2200 people, 570
16 children below the age of 18, 138
17 children younger than six, and there
18 are some 40 percent of the families
19 that are headed by older adults. And
20 the average income is under seventeen
21 thousand dollars per year.

22 To give you a sense of our
23 community, we are made up of 27 percent
24 African-American, 43 percent Hispanic,
25 seven percent Asian and other and 22

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 2 percent white. We are just two blocks
 3 from the proposed site, and we are very
 4 concerned that this is ignoring the
 5 impact on health and safety because of
 6 the terrible traffic problems, the
 7 services that we provide that draw
 8 people from all around the East Side,
 9 including East Harlem where we already
 10 are seeing high incidents of asthma; we
 11 see incidences of asthma and pulmonary
 12 distress among those residing in the
 13 development and it should be noted that
 14 there are two public high schools at
 15 96th and First Avenue; Life Sciences
 16 and Coop Tech, which both have large
 17 numbers of low-income students drawn
 18 from around the City.

19 The children and adults who use
 20 our center also take advantage of the
 21 Asphalt Green and it is a wonderful
 22 collaborative relationship in which we
 23 are able to access the services of
 24 Asphalt Green so that our children and
 25 seniors and adults can use the pool and

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 2 the sports facilities; it's a very
 3 critical part of our services to
 4 families and children to be to able to
 5 access those services as well as use
 6 the parks that surround us.

7 The traffic congestion that
 8 this will create is a serious safety
 9 issue; we already are under the
 10 terrible impact of all the bus
 11 congestion that we have now at 92nd
 12 Street, as well as the traffic up First
 13 Avenue and York. This emissions is
 14 only to going to add to the pollution
 15 of the air, to the safety of people
 16 trying to cross the streets. If you're
 17 ninety years old and trying to cross
 18 York at 92nd, you have a very hard time
 19 getting across safely.

20 And of course we all remember
 21 the smells from the past so we don't
 22 want to go back to that. Many of the
 23 residents in the development do not
 24 have air-conditioning, they must keep
 25 their windows open in the summer and

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 2 they will certainly be overwhelmed by
 3 the noxious fumes that we experienced
 4 in the past.

5 I do hope that you will
 6 reconsider these issues as important
 7 ones as part of this plan. It is clear
 8 that this would be a terrible location,
 9 this is a community with many, many
 10 wonderful features and many, many
 11 people who count on this as their place
 12 to live safely and happily in New York
 13 and we want to keep it that way. Thank
 14 you.

15 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.
 16 Karen Alper.

17 MS. KAREN ALPER: Hi.

18 MR. SZARPANSKI: Hi, and after
 19 Karen, I'm sorry, would be Martin
 20 Samels.

21 MS. KAREN ALPER: I am not a
 22 politician, engineer, doctor, I'm a
 23 mother in the community and I would
 24 like to be represented on my daughter's
 25 behalf and all the children that

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 2 utilize the facilities that are in the
 3 neighborhood that have been spoken
 4 about.

5 And I'd just like to say, what
 6 are you thinking? (Applause) this is
 7 the greatest city that I know, I've
 8 traveled all over. I'm a born and
 9 bread Manhattanite. Our motto is, "I
 10 love New York." Do you want to change
 11 it to New York stinks? And I donate
 12 the rest of my time to my husband
 13 Daniel Alper (applause.)

14 MR. DANIEL ALPER: I don't know
 15 that I can improve on that as
 16 succinctly, but we have been living in
 17 the neighborhood now for three and a
 18 half years. I go to the gym everyday
 19 at Asphalt Green.

20 There has to be, the nature and
 21 character of the neighborhood in the
 22 Gracie Mansion area indeed is a special
 23 place and anybody who lives in that
 24 neighborhood knows it. The amount of
 25 children and activities that go on at

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 2 Asphalt Green and the playgrounds
 3 there, are very important to anybody
 4 who lives there.
 5 The proposed reopening of this
 6 sanitation facility at this point in
 7 time would run counter and would
 8 destroy, not all, but certainly an
 9 important part of the nature and fabric
 10 of that community and all of the social
 11 environments that we all enjoy.
 12 There has to be another more
 13 effective beneficial way to approach
 14 the needs that the City has as its
 15 populations continue to grow and these
 16 needs need to be met.
 17 On behalf of my wife and my
 18 daughter, we implore the people who
 19 have the power, to look for
 20 alternatives to this proposed
 21 reopening, thank you (applause.)
 22 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.
 23 Martin Samels, followed by S. Roth.
 24 Is Martin Samels here?
 25 **THE AUDIENCE:** Several of the

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 2 people had to leave for a meeting at
 3 the association and that's where these
 4 people are going.
 5 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** I hope the
 6 people who are not here to speak will
 7 write in to us, thank you.
 8 Jackie Ludorf representing
 9 Community Board Eight.
 10 **MR. Z. MAURO:** My name is Z.
 11 Mauro, I'm a retired civil engineer,
 12 I've studied the documents laid out in
 13 the plans and the accompanying
 14 write-up. I believe that the proposed
 15 facilities are going to be a major
 16 creator of traffic, noise and air
 17 pollution.
 18 I hardly agree with what your
 19 comments made before me stated about
 20 traffic, noise and odors. I'd just
 21 like to put some of the numbers in
 22 perspective.
 23 Traffic will be roughly double
 24 during the daytime, handling six tons
 25 per day against 1400 projected. At

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 2 night, the Department of Sanitation is
 3 hawking the available capacity which is
 4 roughly equal to what is -- what was
 5 delivered previously in the daytime, so
 6 whatever conditions you had before the
 7 daytime, you've doubled and whatever
 8 you had before in the daytime you'll
 9 have at night now so this is a very
 10 serious problem.
 11 As far as noise goes, well,
 12 those trucks make noise; one of the
 13 features of the plan is that the
 14 tipping floor is a lot higher than the
 15 previous tipping floor which means that
 16 trucks have to ascend two sets of very
 17 steep grades. You'll be whining in low
 18 gear, up and clattering down in low
 19 gear coming down. And that is going to
 20 be a very serious nighttime effect.
 21 Another serious nighttime
 22 effect is the loading operations on the
 23 pier aprons. If you're handling large
 24 containers, some of them empty,
 25 whenever they bang into something,

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 2 that's a boom, you'll know it. This
 3 will go on day and night.
 4 Third, odors; the Department
 5 plans to store up to 630 tons of
 6 garbage on the loading floor, that's an
 7 enormous amount. First of all, it
 8 obscures, takes up almost 40 percent of
 9 the loading floor which is hazardous to
 10 the people operating there.
 11 Secondly, secondly, the garbage
 12 is there during hot periods and is
 13 likely to remain there over three or
 14 four hours during the day before the
 15 loading equipment can catch up to the
 16 surplus that's being deposited there.
 17 So this is a tremendous source of odors
 18 and will effect both the people inside
 19 the facility as well the people
 20 outside.
 21 As far as the noise goes, the
 22 floor is occupied by five very large
 23 pieces of equipment that are
 24 diesel-operated and they are deafening
 25 in their hazard to the people working

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 2 in there as well as the people outside.
 3 You can't keep the noise out because
 4 you have a huge large door opening to
 5 the south face of the facility (bell
 6 rings.)

7 **THE AUDIENCE:** Number 80, I
 8 waive my three minutes.

9 **MR. Z. MAURO:** Storing garbage
 10 on the loading floor will attract
 11 vermin and rats, whatever we had before
 12 in the way of rats and vermin, we'll
 13 have now, I don't think the Department
 14 of Sanitation is capable of combating
 15 rats, they tend to be very smart,
 16 smarter than the department (applause.)

17 Finally, the problem with
 18 security, almost anything winds up in a
 19 garbage truck. Your write-up said that
 20 they'll be a sign-in there where you
 21 inspect what's on the truck and illegal
 22 material will be removed. I don't know
 23 how that's going to be done, I don't
 24 know what radar you have, what kind of
 25 x-ray.

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 2 Everybody's a little edgy after
 3 9/11 and I hope you have a plan to
 4 safeguard the facility. I don't know
 5 what it is, keep it secret, I don't
 6 want to know it and I don't want
 7 anybody else to know it.

8 Finally, the cost. This
 9 project is a multiple of what you
 10 proposed before. You have tremendous
 11 amount of equipment which needs to be
 12 repaired; the problem of sanitation
 13 workers are a little bit rough on
 14 equipment, as you well know.

15 The other part that bothers me
 16 in the cost is that we don't know what
 17 the final end of the garbage is. You
 18 talk about dragging it out on
 19 containers to the Brooklyn staging
 20 facility and from there on it will go
 21 to an unloading which will be the
 22 mother of all unloading facilities.

23 Therefore, you have no idea of
 24 what the cost is. This is like
 25 open-end, you open up the faucet and

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 2 you let it run. Money is going out,
 3 you have no idea what the total cost of
 4 this project is and before you embark
 5 on such a fabulous adventure, think,
 6 lucky, think. Thank you (applause.)

7 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.
 8 Jackie Ludorf followed by Gloria Kleim.

9 **MS. JACKIE LUDORF:** I'm Jackie
 10 Ludorf, chair of the Environment and
 11 Sanitation Committee of Community Board
 12 Eight (applause.)

13 I would like to read into the
 14 record the resolution passed by
 15 Community Board Eight at the June 16th,
 16 2004 full board meeting of Community
 17 Board Eight, the following resolution
 18 was adopted by a vote of 36 in favor,
 19 zero opposed and zero abstentions.

20 "Whereas, the New York City
 21 Department of Sanitation has prepared a
 22 draft scoping document for the new
 23 comprehensive waste management plan
 24 draft environmental impact statement,
 25 including the reopening of the East

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 2 91st Street marine transfer station.
 3 Whereas, the draft is
 4 comprehensive for an environmental
 5 impact statement, but must be more
 6 detailed for the specific site of the
 7 91st Street marine transfer station
 8 re-opening.

9 Be it resolved, Community Board
 10 Eight would like to see the following
 11 items included in the scope of the EIS
 12 for the new comprehensive solid waste
 13 plan: The studies of traffic and
 14 transportation must consider that
 15 articulated buses run on East 86th
 16 Street, York Avenue and First Avenue.
 17 A study of traffic has to consider
 18 there can be no queuing or Sanitation
 19 trucks on the same block of an
 20 articulated bus stop.

21 A definitive study of the
 22 proposed street to be used by the
 23 sanitation truck should be performed
 24 including an actual test of the
 25 expected number of trucks servicing the

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2 MTS. The effects of the MTS on the FDR
3 Drive and 92nd Street should also be
4 considered.

5 The draft scope says the solid
6 waste management study should set forth
7 a plan for the long-term management of
8 the City's waste for the next 20 years.
9 Yet the proposal is relying heavily on
10 the reopening of the MTSS. There is no
11 mention of striving to reach a zero
12 waste plan in the next 20, 30 years.
13 There is no mention of looking at such
14 things as composting.

15 The alternatives offered in the
16 draft scope seem to be a not-too-easily
17 accomplished, almost certifying
18 rejection.

19 There is no mention made of
20 studying the East River at 91st Street
21 sight. There is knowledge of severe
22 tides in this region, will they be
23 considered? What is the normal barge
24 traffic and finally, what is the
25 synergistic effect of the ferry service

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2 proposing 1,190 tons per day. If the
3 Sanitation Department has plans for
4 using the MTS at 91st Street for
5 commercial or recycling waste, that
6 should be part of this study.

7 There is no mention of a 24/7
8 operation, yet there is mention of
9 three shifts adding to the traffic
10 congestion.

11 Pedestrian traffic must be
12 addressed, York Avenue and 86th Street
13 is the site of many pedestrian
14 accidents as of much of York Avenue
15 north of 96th Street up to 91st Street.

16 As taxpayers, we would like to
17 know what the cost and benefits are for
18 the reopening of the marine transfer
19 station, as opposed to the existing
20 export contracts. What is the payback
21 period?" Thank you (applause.)

22 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.
23 Gloria Kleim followed by Adrian Robert.
24 Is Gloria Kleim here? No. Adrian
25 Robert, okay. After Adrian would be

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2 at 90th Street, the proposing opening
3 of the MTS street site and the currents
4 in this area?

5 Mention was made of the peak
6 hour traffic and peak hour usage of the
7 MTS to study traffic patterns, but the
8 peak hour at Asphalt Green, a City park
9 must be also be considered. 12,000
10 children use the Asphalt Green every
11 year. What effect does the MTS on this
12 human traffic, as the MTS access road
13 runs cuts through the Asphalt Green
14 Park.

15 There should be extra effort
16 put into studying the effect of this
17 expanded MTS on Asphalt Green, a park
18 that serves children from all over
19 Manhattan and Carl Schurz Park, a park
20 that is utilized by local residents in
21 this neighborhood.

22 The draft scoping document
23 states that the capacity of the 91st
24 Street MTS is 4,290 tons, but the
25 Department of Sanitation is only

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2 Judith Toby.

3 **MR. ADRIAN ROBERT:** My name is
4 Adrian Robert and I'm a resident of 500
5 East 85th Street which is the corner of
6 York Avenue.

7 I wish to speak in opposition
8 to the reopening of the marine transfer
9 station at East 91st Street. However,
10 I would like to actually thank the
11 Department of Sanitation for their
12 efforts and I realize that it's a lot
13 easier to shoot a plan down than come
14 up with one and especially when the
15 problems faced are as difficult as
16 emptying New York City of however many
17 thousands of tons of garbage everyday.

18 Unlike many of the residents
19 who are here, I'm only a short-term
20 resident of the neighborhood so far.
21 My wife and I moved out from Park Slope
22 in Brooklyn last year. We had liked
23 Brooklyn but felt the need to shorten
24 our commutes, something which any
25 number of Manhattan neighborhoods would

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2 of allowed us to do. But it was hard
3 to find an area in Manhattan with
4 something approaching the peaceful, yet
5 vibrant atmosphere to be found in many
6 parts of the outer boroughs, including
7 Brooklyn.

8 After looking in Battery Park
9 City, the East Village, Murray Hill,
10 many parts of the Upper East and West
11 Sides, we had not really found what we
12 were looking for, but when we visited
13 the environs of Carl Schurz Park and
14 the blocks between York and East End
15 Avenues in the upper 80s, we knew we
16 had found it. It was quiet and
17 peaceful, the area was fresh and clean.

18 Unlike many parts of the City,
19 there is not much thru traffic, most of
20 the -- most of the vehicles on the
21 streets that belong to residents or
22 serve businesses in the area.

23 This, together with the
24 proximity of the East River makes the
25 air quality in that area some of the

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2 site, I've, on several occasions riding
3 my bicycle up along the eastern side of
4 Manhattan and been impressed at the
5 largely industrial character of the
6 shoreline knots west of 125th Street.
7 Given that the existing transfer
8 facility must be torn down and rebuilt
9 anyway, it seems like other
10 alternatives north of 91st Street
11 deserve consideration.

12 I think within, although the --
13 the document has pointed out that there
14 will be various efforts to control the
15 emanation of odors from the building,
16 control the queuing and these sorts of
17 things, but with the best will in the
18 world is absolutely very optimistic to
19 believe that they're are not going to
20 have some serious impacts from the type
21 of transfer that's going to be taking
22 place there. Thank you very much
23 (applause.)

24 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you very
25 much. Judith Toby followed by Laura

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2 best to be found in Manhattan, south of
3 125th Street.

4 The buildings in the area and
5 the sidewalks and street landscaping
6 are well-maintained. We immediately
7 felt comfortable in this area. I mean,
8 Carl Schurz Park and we never
9 considered moving to any other
10 neighborhood once we found it.

11 I worry that the proposed
12 expansion and return to operation of
13 the garbage marine transfer station at
14 East 91st Street will necessarily
15 disrupt their neighborhood by bringing
16 in garbage trucks that will queue and
17 wait along the neighborhood streets
18 spoiling the fresh air with odors and
19 emissions and by disturbing the East
20 River Esplanade at 91st Street, a
21 location that hundreds of people,
22 including myself, pass through everyday
23 during an easy stroll or jog along the
24 East River.

25 By contrast to the 91st Street

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2 Drawbaugh.

3 **MS. JUDITH TOBY:** Hi, my name
4 is Judith Toby, I've been a resident of
5 Yorkville for 42 years.

6 When the garbage transfer
7 station was open, there were garbage
8 trucks from 72nd to 92nd Street and I'd
9 like to ask each of you sitting in that
10 table, would you let your children or
11 grandchildren play within 20 feet of a
12 garbage dump? I expect an answer.

13 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** We will
14 publish all the questions and answers.

15 **MS. JUDITH TOBY:** Thank you
16 (applause.)

17 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Laura
18 Drawbaugh followed by Jennifer Chiron.

19 **MS. LAURA DRAWBAUGH:** Hi, I'm
20 -- my name's Laura Drawbaugh, I'm a
21 volunteer gardener at Carl Schurz Park.

22 I heard the woman next to me
23 say what are we going to do about the
24 trash, maybe we should stop throwing
25 things away. And I would just like to

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2 reiterate each one of our's personal
3 responsibility for the trash that we
4 produce.

5 We produce more per capita than
6 anyone else in the world as you know.
7 I would urge the Department of
8 Sanitation to increase their
9 educational program and I would --

10 **THE AUDIENCE:** Can you speak
11 into the mic?

12 **MS. LAURA DRAWBAUGH:** Oh, I'm
13 sorry. Even in my building, each one
14 of us takes our trash down the hall and
15 it disappears and I'm surely not the
16 only one on my floor that drinks wine
17 and recycles that bottle or I think
18 each one of us -- I don't think I'm the
19 only person that does take-out food,
20 but I'm the person that recycles the
21 take-out containers; I think this
22 probably is a very inappropriate site
23 for the trash marine terminal but I
24 think each one of has a personal
25 responsibility for the trash we create

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2 the marine transfer station will
3 negatively effect the communities of
4 the Upper East Side and Harlem.
5 As you probably know already,
6 the Upper East Side has a high portion
7 of senior citizens and East Harlem has
8 a high percentage of children when
9 compared to New York City as a whole.

10 Both populations are extremely
11 sensitive to the types of environmental
12 hazards that will come out of the
13 reopening of the marine transfer
14 station. The many young people who I
15 work with and I live with around my
16 community at Isaacs, play at Asphalt
17 Green and along the FDR walkway, so
18 having the marine transfer station
19 reopened would limit our opportunities
20 for creation of stable, clean and
21 welcoming environment.

22 Already we are bombarded by the
23 noise of large trucks and make their
24 way -- that make their way down First
25 Avenue and the FDR Drive. Opening the

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2 and I would love -- I'd love to hear --
3 one person mentioned composting, we
4 could set up a composting facility near
5 Carl Schurz Park, we'd love to have the
6 soil to improve the park. Thank you
7 (applause.)

8 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.
9 Before the next speaker begins, I was
10 asked to make a short announcement.
11 The bus to 91st and York will be
12 leaving at 8 p.m. and the last bus will
13 be leaving at 8:30. Thank you.

14 Jennifer and after Jennifer
15 will be Lee Leggett.

16 **MS. JENNIFER CHIRON:** Good
17 evening, my name is Jennifer Chiron, as
18 you heard, I'm here to represent the
19 Stanley Isaacs Newburgh Center; youth
20 met -- a youth center team.

21 I currently live in the Isaacs
22 Housing Development which is located on
23 81st Street and First Avenue.

24 One of the things that I'm
25 worried about is that the opening of

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2 marine transfer station creates
3 additional noise pollution to already
4 loud living conditions. For example,
5 they're constructing a new hotel across
6 the street and we hear construction
7 noises everyday.

8 I urge the City and those
9 considering the re-opening of the
10 marine transfer station to think again
11 what the effects it will make on our
12 residents because the garbage fight
13 will continue. Thank you (applause.)

14 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.
15 Lee Leggett followed by Bernard Elkie.

16 **MS. LEE LEGGETT:** I'm dropping
17 most of what I was going to say so as
18 not to repeat, but I would say that I
19 first moved to the area, 89th Street
20 between York and East End in 1960 and
21 then in those days, the kids on the
22 block, including mine, could play
23 rollerskate and hockey in the street.

24 Now, I know we --the times have
25 changed, there's been much building,

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 2 you can't roll back the clock so what
 3 you have to be is cleverer and I agree
 4 with the people who tried to find ways
 5 to reduce garbage rather than -- than
 6 get -- use that huge amount as a given.

7 I also would like to see a
 8 change in the idea of the given that
 9 every single available plot on the
 10 avenues are going to sprout high-rises,
 11 because I feel that we've reached a
 12 near saturation point in housing and
 13 there must be some equitable way to
 14 arrange to pull down that ceiling just
 15 a hair and not augment up to that full
 16 use of the, what they might build in
 17 that plant.

18 The other -- the last point
 19 that I will try and tie in here is the
 20 one of timing. People have brought up
 21 the see-end of it. My one worry in the
 22 middle is where all that work is going
 23 on is what's a little front-end pusher
 24 doing in there? Isn't there something
 25 mechanical that would make that work

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 2 The final thing I worry about
 3 is, then there's the traffic coming
 4 back to the neat, maybe cleansed, I
 5 don't know, containers with the tugs
 6 and the barges coming back up and
 7 turning around in Hell Gate, I don't
 8 envy the guys who are trying to work
 9 that one out in all ties.

10 It's just a formidable problem
 11 coming and going and what is there, the
 12 Circle Line and yachts and the tankers
 13 that go through with this added traffic
 14 of barges and tugs, I don't know
 15 either. We must be very ingenious I
 16 think to find something better. Thank
 17 you (applause.)

18 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.
 19 Bernard Elkies followed by Carol Quinn.

20 **MR. BERNARD ELKIES:** I'm
 21 Bernard Elkies, I lived on the -- on
 22 East 89th Street for over 20 years and
 23 I well remember the garbage trucks
 24 lined up on York waiting to enter the
 25 transfer station.

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 2 better than a small, what did you call
 3 it? A front-end loader or whatever. I
 4 mean, that's very not state-of-the-art.
 5 Though I don't, believe me, I don't
 6 think it's a wise idea to have that
 7 there.

8 My other concern is the parade
 9 of barges and tugs joining other
 10 transfer stations as well, and parading
 11 down past the UN where there
 12 undoubtedly would be astonished by the
 13 volume of all they see going by;
 14 countries represented there undoubtedly
 15 which have much less profligate or
 16 production of trash than we have and
 17 but others, they have just as much
 18 possibility but I think, I'm probably,
 19 I'm thinking about the Scandinavian
 20 countries, particularly doing a much
 21 better job of diminishing the garbage,
 22 the trash before it gets to the point
 23 that it has to be hauled away and
 24 dropped someplace where we won't see it
 25 anymore.

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 2 Yorkville is a different place
 3 then, that was before more high-rises
 4 were built and population grew; before
 5 articulated buses were added and parked
 6 on 92nd street; before Carl Schurz Park
 7 was greatly improved as to draw
 8 walkers, joggers, bikers and dog
 9 owners; before Gracie Mansion became an
 10 important gathering place for meetings
 11 and daily events; before the ferry
 12 service was introduced; before the
 13 ASPCA was moved to a newly-expanded and
 14 activity facility; before a hotel
 15 office complex replaced a car wash;
 16 before the Vinegar Factory opened
 17 drawing people from all over town;
 18 before the recycling added to the
 19 number of garbage trucks circling the
 20 neighborhood; before the aqua center
 21 was built for 40,000 children
 22 participating; before summer camp at
 23 Asphalt Green with over 500 children
 24 playing next to the transfer station;
 25 most importantly, before people were as

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2 aware of clean air and quality of life
3 as today (applause.)

4 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.
5 Carol Quinn will be followed by Kenneth
6 Seplow.

7 **MS. CAROL QUINN:** My name is
8 Carol Quinn, my husband, our son Alex
9 who's nearly two, and I live on York
10 Avenue on 89th Street between York and
11 East End Avenue.

12 Like everyone here, our
13 comments this evening stem from the
14 health impact that the reopening and
15 expanding marine transfer stations will
16 have on all of the people and the
17 children who use Asphalt Green, Carl
18 Schurz Park, our neighbors and our
19 family.

20 I'll keep my comments brief and
21 try not to echo too much of the
22 wonderful things that our elected
23 officials and friends and neighbors
24 have stated this evening.

25 I do want to talk about air

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2 and all other environmental impacts.
3 Along with that, we have to
4 look at the barge and the tug traffic
5 on the river assuming the station's
6 operated to full capacity.

7 I can't begin to ask questions
8 or identify the potential issues or
9 impacts that the marine transfer
10 station itself will have on our air
11 because there aren't concrete design
12 plans available. I ask you the same
13 question, how can you?

14 As stated in other neighborhood
15 meetings that I've been to, promises of
16 state-of-the-art do not provide solid
17 information and are therefore
18 meaningless. Additionally, without a
19 design, the City can't analyze how long
20 the unloading will take, and therefore
21 can't accurately estimate the queuing
22 times on the ramp or on York Avenue.
23 Neither can we.

24 My second point is safety of
25 children. We need to know what impact

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2 quality for a minute though, because
3 it's key that the Department of
4 Sanitation assume that the marine
5 transfer station is operated to its
6 full capacity in looking at the
7 environment impact.

8 If you assume that the station
9 can take 4,290 tons of garbage a day,
10 that each garbage truck holds ten tons
11 of garbage and the marine transfer
12 station is operated six days a week,
13 that is an additional 250,000 truck
14 trips a year up and down York Avenue.

15 Our neighborhood is already
16 among the worst in Manhattan for diesel
17 fume particulates and under the City's
18 plan, there's another 400-plus garbage
19 trucks or 800 round trips that would be
20 traveling on York Avenue all day long,
21 six days a week. We need to know what
22 the environmental impacts of those
23 trucks on our air would be, including
24 diesel exhaust, truck idling, turning
25 the trucks on and off, tire burn off,

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2 another 250,000 truck trips a year will
3 have on the streets. York Avenue,
4 especially between 86th and 92nd
5 Streets already are clogged with the
6 tandem buses and the cars entering and
7 exiting the FDR Drive.

8 The M86 bus runs every two or
9 three minutes during rush hour,
10 frequently at all other times of the
11 day and the M30 runs too.

12 As for -- Asphalt Green
13 generates a lot of school bus traffic
14 and Gracie Mansion which hosts a lot of
15 private events does too. We have a lot
16 of elderly people in our neighborhood
17 who require ambulette services and a
18 lot of school children using buses.

19 How will a quarter of a million
20 more truck trips a year fit on our
21 streets? How long will the trucks
22 idle, where will they park and where
23 will they go? Let me tell you (bell
24 rings) they'll sit on York Avenue
25 starting at Asphalt Green and wind up

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 2 south for many blocks.
 3 Carol Tweedy and others have
 4 spoken eloquently and passionately
 5 about the thousands of children a year
 6 who use the playing fields and other
 7 facilities at Asphalt Green. My son
 8 learned to walk on the playing field at
 9 Asphalt Green, and we play there every
 10 night that the weather's good. We also
 11 go to the playground adjacent to
 12 Asphalt Green and to Carl Schurz Park
 13 as do thousands of other children.
 14 We were astonished that the
 15 Murphy Center, which has puppet shows
 16 for little kids, that Gracie Mansion
 17 and Henderson Place Houses were not
 18 identified as the landmarks in the
 19 scoping document. It made us wonder
 20 whether the authors of the scoping
 21 document visited our neighbor.
 22 If they had, as others have
 23 said, they'd see that the driveway to
 24 the MTS cuts straight through to
 25 Asphalt Green. And we know that's

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 2 I've lived in this neighborhood for 41
 3 years. I remember the -- the trucks
 4 lined up on York Avenue all the way
 5 down to 85th Street and the smells and
 6 other traffic problems that results
 7 from that.
 8 Most of us have moved to this
 9 neighborhood and many of us, certainly
 10 all my neighbors in my cooperative
 11 building, invested their hard-earned
 12 dollars in their homes in that building
 13 based on the quality of the
 14 neighborhood which you've heard
 15 eloquently described by others this
 16 evening.
 17 If this is plan is put through,
 18 that quality will decline along with
 19 the value in their homes. I have --
 20 I've been listening here for two hours
 21 and I haven't heard one good thing
 22 about this proposed plan, but I
 23 certainly heard a lot of things in
 24 opposition to it and I can't envision
 25 why the -- the Department of Sanitation

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 2 against the Department of Sanitation's
 3 regulations. We don't understand how
 4 the City can reconcile reopening and
 5 expanding the 91st Street marine
 6 transfer station. Thank you very much
 7 (applause.)
 8 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.
 9 Our next speaker is Kenneth Seplow
 10 followed by Lori Mangan.
 11 **MR. KENNETH SELOW:** I'll be
 12 brief. My name is Kenneth Seplow, I'm
 13 here because I'm the director of coop
 14 building 535 East 86th Street Corp., at
 15 the corner of 86th Street and East End.
 16 We -- I'm representing the
 17 board of directors which asked me
 18 unanimously to express the opposition,
 19 their opposition and the opposition of
 20 the 135 families representing 500
 21 residents in our building, to this
 22 proposed revitalization of the marine
 23 transfer station at 91st Street.
 24 I'm not going to go back
 25 through all the arguments you've heard.

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 2 continues to press forward with this
 3 plan. Thank you (applause.)
 4 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.
 5 Our next speaker is Lori Mangan. Lori?
 6 Charles Emma? Followed by Mr. Forzano.
 7 **MR. CHARLES EMMA:** My name is
 8 Charles Emma and I've lived on 90th
 9 Street opposite the Asphalt Green for
 10 over 40 years.
 11 My remarks are divided into two
 12 parts. My first comment is that the
 13 design of this scoping study may
 14 inhibit development of a realistic
 15 measurement of the operation of marine
 16 transfer station will have on our
 17 community.
 18 My second comment suggests that
 19 an alternate possible location may be
 20 seen from the present marine transfer
 21 station.
 22 The proposed study outlines an
 23 imposing investigation into the basic
 24 decision that has already been made to
 25 use the existing City facilities. My

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2 remarks are limited to an observation
3 concerning the unit of measurement in
4 the study that is expressed as a truck
5 load.

6 This appears to be a rather
7 gross measurement when the garbage is
8 already segregated into components and
9 collected on different truck trips.

10 It would be reasonable to
11 examine the characteristics of each of
12 the components in this stream of
13 garbage, then it would be possible to
14 determine the impact of each category
15 of garbage rather than to use a
16 one-side business approach.

17 Opportunities may be detected
18 that are masked when the parts are
19 lumped together. This would appear to
20 be important in view of the inclusion
21 of commercial garbage going to the MTS.

22 The scoping study would then
23 have the characteristics of an
24 operation's research study. These
25 studies frequently result in

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2 opportunities to choose from
3 alternates, making it possible to
4 maximize a desirable result.

5 The garbage components may then
6 be investigated with respect to mound
7 frequency, destination, salability and
8 time value, environment changes on the
9 -- the volume changes on material
10 handling, equipment and facilities and
11 above all, the impact of commercial
12 garbage on all of the above.

13 My second comment is based on a
14 ten-minute drive I recently took from
15 90th Street to the Triborough Bridge.
16 I drove down the ramp located just past
17 the tollbooths on to the combined
18 Randall and Wards Islands. A few
19 minutes later, south of the closed
20 psychiatric hospital, I stopped
21 alongside the East river. I stood
22 there on the shore and looked directly
23 at the -- across the river at the 91st
24 Street MTS that is about one mile away.

25 On the way back to the bridge

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2 ramp, I passed a large Fire Department
3 training facility and a New York City
4 Department of Sanitation water
5 treatment plant. Perhaps this area
6 should be seriously considered to see
7 if it could also include a replacement
8 the for 91st Street marine transfer
9 station (applause.)

10 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.
11 Our next speaker will be Salvatore
12 Forzano followed by Margaret Dalbert.

13 **MR. SALVATORE FORZANO:** Hi, I'm
14 a resident of 1725 York Avenue, I've
15 lived through this garbage problem.

16 I -- I can't speak as
17 eloquently as the other people who come
18 before me, but by now you've heard it
19 all and I want to express my opposition
20 to this transfer station. And all I
21 want to say is you have to know at this
22 point you have to realize that this is
23 not the place to put this transfer
24 station. Thank you (applause.)

25 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.

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2 Margaret.

3 **MR. ANDRE SHARON:** Ms. Dalbert
4 has ceded her place to me. My name is
5 Andre Sharon. I'll keep it also very
6 brief.

7 I'm a resident and a board
8 member of 525 East 86th Street, I'm an
9 economist and investment analyst and I
10 would like to submit an economist's
11 perspective.

12 I've been living in New York
13 City since 1959. During my lifetime I
14 have lived in major cities on three
15 continents and from my observation and
16 experience, no major city in the world
17 is more dynamic or faster-changing than
18 New York City.

19 Now, this is a huge plus, but
20 it would be a big mistake in my opinion
21 to assume that that's automatically a
22 positive, it isn't. The situation is
23 always dynamic and never static and
24 things can and do move down as well as
25 upward.

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2 When I first arrived in this
3 country as an immigrant, all I could
4 afford was a welfare hotel in the Upper
5 West Side of Manhattan. The place was
6 a dump and the neighborhood was a
7 semi-slum. Today that neighborhood
8 sparkles and only multiple millionaires
9 can afford an apartment in that hotel.

10 The point I'm making is very
11 simple, people are exactly like
12 international capital as described by
13 economists and that is, they're like
14 birds on a wire, they fly off at the
15 slightest noise or disturbance. That's
16 their prerogative and that's the
17 American way.

18 And what is now a terrific
19 neighborhood can and will quickly
20 deteriorate if this facility becomes a
21 reality (applause) because, just as I
22 would consider leaving, so will
23 thousands and thousands of others.

24 For all the reasons that we've
25 all been listening to and we don't, I

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2 don't need to spell it out all over
3 again, from the strictly risk/reward
4 standpoint as an economist, I can
5 assure you that the economic and real
6 estate value impact will be disastrous,
7 period, it's that simple.

8 But I have a final observation,
9 as a economist, there's also "on the
10 other hand" so I'll say this: On the
11 other hand, I'd been willing to
12 reconsider my strong opposition to this
13 plan if Mr. Bloomberg commits to live
14 in a low floor apartment on East End
15 Avenue and 90th Street (applause.)

16 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.
17 Our next speaker is Joseph Allen
18 followed by Stewart Clifford.

19 **MR. JOSEPH ALLEN:** Hi, I am a
20 director of 445 East 86th Street Owners
21 Corp., about 145 family cooperatives on
22 86th and York.

23 The traffic and the queuing of
24 the trucks is probably our greatest
25 concern 'cause we're at route -- 86th

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2 Street is a truck route on this plan
3 and the crosstown bus traffic as well
4 as the trucks crossing on 86th Street I
5 think would present a tremendous
6 problem to that area, along with
7 whatever else that has been said
8 earlier, which is the noise problem,
9 the health and safety issues, the air
10 quality problems and the use of parks
11 by our children, and I believe that our
12 cooperative is firmly against this
13 along with the most of the, actually
14 everybody, I think unanimous, all
15 opposed to this. It's crazy.

16 I do not understand why the
17 City of New York City is spending our
18 valuable money at this point in time
19 pursuing this opportunity and I think
20 you guys ought to stop it now and focus
21 on efforts that might actually be good
22 (applause.)

23 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.

24 **THE AUDIENCE:** Mr. Clifford had
25 to leave, he asked me to submit formal

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2 testimony for him. He was giving
3 testimony as a member of the Board of
4 Directors of Asphalt Green. He's been
5 on the board since the founding of
6 Asphalt Green and he was also speaking
7 on behalf of his cooperative board, 120
8 East End Avenue for which he's been the
9 president for 22 years (applause.)

10 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.
11 We're up to speaker number 32. Jack
12 Humkow followed by Stu Clifford. I'm
13 sorry, Stu Clifford, speaker number 33.
14 Then Sharon Gold.

15 **MR. JACK HUMKOW:** Good evening,
16 my name is Jack Humkow, I'm a long-time
17 resident as is my wife of the
18 community, we've been here for over 26
19 years.

20 The thing that motivated me the
21 most this evening was the fact that my
22 son and I used to play whiffle ball
23 over at the Asphalt Green. I can
24 remember -- so I went over this evening
25 to the corner of 89th Street and

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2 there's a baseball field that's now set
3 up in that corner. Home plate is at
4 the intersection, northeast
5 intersection of York Avenue and 89th
6 Street.

7 That's ten feet away from where
8 garbage trucks will be queuing and I
9 just can't imagine the generation of
10 children growing up thinking that they
11 need to play baseball or whiffle ball
12 with a garbage truck only ten feet away
13 from them.

14 I'd also like to, in measure of
15 full disclosure, let you know that I'm
16 director of environmental fairness of
17 the Dormitory Authority of the State
18 the New York, so I've often been
19 sitting where you sit and I can say
20 that I like this side a lot better.

21 But I also made it a point
22 while I sit on the other side, to
23 listen in depth to community comments
24 because it's important that they be
25 addressed. And what I'm concerned with

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2 On the face of it, the subject
3 Department of Sanitation proposal is
4 inherently inconsistent with the
5 waterfront revitalization plan and
6 policies.

7 For example, the current
8 proposal fails to support the policy
9 supported water-dependent industrial
10 uses in New York City, in New York
11 coastal areas that are well-suited to
12 their continued operation and
13 development.

14 The City's waterfront
15 revitalization plan identifies six
16 significance maritime industrial areas
17 where their current proposal would be
18 more suited. None of those areas
19 includes the East 91st Street terminal.

20 It simply does not support the
21 policy to minimize environmental
22 degradation from solid waste and
23 hazardous substances, nor does it
24 support the policy to provide both
25 physical and visual access along New

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2 tonight is that there's a lot of
3 information, a lot of comments that
4 have been made that did not appear in
5 the scoping document and I certainly
6 hope that those issues are going to be
7 addressed and I'm concerned with the
8 timetable that's set forth.

9 I believe you indicated that
10 your final scoping document will be
11 July 14th and your EIS is going to be
12 out August 6th, so that gives you three
13 weeks to address everything else that's
14 being identified here as issues
15 tonight.

16 And on the substantive side,
17 I'd like to just report that the East
18 91st Street MTS lies on the New York
19 City Waterfront Revitalization Program
20 Area, and accordingly, any (applause)
21 any plans to redevelopment of this
22 facility must be found to be consistent
23 with the policies and intent of the New
24 York City Comprehensive Waterfront
25 Plan.

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2 York City's coastal waters in a manner
3 that balances the interest of public
4 and private waterfront use.

5 Finally, consistent with
6 Section 203 of the City Charter, the
7 EIS needs to include a fair share
8 analysis which assesses the criteria
9 for the location of city facilities,
10 such as this proposed municipal waste
11 management facility.

12 While the criteria is
13 recognizing the need to concentrate
14 industrial uses in industrial-zoned
15 areas, as well as to consider
16 cumulative effects on adjacent
17 residential areas, will you? Will the
18 EIS? Thank you (applause.)

19 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.
20 Our next speaker is Sharon Gold
21 followed by Dr. Arthur Livingston.

22 Is Sharon Gold here? Dr.
23 Arthur Livingston.

24 **MS. MARJORIE FLANNIGAN**
25 **MACLACHLAN:** That's not me, I'm not,

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 2 Dr. Livingston had to leave. Dr.
 3 Livingston is a resident of 180 East
 4 End Avenue.
 5 My name is Marjorie Flannigan
 6 Maclachlan, I am a homeowner at 180
 7 East End Avenue located between 88th
 8 and 89th Street on East End Avenue. I
 9 see at least two, possibly three board
 10 members here representing our building
 11 and I know a lot of other residents of
 12 the building were here.
 13 It is great to vent, but what
 14 difference is it making? Every elected
 15 official representing this part of the
 16 City except, I guess our Mayor, opposes
 17 the reactivation of the 91st Street
 18 marine transfer station.
 19 A year and a half ago, when
 20 there was a City Council meeting on
 21 this issue, everyone was opposed. I
 22 appreciate it when you're looking at
 23 me, because this is just so serious and
 24 I know it's hard for you to just sit
 25 here and take our arguments, but now we

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 2 hear that every doctor, educator,
 3 resident, administrator, attorney in
 4 the area also opposes the reactivation
 5 on any number of physical, social,
 6 economic, legal and moral grounds.
 7 Why are we here? Is your final
 8 scoping (applause) -- is your final
 9 scoping document due in a mere two
 10 weeks, going to address all of the
 11 issues that were raised here tonight?
 12 And how can it possibly, possibly ever
 13 be acceptable in this great city to
 14 drive 400-plus stinking, polluting,
 15 disease-carrying, rat and
 16 cockroach-enticing trucks of trash
 17 through a playground in a residential
 18 neighborhood supporting rich and poor
 19 alike and showcasing our own official
 20 Mayor's residence be okay?
 21 I really, really hope we get
 22 answers to these questions and that the
 23 revised scoping document will take into
 24 account all the comments raised here
 25 this evening. Thank you (applause.)

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 2 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.
 3 Marjorie Flannigan Maclachlan?
 4 MS. MARJORIE FLANNIGAN
 5 MACLACHLAN: Correct.
 6 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.
 7 Patricia Livingston followed by Larrona
 8 Kaye. I'm sorry, it's Lawrence Kaye.
 9 Is -- okay, Lawrence Kaye.
 10 MR. LAWRENCE KAYE: I am
 11 Lawrence Kaye, I'm the president of the
 12 board of Gracie Gardens, a cooperative
 13 complex consisting of four buildings
 14 and 270 families on 89th and 90th
 15 Streets between York and East End
 16 Avenues.
 17 I have lived at Gracie Gardens
 18 for more than 30 years and been the
 19 board president more than 20 years. I
 20 can therefore attest on the basis of
 21 personal knowledge as to what a special
 22 residential neighborhood this is and
 23 how it was so adversely affected by the
 24 last incarnation of the transfer
 25 station.

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 2 There is no doubt that the
 3 community immediately adjacent to the
 4 proposed transfer station and indeed
 5 the entire community in the vicinity of
 6 York Avenue through the East 80s, 90s
 7 and 70s, is an absolutely inappropriate
 8 venue for the opening of this large
 9 garbage facility.
 10 As you have heard, there are
 11 two City parks right next to the
 12 transfer station, one at which Asphalt
 13 Green serves thousands of children each
 14 year from all over Manhattan, the other
 15 Charles Schurz Park used heavily by our
 16 children and the elderly is one block
 17 away.
 18 There is also an exceptional
 19 number of residences, schools,
 20 hospitals, community facilities, a
 21 heavy concentration of families with
 22 young children, pockets with high
 23 density elderly population and two
 24 low-income minority housing
 25 developments conspicuously omitted from

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2 the report, all adjacent to or in the
3 general vicinity of the transfer
4 station.

5 It is in light of these facts
6 that the effects of the expanded
7 transfer station must be evaluated. We
8 are talking about the plan that will
9 operate literally in the Asphalt Green
10 backyard and effect Gracie Mansion,
11 Carl Schurz Park and a huge number of
12 public, private and parochial schools
13 and community facilities.

14 I will not rehearse here the
15 ills that the revamped transfer station
16 will reap upon our community, degrading
17 the public health and well being of our
18 neighborhood since other speakers who
19 have studied the available reports in
20 great care are doing that.

21 Suffice it to say that the
22 dangerous and detrimental effects on
23 the quality of life and health of our
24 citizens ranging from excessive noise
25 and odors, to dangerous traffic

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2 To permit otherwise is an
3 egregious breach of your public trust
4 (applause.) Government should solve
5 problems, not create them. We must
6 band together and exercise our
7 collective community power to make sure
8 that this proposed atrocity does not
9 become a reality. Thank you
10 (applause.)

11 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you. I
12 was asked to remind people that the
13 8:30 bus is about the leave.

14 Next speaker is Claire Finkel
15 followed by Roberta Zuckerman. Is
16 Claire Finkel here?

17 **MS. CLAIRE FINKEL:** Yes.
18 Excuse me, my name is Claire Finkel, my
19 husband and I have lived at 1725 York
20 Avenue for 28 years. Most of the
21 points we have made in a letter to the
22 commissioner, have been made by
23 previous speakers.

24 We will submit our letter to
25 add our objections to the re-opening of

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2 congestion, to vermin and rats, to
3 expected increases in asthma and other
4 respiratory diseases, clearly render
5 this a site that should not be
6 permitted to reopen with an expanded
7 marine transfer facility.

8 Neither our community nor any
9 other with similar dense concentrations
10 of young and old should be subjected to
11 these conditions. We live in a vast
12 metropolis, it is inexcusable that the
13 DOS has not come up with an acceptable
14 solution. They can and should do so.

15 I came in here obviously
16 distressed as we all are about this
17 situation, but not that well-informed.
18 But after listening to our public
19 officials, our extraordinary
20 well-informed citizens and Ron -- Rick
21 Leland, the attorney for Gracie Point,
22 I am convinced more than ever and you
23 should also be, that in the face of
24 such overwhelming evidence, this plan
25 must not go forward (applause.)

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2 the 70 -- of the 91st transfer station
3 (applause.)

4 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.

5 **MR. JOHN BLAU:** I'm obviously
6 not Claire Zuckerman, she ceded her
7 time to me.

8 I have two comments and I would
9 like to read for the edification of the
10 audience here from John J. Doherty the
11 Commissioner of Department of
12 Sanitation, to you, Harry Szarpanski,
13 Assistant Commissioner dated May 3rd,
14 2004: "Conclusion, DSNY has determined
15 that the proposed action has the
16 potential -- potential to result in one
17 or more significance adverse impacts on
18 the environment."

19 Why this ever went forward
20 beyond that memo I do not know. Also,
21 on page seven, it says, "for each of
22 the impact categories listed below,
23 consider whether the action may have
24 significant effect on the environment
25 with respect to the impact category, if

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 2 it may, answer yes: Socioeconomic
 3 conditions, yes; open space, yes;
 4 neighborhood character, yes; natural
 5 resources, yes; hazardous materials,
 6 yes; solid waste and sanitation
 7 service, yes; traffic and parking, yes;
 8 air quality, yes; noise, yes;
 9 construction impacts, yes."

10 There were very few no's
 11 anywhere in this. How it every went
 12 beyond this memo, which was written on
 13 May 3rd is beyond me. And just to
 14 substantiate what somebody said earlier
 15 about the use of the waterfront, that
 16 the only consideration for that
 17 waterfront area would be probably to
 18 build a good hotel, a nice group of
 19 restaurants, maybe a fishing area
 20 because a lot of people fish there now
 21 and use the waterfront for the good of
 22 the people of the community. Thank you
 23 (applause) this memo is outrageous.

24 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Sir, could you
 25 give your name for the record.

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 2 that if any one of you had just walked
 3 the neighborhood and asked the Mayor to
 4 go with you, the proposed marine
 5 transfer station in all conscience
 6 never would have been recommended.
 7 Your scoping report was, which
 8 I have read in detail, is a complete
 9 fabrication, it's false in all its
 10 elements. You should be ashamed of
 11 yourself.

12 When I read it, I was incensed,
 13 I have a short fuse anyway, and so I
 14 try to maintain it. So I certainly
 15 won't read all of this except to say
 16 for shame, all of you. How did you let
 17 this come out and how did you come here
 18 tonight knowing this was all false,
 19 really false, because everyone --
 20 everyone from officials on who have
 21 said to you how bad it is, you knew
 22 that, none of you are stupid, but you
 23 came here anyway, you should of told
 24 the Mayor right up front, this is a
 25 disaster, it's a shame (applause.)

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 2 **MR. JOHN BLAU:** I'm sorry, I'm
 3 John, J-O-H-N, obviously not Claire
 4 Zuckerman, Blau, B-L-A-U, and former
 5 democratic district leader emeritus and
 6 I've lived in this area since is 1934.
 7 Thank you.

8 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.
 9 Our next speaker is Jerome Weinstein
 10 followed by Mort Gerrard.

11 **THE AUDIENCE:** I suggest you
 12 give three names now because apparently
 13 a lot of people are starting to leave
 14 and that will get people in and out
 15 quicker to speak.

16 **MR. JEROME WEINSTEIN:**
 17 Commissioner, I have a letter here that
 18 states all the points that we made.

19 I have a question, you know,
 20 all four of you should be falling on
 21 your sword, as they say. How could
 22 this report have come out? I know
 23 you're smiling because there's nothing
 24 else you can do and you probably feel
 25 lousy about it because it would seem

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 2 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Mort Gerrard
 3 followed by Luis Magnani and Greg
 4 Costello.

5 **MR. MORT GERRARD:** Hi, I'm Mort
 6 Gerrard, I'm a member of the board at
 7 445 East 86th. I've been in the
 8 community for over 40 years.

9 Almost everything has been said
 10 already. However, everybody missed
 11 another historic district. It's right
 12 out of your study -- it's out of your
 13 study plan, but it's within the half
 14 mile and that's the Rhineland and
 15 historic district which is on 91st and
 16 Lex, okay so that would bring it up to
 17 four or five historic districts in
 18 which the reports said there were none.

19 On the same page 38 of the
 20 scope report, you talk of evaluating
 21 DSNY vehicles and other collection
 22 vehicles, I'm quoting, the city and a
 23 nonprofit organization. You do not
 24 mention anything about commercial
 25 vehicles. If you do go that route,

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2 what do we know about it? What do you
3 know about it if you make no reference
4 of it in your report?

5 Also on your report, we've
6 talked consistently today about York
7 Avenue, however, in your own map number
8 A9 your study shows 86th Street as
9 being one of the areas of concern,
10 okay.

11 Now if you go from First Avenue
12 to York Avenue, you'll find nine major
13 buildings averaging way over 150
14 apartments per building, plus Cassidy's
15 Place which is a children's home type
16 of thing.

17 Now, those apartments are
18 medium to high income, the Mayor lives
19 right across the street at 444 East
20 86th. So, that means you're going to
21 have delivery vehicles, you have
22 Access-a-ride, you have school buses,
23 you have limousines, you have
24 contractor vehicle which are doubled
25 parked all the time on 86th Street,

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2 and bounds in the last six years, let
3 alone the last ten years, it's a
4 different place.

5 Therefore, as someone else
6 said, large industrial garbage facility
7 belongs in an industrial area. And the
8 word that has come from the Mayor's
9 Office and Department of Sanitation
10 from the beginning is the reason we are
11 not going to consider any alternative
12 sites unless there is a marine transfer
13 station on it is because they already
14 exist, they're already there, therefore
15 that's the most logical way to go about
16 this.

17 Not anymore, especially since
18 you're going to tear down the original
19 facility any way (applause.) Since
20 that's going to happen any way and a
21 much, much largely completely different
22 brand new building's going to be built,
23 that makes irrelevant the fact that
24 there was already an MTS there.

25 So, it just seems logical that

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2 whether they get ticketed or not and
3 then you have the buses trying to make
4 the turn onto York Avenue which is
5 almost an impossibility right now.

6 What we need is not that
7 report, we need your help, you know,
8 that's what we really need and maybe
9 you can start it if one of your guys
10 would move into our area. Thank you
11 (applause.)

12 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Luis Magnani.
13 Greg Costello, followed by Hans
14 Stohrer.

15 **MR. GREG COSTELLO:** Greg
16 Costello, I'd just like to second
17 everything that's been said tonight. I
18 won't repeat it all, I'll just
19 reiterate a couple of things.

20 The neighborhood including that
21 immediately, immediately surrounding
22 the facility are now densely populated
23 with people living, this is not an
24 industrial area, it is purely a
25 residential area and it has grown leaps

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2 the way this will end up is simply what
3 Mr. Leland said earlier, think it was
4 you Rick, large industrial factory
5 facility goes in an industrial area and
6 there are lots of industrial areas on
7 the waterfront in New York. So that's
8 all I have to say, thanks (applause.)

9 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.
10 Hans Stohrer? Hadara Arkin? Elaine
11 Friedman followed by Peter Mauro.

12 **MS. ELAINE FRIEDMAN:** Good
13 evening, my name is Elaine Friedman,
14 I'm on the board of directors of Gracie
15 Gardens. I reside at 525 East 89th
16 Street. I'm an attorney and I'm also a
17 parent.

18 Couple of Sundays ago my six
19 year old son and I were enjoying one of
20 our many great rides along the greenway
21 which runs right next to the MTS and
22 through Carl Schurz Park. My son
23 became worried, as he always does when
24 we approached the transfer station,
25 because even a six-year-old can

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 2 articulate the many problems.
 3 "Mommy, how we gonna ride our
 4 bikes here if there's a bad garbage
 5 smell?" How is a garbage dump going to
 6 work? The river is not wide enough for
 7 garbage barges and ferries. How are
 8 all the garbage trucks going to fit on
 9 that small ramp over the FDR? And
 10 where are all the children going to
 11 play if the air smells bad in the park
 12 and at Asphalt Green?

13 We are a long-time neighborhood
 14 residents, in addition to our son, we
 15 have a two-year-old daughter. With the
 16 prospect of the transfer reopening, I
 17 have my own worries. I worry that the
 18 air quality in our neighborhood will be
 19 degraded not just by putrid smells, but
 20 the exhaust fumes, chemical pollutants
 21 and other allergens that will make us
 22 all sick.

23 I worry about children's safety
 24 and the safety of all the children and
 25 other pedestrians as York Avenue will

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 2 91st Street MTS presents a significant
 3 threat to the children, the families
 4 and the elderly of Yorkville. The
 5 lives and health of the real New
 6 Yorkers will be harmed by your actions.
 7 Thank you (applause.)

8 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.
 9 Peter Mauro? Jim Axelrad? Jim Siegel?
 10 Joanne Saltzman? Loretta Conticello?
 11 Helene McCarthy? Christine Donovan?
 12 Marjorie Bluemle, I'm sorry,
 13 B-L-U-E-M-L-E? We'll take any
 14 Marjorie? Dr. Roy Geronemus.

15 **MR. ROY GERONEMUS:** Here.

16 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Followed by
 17 Elliot Mecberg.

18 **MR. ROY GERONEMUS:** Thank you
 19 for the opportunity to speak, I know
 20 it's late. I do want to address some
 21 issues regarding the medical aspects of
 22 the reopening of the marine transfer
 23 station and its expansion. And I speak
 24 to you today wearing three hats, one is
 25 as a physician, I'm a clinical

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 2 become clogged, not just with just huge
 3 articulated city buses, but also with
 4 hundreds of idling garbage trucks.

5 I worry that we will be unable
 6 to sleep and as a result, my children
 7 will be unable to concentrate in school
 8 because of the noise from the transfer
 9 station operations and garbage trucks.

10 I worry that the transfer
 11 station will completely destroy my
 12 families' quality of life and the lives
 13 of over 300,000 area residents,
 14 including thousands of children and
 15 elderly.

16 The Department of Sanitation
 17 and Mayor Bloomberg need to understand
 18 that East 91st Street is the worst
 19 possible location for the type of
 20 facility contemplated by the scoping
 21 document or any facility that processes
 22 waste.

23 This is a vital residential
 24 neighborhood, not an industrial or
 25 commercial area. Reopening the East

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 2 professor at the NYU Medical Center;
 3 two, is as a parent and I have children
 4 that use the Asphalt Green and, three
 5 as an officer of 1725 York Avenue which
 6 borders 90th and York avenue.

7 Specifically having reviewed
 8 the scoping report, I'm particularly
 9 concerned with the statement that the
 10 91st Street converted MTS would not
 11 impact air quality in the area.

12 Now, we all know that is not
 13 likely to be true. I'm also concerned
 14 in terms of the methodology in which
 15 this report was actually prepared.

16 You have used the State DEC to
 17 prepare this report. Wouldn't it seem
 18 reasonable to have a report like this,
 19 gathering data regarding carbon
 20 monoxide, nitrous oxide particulate
 21 matter 2.5 and particulate matter ten,
 22 sulfur dioxide, have this prepared by
 23 an independent authority who can
 24 provide us the epidemiological data and
 25 the public health implications rather

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 2 than relying upon one of your own
 3 sources to provide this information?
 4 This is a standard way of providing
 5 documentation, providing information
 6 when something this important is being
 7 prepared and presented to a community.

8 But specifically I'd like to
 9 address some specific medical issues,
 10 in particular, I'd like to address a
 11 report that came from the Columbia
 12 School of Public Health, dealing with
 13 pulmonary diseases and here I'd like to
 14 quote, it is stated: "The major outdoor
 15 threat is diesel exhaust which includes
 16 both particle and organic compounds.
 17 It's been shown to exacerbate allergic
 18 reactions in asthma, although we don't
 19 yet know for sure exactly what its
 20 effect may be and we don't understand
 21 how it causes trouble."

22 It's important that we continue
 23 to look into what these sources may be
 24 or what the impact will be upon our
 25 community based up the concerns

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 2 rat traces and these children tended to
 3 have more severe asthma.

4 In fact, there is an article
 5 that described rat allergen and asthma
 6 in the inner city which describe the
 7 effect upon these allergens in New York
 8 City itself. And this was the National
 9 Quality of Air City Asthma Study in
 10 which it is stated that rat allergen
 11 was present in about one-third of the
 12 environments in which children existed
 13 where there was asthma, and these
 14 children were sensitized to rat
 15 allergens, with a markedly higher rate
 16 of unscheduled medical visits,
 17 hospitalizations and days within slowed
 18 activity than did other children per
 19 say.

20 Let's talk about the unborn for
 21 a minute, the unborn fetus and the
 22 effect upon pregnancy.

23 In another report from the
 24 School of Public Health at Columbia, it
 25 is stated that there have been many

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 2 represented by the Columbia Group.
 3 Manhattan's own childrens own
 4 asthma initiative has stated a number
 5 of environmental factors may contribute
 6 to elevated asthma prevalence in New
 7 York City. Diesel trucks and buses
 8 produce high ambient concentrations of
 9 diesel particles and other pollutants
 10 which is a link to increased asthma
 11 incidents and exacerbates increased
 12 rates.

13 I'd like to also address
 14 another issue which is not in our
 15 report, and that is vermin as an
 16 allergen. There're been a number of
 17 reports recently with published
 18 literature that talk about the effect
 19 of vermin as an allergen which can
 20 create chronic pulmonary disease
 21 including bronchitis and asthma.

22 In this report that came from
 23 John Hopkins University, they found
 24 their test in nearly one in five
 25 children allergic to mouse traces and

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 2 indications that the fetus is very
 3 sensitive to toxic exposures. They
 4 don't have the same defense mechanics,
 5 they can't repair damage, their immune
 6 systems are very immature, histamines
 7 are formed and so they are very
 8 vulnerable.

9 It is important that we address
 10 all of these issues that were ignored
 11 in your report. The allergens, the
 12 effect on our pregnancy and getting an
 13 independent evaluation of what the
 14 effect on our ambient air will be as a
 15 consequence of the proposed changes.
 16 Thank you very much (applause.)

17 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.
 18 Speaker number 63, Elliot and I can't
 19 make out the last name. With an M.
 20 Speaker 64, Greg Geronemus followed by
 21 Andre Sharon.

22 **MR. GREG GERONEMUS:** Hi, my
 23 name is Greg Geronemus and I'm here on
 24 behalf of all children and young adults
 25 who live in the Yorkville Gracie Point

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2 community area.
3 I'd like to start by asking
4 Mr. Szarpanski a question, do you have
5 any children?

6 MR. SZARPANSKI: This is not
7 that type of a forum, we'll take any
8 comments or questions you have.

9 MR. GREG GERONEMUS: All right,
10 well, if you do, then you'd realize
11 that all children have a particular
12 playground in which they love to play.
13 And for me, the Asphalt Green is that
14 playground.

15 It is the place where I caught
16 my first fly ball, where I -- where I
17 caught my first football, football
18 pass; where I met my former idol Roger
19 Clemens while taking a much-needed
20 study break for a very grueling history
21 test.

22 It was the location of my
23 seventh birthday party, it was, you
24 know, it's the field at which I run
25 countless numbers of laps and miles and

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2 to the right decision and not reopen
3 this transfer station in a location
4 where so many children will be very
5 adversely impacted, thank you
6 (applause.)

7 MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.
8 James Tang? Harold Barstelmann
9 followed by Joan Abrams.

10 MR. HAROLD BARSTELMANN: Hi,
11 I'm a resident at 520 East 90th Street,
12 I've been for 15 years. And I've
13 witnessed the experience a transfer
14 station like everyone has and I'd like
15 to just point out, I'd like to give a
16 statement, but I'd like to just make
17 two points.

18 I wonder in a city that allows
19 a neighborhood, okay to allow six
20 high-rises, the Asphalt Green, the
21 addition of schools, three of them, the
22 expansion of two, how they allow that
23 to happen and now wish to negate all of
24 that progress by doing this?

25 Secondly, I'd like to also say,

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2 is the place where I learned to kick a
3 soccer ball.

4 But despite all these fond
5 memories, up until the age of 13 in
6 1999, my experience at the Asphalt
7 Green was marred by unbearable -- and
8 by an unbearable stench and disruptive
9 noise. These unpleasant factors were
10 of course a product of the transfer
11 station located on 91st Street.

12 I recall however, my joy when I
13 learned of the City's decision to shut
14 down the transfer station. From that
15 point on, I've been able to enjoy my de
16 facto backyard without the -- without
17 the annoying stench and noise. And now
18 with the potential alternatives and
19 transfer station, I am deeply
20 concerned. I'm concerned about the
21 scores of others who will have their
22 playground experience compromised by
23 the troubling effects of this transfer
24 station.

25 I hope that the City will come

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2 introduction of the removal of
3 commercial sector trash. I work
4 evenings and often come home when this
5 process is happening all around the
6 City. I'm a movie consultant and I get
7 out at 2:00 in the morning. And I see
8 the behavior pattern, okay. It's a
9 process that's been ignored by this
10 whole city for years and years. They
11 rule the city, they destroy the
12 neighborhood; they use their vehicles,
13 their trucks, their horns,
14 indiscriminately, any way they wish,
15 damned anybody that walks the street.
16 Now we're going to bring this to our
17 children, okay, hundreds of them, okay.
18 No one else cares, see who controlled
19 them so now they'll pollute in our
20 neighborhood.

21 We mentioned bus routes, well,
22 we don't mention two more, the 90 and
23 the 91 express buses, okay, wants to
24 terminate in the -- in the same place,
25 okay and in six months or less, we'll

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2 deal with Marriott Hotel, okay. Its
3 trucks, its delivery, its linen and all
4 of that, okay.

5 Now, we'll go on to something
6 that I witnessed in 2003, okay, an
7 articulated bus making a turn from my
8 street, okay on 91st Street running
9 over and killing a young delivery boy
10 on the bike, okay. I witnessed this;
11 what's to say how many more we might
12 have, okay.

13 Then we have articulated buses
14 which were supposed to only be used for
15 cross town, 30 -- 86th, okay, they're
16 now being used for the 31; they're
17 being used for every up and downtown
18 route, another broken promise.

19 So my thing is this, and I'm
20 going to close with this, why this
21 neighborhood should be the only area
22 that is selected to receive and resolve
23 all of the East Side's mutual adverse
24 problems (applause.)

25 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.

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2 ambulances getting to our residents and
3 now with the Asphalt Green and the
4 increased number of people with
5 disabilities, people in wheelchairs and
6 there are many, many of them that come
7 to Asphalt Green and that reside in our
8 buildings, cannot peer around garbage
9 trucks to cross the street. We have
10 many people with walkers that cannot
11 cross the street. I think that there
12 will be more people that will be killed
13 trying to cross the street if this goes
14 into effect.

15 I also want to say that we're
16 on, it's known as ambulance row, there
17 are ambulances coming up and down York
18 Avenue 24 hours a day, seven days a
19 week. People's lives are going to be
20 lost.

21 As a former nurse, I can tell
22 you that if an ambulance is called to
23 an apartment building and they have to
24 wait as little as one minute, people
25 can die from heart attacks and other

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2 It's Joan Adams? Margaret Richter?
3 Followed by Mitch Pollak.

4 **MS. MARGARET RICHTER:** Thank
5 you, I'm Margaret Richter, I've been a
6 long-standing resident in this -- on
7 the Upper East Side for nearly 40
8 years. I will not repeat what everyone
9 else has said, I do oppose the marine
10 transfer and I am grateful for everyone
11 that has come and voiced their
12 constructive concerns.

13 I will just add this: York
14 Avenue is the only avenue on the East
15 Side with the exception of Park Avenue
16 that has two-way traffic in addition to
17 all the buses and the Asphalt Green and
18 all the things that have been
19 mentioned.

20 As a resident that has watched
21 the traffic and the growth build and
22 build over the years very rapidly, I
23 can tell you that the garbage trucks
24 that used to ride in the street,
25 interfered with police activity, with

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2 serious conditions. Ambulances will
3 not be able to make timely routes.
4 The security efforts that come
5 from the Gracie Mansion, quickly going
6 in and out of York Avenue and 90th
7 Street and that's a problem now, you
8 could imagine what it will be like with
9 garbage trucks lined up.

10 Also, I haven't heard anyone
11 speak of inclement weather. How are
12 our streets to be plowed when there's
13 snow and blizzards and ice? How will
14 our streets be cleaned with all these
15 trucks day and night? How will our
16 streets hold the weight of all this
17 garbage that is going to be going back
18 and forth in these trucks?

19 I'm really very, very, very
20 concerned, there's just too much
21 pollution and I am really quite unhappy
22 with this plan and I think the first
23 thing that should be wasted is this
24 plan. Thank you (applause.)

25 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.

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 2 Mitch Pollak? Nick Viest? Susan
 3 Fitzgibbons? What was your name, I'm
 4 sorry?
 5 **MR. NICK VIEST:** My name is
 6 Nick Viest.
 7 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.
 8 **MR. NICK VIEST:** I'm on
 9 Community Board Eight, I'm also
 10 president of the 19th Precinct
 11 Community Council, but I'm here just as
 12 a resident; I live on 430 East 86th.
 13 I really wanted to express my
 14 opposition to this and feel that the
 15 site is wholly-inappropriate. Not only
 16 do I feel that it's inappropriate, I
 17 think if you had to go out and find the
 18 worst spot to put a site like this,
 19 this would be it.
 20 And I think for reasons that
 21 have been stated tonight, it couldn't
 22 be closer to a recreational park that
 23 are used year-round by kids and these
 24 aren't just kids who live in this
 25 neighborhood, these are kids who come

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 2 from all over the City.
 3 I was over at the park two
 4 weekends ago and there are teams,
 5 soccer teams playing from Brooklyn.
 6 And think about the impact of this is
 7 going to have on these kids' lives.
 8 It also couldn't be closer to a
 9 densely-packed residential area. This
 10 area is wholly-inappropriate to support
 11 the structure of this. Think about the
 12 impact of these trucks are going to
 13 have on the traffic patterns on 86th
 14 Street, on 96th Street, on First
 15 Avenue, on York and all the smaller
 16 side streets. I don't think it can
 17 work. And having said all this and
 18 hearing everything that you heard
 19 tonight, I think it's also important to
 20 think about the future because what
 21 you're talking here, and I've looked at
 22 the plan, you're talking about
 23 something that has the capacity to grow
 24 and knowing how the City works, knowing
 25 that it has to keep its cost down, it's

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 2 going to find a way to use that
 3 additional capacity over time.
 4 An look what's happened in this
 5 neighborhood over time? This
 6 neighborhood is very different than it
 7 was years ago and it's going to
 8 continue to change, it's going to
 9 continue to grow.
 10 There are high-rises that are
 11 being built on First Avenue and on York
 12 and all across this area because it's a
 13 good place to move into and young
 14 families are moving in. And how is
 15 this going to impact the lives of all
 16 these people in such a densely
 17 populated area?
 18 So those are the things I
 19 really want you to think about, is not
 20 only how it's going to impact the
 21 numbers, with the numbers that you're
 22 looking at now, but what are the
 23 numbers going to be like in two, five,
 24 ten, 15 and 20 years and I think that's
 25 the problem. I think ultimately this

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 2 is an unworkable solution. The best
 3 solution is to find an area that's
 4 industrial. This can't work, this is
 5 oil and water and they don't mix.
 6 Thank you (applause.)
 7 **MS. MARGARET RICHTER:** Yes,
 8 very quick, I'm sorry, two other
 9 points.
 10 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** State your
 11 name, please again.
 12 **MS. MARGARET RICHTER:** Margaret
 13 Richter, R-I-C-H-T-E-R. When the buses,
 14 the 86, the 31 mini bus that drops
 15 passengers off, they cannot use the
 16 sloped ramps that the Americans with
 17 Disability Act, the ADA, have been in
 18 effect now so people with wheelchairs
 19 won't be able to get out.
 20 I think it's a security risk to
 21 have trucks around a playground,
 22 children could be kidnapped or worse
 23 and we're talking about trying to get
 24 our buildings secure in New York City
 25 for the terrorist threats, I think

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2 we're just giving an invitation to
3 terrorists to attack our buildings.
4 Thank you (applause.)

5 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.
6 Speaker 72, Susan Fitzgibbons.

7 **MS. SUSAN FITZGIBBONS:** I'm
8 from East 85th Street and I just wanted
9 to talk about a few questions that I
10 had in reading the reports. I had --
11 didn't see your talk earlier but I did
12 read through the information.

13 What I'd like to hear about is
14 more information on alternative sites
15 like and that's been raised before and
16 alternative types of processing.

17 Also, if there's any
18 possibility of getting information on
19 cost and effectiveness. In your report
20 you mention that you got bids from
21 trucking companies and these new bids
22 on the interim contracts resulted in an
23 average increase of 90 -- 19 percent
24 initial bids, and I was wondering how
25 that compares to the cost of actually

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2 populated area and without question.
3 And even within that area you went to
4 list different types of services such
5 as day care schools, senior centers,
6 social services, religious
7 institutions, etc., and out of those
8 that I mentioned, the East 95th Street
9 location has 11 compared to one and two
10 in the other areas. Actually, a total
11 in the primary and secondary areas,
12 there are a total of 31 of those types
13 of facilities in the East 91st area in
14 comparison to the West 59th which has
15 only 21 and West 135th which has only
16 19.

17 So, there's -- I mean, in your
18 statements you presented the
19 information, it is densely-populated
20 place with a lot of very important
21 buildings, institutions and parks. And
22 I just wanted to lay those figures in
23 case they sort of jog something
24 (applause.)

25 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.

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2 rebuilding the new one site. And some
3 of the discrepancies that came up,
4 aside from the fact that there were
5 buildings, historic areas that weren't
6 listed, zoning issues, the proximity of
7 public and residential spaces to the
8 MTS.

9 There is also in your study
10 area survey which does the primary and
11 secondary areas around the MTSS listed,
12 I just happened to compare the
13 information that you listed on your
14 reports for the East 91st, the West
15 59th and West 135th Street marine
16 transfer stations. Out of a total of
17 4293 family dwellings, East 95th or
18 91st Street represented 69 percent;
19 that's 2,980. And out of total
20 households which accounted for about
21 9,858, out of those three locations,
22 the East 95th, West 59th and West
23 135th, the East 91st -- East 91st
24 location represented 76 percent of the
25 household. So, a highly, densely

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2 Speaker number 73, Iris Pallay? Wendy
3 Perchick? Shelley Joy, followed by
4 Evan Firestone.

5 **MS. SHELLEY JOY:** Hi, I'm
6 Shelley Joy, my voice is kind of raspy,
7 which may be the product of the new
8 voice if these garbage thing comes
9 here.

10 After hearing the comments
11 tonight, I would say Mayor Bloomberg,
12 that this an illegal operation, totally
13 illegal on the counts of health,
14 violation of noise; even if you have a
15 nightclub or a store, it's shut down by
16 noise.

17 Rat reproduction in the post is
18 a very serious thing because they
19 reproduce and they reproduce and
20 there's more rats now than animals and
21 this is a problem.

22 By increase garbage trucks
23 which is 24-hour noise which will also
24 cause people not to be able work in the
25 morning, which transferred over to

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2 their job, can cause improper handling
3 of their job, work performance, which
4 could also cause divorce, when they
5 come home they're unhappy, their
6 children are unhappy.

7 When you have a beautiful
8 Asphalt Green which was originally a
9 donation of money to a park for people
10 to -- to play, any kind of garbage
11 facility that close is illegal.

12 According to the EPA, they use
13 -- they were going to put in that
14 little island like a marina, this also
15 will cause ecological problem in the
16 river. And it's illegal Mayor
17 Giuliani, totally illegal.

18 Now, there can be a good side
19 to this story, an area where it's more
20 industrial and do research where it's
21 -- where you can make money off of
22 recycling and innovative ways of taking
23 cardboard and plastics and having an
24 exciting way of taking this and making
25 something positive out of it. But

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2 mention the hundreds of people who are
3 here outside at the beginning of
4 meeting who could not get into this
5 overflowing auditorium.

6 If this auditorium had 350
7 people in it, I counted over two
8 hundred people waiting to get inside
9 (applause) and those people have been
10 waiting. And people also left because
11 they came to show their support and
12 then they took off.

13 First I want to thank all of
14 you for your time, I really do, this is
15 a very important issue to the
16 community, it's important to the City
17 and I thank you all for your time.
18 Garbage is a very important service
19 that is provided to this city and I
20 thank for the work that you do for this
21 city.

22 However, a transfer facility is
23 not appropriate in a residential area
24 (applause.) Just a couple of points I
25 want to retouch on that people have

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2 nothing like this should be in a
3 residential area where we could get
4 sick or we have to listen to the noise
5 and the smell and I don't mean to
6 repeat because of the other points were
7 very fine that the residents have made.

8 But it is illegal to have this.
9 Now find a nice solution where it's in
10 an industrial area where it's not such
11 a pollutant and in a positive
12 experience where you can have modern
13 technology, have a very nice
14 compacting, a three-part compacting
15 thing with boats or something else that
16 can be a healthy garbage solution
17 (applause.)

18 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.
19 Evan Firestone followed by Elena Conte.

20 **MR. EVAN FIRESTONE:** My name is
21 Evan Firestone, I'm a parent
22 representing my three children.
23 (Adjusting mic) My name is Evan
24 Firestone, I'm a parent representing my
25 three children, and I also want to

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2 made very well.

3 On the health impacts, my three
4 children all have asthmatic symptoms.
5 I live across the street from the
6 corner of 91st and York, I'm on 91st
7 and York. My kids use the playground
8 to one side of the exit ramp and they
9 use Asphalt Green on the other side of
10 the exit ramp. And I'm afraid that
11 they're not going to be able to use
12 these facilities anymore if there are
13 garbage trucks queued up all day long
14 considering that they have asthma.

15 Since I live right at that
16 corner, I see hundreds and hundreds of
17 children going up and down that street
18 all day long and there are going to be
19 garbage trucks and the effects of that,
20 which we have heard from the medical
21 experts and other parents as well on
22 all of these children, and the traffic
23 situation, I don't know what your
24 traffic models show you, but the
25 traffic patterns, since again, I live

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 2 across the street from the ramp, the
 3 traffic patterns today will not support
 4 queuing of garbage trucks up and down
 5 York Avenue. There's not enough room
 6 for the buses, for the trucks, for the
 7 school buses, for the cars and to have
 8 garbage trucked up and down York
 9 Avenue.

10 If there -- if they also have
 11 to go potentially on 90th Street, 88th
 12 Street, 91st Street, you cannot fit a
 13 garbage truck on the street and then
 14 have cars go by it, so therefore, you
 15 will be clogging all of the side
 16 streets going to and from First Avenue
 17 if you're having First Avenue as a
 18 potential route as well.

19 Again, I don't know if they've
 20 done the measurements, but having sat
 21 behind garbage trucks on 90th Street
 22 waiting to pick up garbage and taking a
 23 half an hour to get across the street,
 24 the garbage trucks will clog all the
 25 side streets, it will be a traffic

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 2 actually also remarkable in the number
 3 of times it contradicts itself and also
 4 is actually also outright incorrect.
 5 And I'll just give you one instance of
 6 the latter.

7 There's a very nice map of the
 8 target areas that are going to be
 9 effected by this transfer station in
 10 terms of census trucks. So this is
 11 figure 10.3-1, census tracks around the
 12 transfer station. And so the dotted
 13 line in this particular diagram shows
 14 the quarter mile radius around the
 15 transfer station. And it says there
 16 are 13,000 people that are in that
 17 dotted area. Well, actually, the
 18 dotted area goes through five
 19 additional census tracks that are not
 20 being counted. So the 13,000 in the
 21 shaded area, it looks to me like they
 22 go through those other areas.

23 If you add up all of the areas
 24 in the census track that quarter mile
 25 radius goes through, you get 50,399

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 2 nightmare, in addition to the health
 3 facts.
 4 The scoping document is
 5 actually very light on detail in terms
 6 of specific (applause) effects and
 7 specific facts and figures. The facts
 8 and figures are actually the commercial
 9 study, which I had the pleasure of
 10 reading, and it's a very impressive
 11 document, this is actually only two
 12 chapters of the 14 chapters in the
 13 commercial document.

14 There are a lot of details on
 15 all of the transfer stations including
 16 91st Street in the commercial document.
 17 Why are they in the commercial document
 18 or perhaps because the intention is to
 19 put commercial waste through this
 20 expanded facility, which I feel is
 21 disingenuous since that is not
 22 specifically discussed in the scoping
 23 document (applause.)

24 In this huge commercial study,
 25 which has a fair amount of detail, it's

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 2 people that will be effected within a
 3 quarter mile of this site (applause.)
 4 And the document says it's 13,000
 5 people, that's quite a bit of -- quite
 6 a discrepancy.

7 If you went to a half of a mile
 8 which is not even anticipated in the
 9 census document, you'd be well over
 10 100,000 people that are within a half a
 11 mile of this transfer station.

12 Finally, the transfer station
 13 went into operation in 1939, and
 14 between 1939 and 2004 quite a lot has
 15 happened to this particular area and I
 16 don't think that that is taken into
 17 account in any way, shape or form in
 18 proposing that this station be
 19 re-opened. Thank you (applause.)

20 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.
 21 Our next speaker is Elena Conte
 22 followed by Laurie Edelstein.

23 **MS. ELENA CONTE:** Hi, good
 24 evening everyone, thank you for taking
 25 the time to sit through this long

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2 session.

3 My name is Elena Conte, I am a
4 resident of the area, I was born in the
5 area; I've lived here 20 of my 25
6 years. I grew up on the corner of 85th
7 and York and that is where my elderly
8 mother still lives along with my sister
9 and I still live in the knighthood.

10 And I've been here, sitting
11 here since 6:00 listening to all of the
12 comments that everyone has put forth
13 and I have to say that I am really
14 angry, I have a knot in my stomach
15 that, you know, I'm almost to the point
16 of, you know, just like a nervous
17 energy, a tension and almost wanting to
18 cry based on the scene that unfolded
19 here tonight.

20 Sorry, I have to take a -- I
21 have to take a breathe. You know, I've
22 always been a little bit embarrassed or
23 ashamed to be from the Upper East Side
24 because I've always heard so many
25 comments from people around the City,

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2 dedicated and they will go back to the
3 leaders who sort of orchestrated this
4 whole evening and got the word out and
5 kind of share my sentiments, because
6 really, I think what's happening here
7 is that many -- there are many good
8 people who care about their
9 neighborhood but they have been lead
10 and directed by a group of people that
11 are well-funded and are trying to
12 protect their economic interests.

13 I understand the need and the
14 desire to want to protect your
15 neighborhood, but what has been
16 entirely missing from the conversation
17 that happened tonight is what the
18 current status quo is in terms of the
19 way garbage is handled in the City and
20 what exactly it means to say you cannot
21 open this transfer station at any cost.
22 You're talking about the health
23 and the well being of the kids here,
24 but you are blatantly disregarding the
25 horrendous conditions to which the

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2 you know, that the people in the
3 neighborhood are, you know, very
4 wealthy, they're white and they're
5 snobs and they really don't care about
6 anybody but themselves. And my
7 experience growing up here, you know, I
8 did know people like that.

9 However, there are many great
10 people in the neighborhood that I
11 believe, you know, are just like people
12 elsewhere around the City and around
13 the world, is that they just want the
14 best for themselves and the best for
15 their families and they want to have a
16 place to live and work that is safe and
17 clean.

18 And understanding all of this,
19 I do think that it's true, but I feel
20 like, you know, really my comments are
21 more directly at the people in the
22 audience than they are at Sanitation
23 and I wish there were more, there were
24 more folks here still, but hopefully
25 the people who are here are very

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2 children of other communities in the
3 South Bronx and at Greenpoint,
4 Williamsburg and in Southeast Queens,
5 are living in.

6 This is about taking your fair
7 share of the burden, and sorry, I'm
8 just, I am so emotional. You are right
9 to feel concerned about what the
10 impacts are going to be in your
11 neighborhood, but you have to
12 understand that what -- that I grew up
13 when the other transfer station was
14 open and it really wasn't pretty, but
15 even that is just a fraction of what
16 the other neighborhoods are
17 experiencing on a day-to-day basis and
18 those are neighborhoods that have, you
19 know, equal, if not greater populations
20 of young, vulnerable children.

21 The asthma rates there are
22 astronomical. There is a public health
23 crisis and do not be fooled into
24 thinking that the transfer station that
25 exists right now are in an isolated

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 2 industrial communities.
 3 As many people have brought up,
 4 you know, zoning is a line on a piece
 5 of paper but there are children that
 6 play across the street, they don't have
 7 parks, they are playing in the street
 8 but they play across the street from
 9 the waste transfer stations and the
 10 plan to reopen and equitably retrofit
 11 all of the City's marine transfer
 12 stations would take 400,000 long-haul
 13 diesel trucks trips off the roads.
 14 Now, as fresh as the air is in
 15 this neighborhood, I think we should
 16 all understand that air does cross over
 17 different lines. And what is better
 18 for the whole city in terms of
 19 particulate matter impact is what's
 20 going to be better for this
 21 neighborhood as well.
 22 If you're concerned about the
 23 particular impacts, I would really
 24 prevail upon you to invest your
 25 energies other where -- other --

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 2 elsewhere. There should be more
 3 transfer stations opened in Manhattan
 4 below 96th Street. So please take the
 5 same zeal and vigor with which you have
 6 come out tonight and say "not in my
 7 backyard" and set this awful precedent
 8 to sort of share the gospel to the
 9 other neighborhoods and let them know
 10 that this is something that they should
 11 consider in their neighborhood if we're
 12 going to be real about it, if we're
 13 really going say that we care about
 14 people and health, then we have to
 15 understand that saying don't open 91st
 16 Street is condemning the entire city to
 17 a devastating, a devastating continued
 18 status quo.
 19 You know, invest your energies
 20 in organizing and the obvious funds
 21 that you have into pushing Sanitation
 22 to develop more aggressive zero waste
 23 policies which some people did mention
 24 here tonight. I was happy to hear it
 25 mentioned, I would love to see it

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 2 actually happen in terms of people's
 3 energy and money moving forward.
 4 You know, push Sanitation to --
 5 to have electric trucks so that these
 6 impacts are minimized but, you know, I
 7 have to say that I really do believe in
 8 my hearts that if people want to come
 9 and visit the South Bronx, which is a
 10 neighborhood in which I work, they
 11 would have a different viewpoint.
 12 Please don't let me believe
 13 that the neighborhood and the community
 14 in which I grew up in is racist, is
 15 classist and that is not the case.
 16 So if you want to sigh, then
 17 really think about what you're saying
 18 because not opening 91st Street means
 19 that you're condemning other
 20 neighborhoods in the city to what you
 21 fear most. Thank you.
 22 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.
 23 Laurie Edelstein followed by Todd
 24 Griesman.
 25 **MS. LAURIE EDELSTEIN:** Hi, it's

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 2 been a long night.
 3 I am a witness to the reality
 4 of what the garbage transfer station
 5 can do to our neighborhood.
 6 I Have lived in the
 7 neighborhood for over 20 years and I
 8 know the truth because it was my own
 9 experience; relive it with me, I don't
 10 know if anybody else has done this, but
 11 I can tell you what it feels like.
 12 I walk out of my apartment of
 13 1725 York and I'd be assaulted with the
 14 noise, the odor, the burning sensation
 15 to my eyes; I'd have to breathe through
 16 my mouth or I'd have to get -- have a
 17 gag reaction if I did not.
 18 Then you'd have to look at the
 19 idling trucks already in the frontier
 20 census and on a hot, humid summer it
 21 was unbearable. You'd have to prepare
 22 before you were going outside. In my
 23 case, I had to start mouth breathing in
 24 advance or you would in fact stand
 25 there gagging. I think you get the

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 2 picture.
 3 What I didn't describe is the
 4 heavy psychological burden, the
 5 depressing oppression that comes with
 6 the smell, and the poor air quality,
 7 the noise, the endless progression of
 8 filthy trucks, it wears you down
 9 emotionally, psychologically and
 10 physically.
 11 Mayor Bloomberg, he's been
 12 talking about quality of life lately.
 13 And there's a big discrepancy. He has
 14 said that the noise level of the ice
 15 cream truck's bell is annoying and it
 16 cannot be done anymore. And you're
 17 concerned with the quality of life and
 18 that's the kind of quality of life he's
 19 concerned with. And then he's going to
 20 bring a garbage transfer station with
 21 the idling, filthy trucks and noise and
 22 men into a residential neighborhood? A
 23 Mister Softy Truck is a quality of life
 24 issue and the garbage transfer station
 25 is not? How insulting, how insulting

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 2 to us and how little we mean to him,
 3 how (applause) little we mean as a
 4 community.
 5 In addition, the odor, the
 6 fumes, the idling truck congestion does
 7 and will seep into your private home
 8 space. And when the wind is blowing
 9 from the trucks into your apartment, it
 10 is very apparent so you don't have any
 11 control over your own home space and
 12 it's psychologically very damaging
 13 'cause I lived through it.
 14 In addition, the odor, the fume
 15 and the idling of, as I said, I'm
 16 sorry, you cannot alleviate the odor,
 17 the noise and the myriad of health
 18 risks, the increase in the rodents, the
 19 roaches and no one that I heard
 20 mention, the West Nile Mosquitoes; the
 21 combination of air current, the heat,
 22 the humidity. And when things go wrong
 23 or fatigue, we're left with the
 24 consequences of your actions.
 25 Then you have to deal with the

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 2 secondary set of environmental
 3 problems, what happens? You have to
 4 control the new rodent population with
 5 rat poison. Then you have roaches, so
 6 you have to have pesticides; the
 7 mosquitoes so you need air spraying.
 8 It will and does escalate.
 9 Children and babies should not
 10 have to contend with the potentially
 11 harmful environmental control options.
 12 I am appalled that my neighborhood is
 13 considered expendable. Why are we not
 14 part of the reclaiming of New York
 15 waterways plan? Why are we excluded
 16 from the wonderful park redevelopment
 17 spanning from Lower Manhattan to
 18 Midtown and what are the garbage -- and
 19 where are those garbage trucks going to
 20 go to make room for the new park area?
 21 There going to go to us, our
 22 neighborhood.
 23 Are our children less valuable
 24 than children in other parts of the
 25 city? We do know ones who have

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 2 increased asthma rates for even a
 3 single child living or visiting our
 4 neighborhood. We don't want additional
 5 rats in our neighborhood. We don't
 6 want garbage from all parts of the city
 7 standing and being processed in our
 8 residential neighborhood especially in
 9 these uncertain times. Who knows what
 10 contaminates could be in your household
 11 garbage. We didn't think Anthrax would
 12 be in our mail. It's a new world we
 13 live in, way different from when the
 14 transfer station existed and security
 15 and safety must be built into every new
 16 plan and placing a garbage transfer
 17 plant in the middle of a residential
 18 neighborhood is not a good, safe,
 19 secure plan. Thank you (applause.)
 20 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.
 21 Can I have Todd Griesman followed by
 22 Tori Kamppe.
 23 **MR. TODD GRIESMAN:** Thank you
 24 very much for your time. Thank you
 25 ladies and gentleman for your time.

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 2 I'm a new resident at 1725 York Avenue,
 3 I've lived in zip code 10128 now for
 4 seven years. I've grown up in
 5 Manhattan, on the West Side, Upper West
 6 Side. I played for years at Asphalt
 7 Green and my high school which was
 8 Burch Watman School(phonetic) at the
 9 time, had the Burch Watchman Learning
 10 School on 77th Street.

11 What I'd like to tell you all
 12 is that Asphalt Green is a vibrant,
 13 important part of the neighborhood.
 14 What I'd like to tell you is that I
 15 choose to live in this neighborhood not
 16 realizing that the air quality in the
 17 neighborhood is ranked worse than the
 18 regional average and a lot worse than
 19 the national average.

20 I'd like to know since the
 21 Sanitation Department is going to
 22 publish all the questions and hopefully
 23 the answers to those questions, where
 24 their studies were conducted, what the
 25 accountability for them to check and

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 2 double check the information that they
 3 were using in their reports, and what
 4 happens if they find that it's wrong
 5 and what new studies will they do to
 6 make sure that they understand that
 7 their information is correct?

8 I am very concerned for the
 9 value of my property, I am very
 10 concerned for the health of my family
 11 my neighbors, my pets. I am very, very
 12 concerned that the neighborhood and all
 13 the neighborhoods that are served by
 14 our neighborhood, which is a lot,
 15 because of all the different school
 16 children and all the different people
 17 who use Asphalt Green, Carl Schurz and
 18 the transportation system which, by the
 19 way, our neighborhood, our zip code has
 20 more people taking public
 21 transportation than any other region in
 22 the area and actually a lot more if you
 23 look at it on the national average. So
 24 I'd like to know does the Sanitation
 25 Department talk to the Transportation

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 2 Department? Does the Sanitation
 3 Department talk to the Police
 4 Departments? Do they talk to the
 5 hospitals and what plans do they put in
 6 place to make sure that they're not
 7 disrupting the vital lifelines that run
 8 through the neighborhood. Thank you
 9 for your time, I appreciate it
 10 (applause.)

11 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you. I
 12 just got a signal from the people who
 13 run this facility that we need to end
 14 this. We're being evicted, but there
 15 are still a couple more, few more
 16 speakers.

17 If people still want to speak,
 18 if they can keep their comments down to
 19 one minute, I'd appreciate it,
 20 otherwise please just submit your
 21 comments, your questions in writing to
 22 us. Tori Kampee. Can I ask you to
 23 limit it to one minute, please.

24 **MS. TORI KAMPPE:** Sure. I've
 25 been up all night and I've been playing

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 2 and I just had to -- I've been here
 3 four hours just waiting to say that,
 4 you know, this just makes me really,
 5 really sad and I really hope that after
 6 this tremendously brilliant public
 7 outcry that I feel is very respectful,
 8 I just pray that you'll have mercy on
 9 this community. That's what I'd really
 10 like to say, that you'll have mercy on
 11 this community and that you will put
 12 your heads together and figure out a
 13 solution, just don't do it. Thank you
 14 (applause.)

15 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.
 16 Vickie Kobak and then Jay Pitman.

17 **MS. VICKIE KOBAK:** Hi, my name
 18 is Vickie Kobak, my husband and I and
 19 our two children live at 200 East End
 20 Avenue at 90th Street, we moved to the
 21 Gracie Point area for its recreational
 22 facilities and parks and for its
 23 diverse residential community.

24 I'm deeply concerned that the
 25 Department of Sanitation is even

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 2 considering the significant exposure to
 3 us and all our many neighbors in this
 4 high density area, from the elderly in
 5 the Stanley Isaacs Center to the
 6 children playing on the field of
 7 Asphalt Green, of noxious waste,
 8 traffic, air and noise pollution, rats
 9 and other vermin. I just want to add
 10 my voice to those before me in
 11 opposition to the 91st Street marine
 12 transfer station. Thank you
 13 (applause.)

14 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you very
 15 much. Is Jay Pitman here? Alice
 16 Konorezov.

17 **MS. ALICE KONOREZOV:** Yes, I'm
 18 Alice Konorezov, I'll try and keep it
 19 very brief, we all want to go home.

20 I've lived in this neighborhood
 21 from 1967 so that makes it what, 34, 36
 22 years, all right. I remember York
 23 Avenue when the sanitation plant was
 24 open, it's a completely different
 25 ballgame now, it's a different York

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 2 of Asphalt Green for therapeutic, not
 3 keep the body beautiful, but just
 4 because, you know, it's for therapy,
 5 all right.

6 So how will these ambulettes
 7 deliver people in wheelchairs in
 8 congestive traffic when they're going
 9 to be trucks there? How will they get
 10 around the trucks? It takes a few
 11 minutes to unload people, how are they
 12 going to do all this if in -- in an
 13 atmosphere that's full of unpleasant
 14 odors. Okay, that's one point.

15 And the other is we failed to
 16 mention we have representatives here
 17 from Chapin and from Greeley; I live on
 18 East End Avenue, 82nd Street but I'm
 19 very familiar with York Avenue below
 20 79th. No one mentioned the school
 21 Dalton, P.S. 199 I think it is and the
 22 new Ileon Francais, (phonetic) three
 23 schools on 76th and 77th Streets and
 24 York, across which there's a public
 25 library, the Yorkville Branch of the

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 2 Avenue.
 3 Before Asphalt Green came into
 4 existence, that corner of York Avenue
 5 was horrible. My kid got mugged on his
 6 bicycle when he was younger and his
 7 baseball glove was stolen, etc, etc.
 8 The community has changed greatly
 9 because of Asphalt Green.

10 Number one point about Asphalt
 11 Green. I swim there three, four times
 12 a week, okay and I'm very chatty so I
 13 talk with all kinds of people and this
 14 facility serves not only the wealthy
 15 Upper East-Siders as someone referred
 16 to, but it services people from
 17 throughout Manhattan, from the West
 18 Side, from the Downtown people walking
 19 over, older ladies take the crosstown
 20 bus and then because I used it during
 21 the day lately, I have seen many
 22 ambulettes during the day that stop,
 23 deliver people in wheelchairs, on
 24 crutches they come with their
 25 caretakers to use the special facility

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 2 public library is very well-used by
 3 children and the elderly. Traffic is
 4 already congested on York Avenue, it's
 5 increased terribly during the last ten
 6 years. Yes, one more thing.

7 With the trucks unloading
 8 above, you know, 86th Street into the
 9 sanitation station, traffic is going to
 10 become even more backlogged creating
 11 more hazardous conditions for children
 12 going to these three schools. Please
 13 make note, these three were not
 14 mentioned earlier, please take note of
 15 it. Thank you.

16 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.
 17 (Applause) Heleen Brody and following
 18 Heleen, the last speaker will be
 19 Madelaine Piel.

20 **MS. HELEEN BRODY:** Thank you.
 21 My name is Helene Brody, I'm the vice
 22 president of the coop board at 180 East
 23 End Avenue. We're located on East End
 24 Avenue between 88th and 89th Street.
 25 We have approximately 145 apartments

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2 and clearly a commensurate number of
3 voters.

4 I'd like to take this
5 opportunity to echo the previous
6 comments regarding the inadequacy of
7 the scoping document and let you know
8 that we oppose the reopening of the
9 marine transfer station.

10 We believe strongly that it is
11 inappropriate to locate such a facility
12 in a clearly residential neighborhood.
13 In addition, this neighborhood is
14 bounded by parks, schools and hospitals
15 that serve the entire New York City
16 community. Thank you (applause.)

17 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you.
18 Our final speaker Madelaine Piel.

19 **MS. MADELAINE PIEL:** Good
20 evening, I'm Madelaine Piel, I am a
21 Community Board 8 member which is 59th
22 to 96th Street from Roosevelt Island
23 and the East Side, all the way over to
24 5th Avenue. In addition to that, I'm a
25 member of the Gracie Point Community

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2 facilities meetings that you had on
3 135th Street and 59th Street and at the
4 City Council, and I am very concerned
5 for all the citizens of New York, and I
6 think everyone in this room is equally
7 concerned for them, but our particular
8 location happens to be on a zone A
9 flood plain which means that if there
10 is a high tide, a blizzard like the
11 Blizzard of 1888 which was a northeast
12 -- 'easter, the tides and the moons can
13 affect things and you are planning to
14 place a new, a brand new facility on a
15 major category flood plain, which means
16 that everyone from 200 East End, 180
17 East End, Asphalt Green, all the way
18 over to Stanley Isaacs and to the John
19 Holmes Houses will have to be evacuated
20 and sent to emergency center.

21 Now, when the facility you plan
22 to build collapses, then the FDR Drive
23 and all of the other flood plain areas
24 will have traffic driving through the
25 FDR Drive that could take typhoid and

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2 Council and I am also a member of
3 Henderson Place historic district,
4 we've lived in our house since 1949,
5 older than some of you are here today.

6 Why I'm up speaking with this
7 hat on (indicating) since I wear
8 several hats, I thought I'd wear them.
9 This is, I'm the newest member of the
10 city's CERT team. I am trained to be
11 your community response person so when
12 there's a disaster or emergency, I'm
13 one of the people who will look out for
14 making sure that the greatest number of
15 you don't come to any harm and we are
16 volunteers, and were are under the
17 office of Emergency Management, I just
18 got my helmet tonight.

19 Why I'm here (applause) is
20 because I'd like you all to be aware of
21 something that I found out about going
22 to the website and going the office of
23 Emergency Management's EMOL site and I
24 found out that the site on 91st Street,
25 and I've been to all of the other

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2 under Sanitation, your mission is
3 provide us with sanitation and public
4 health interest and safety, it will
5 take typhoid and polio and diptheria
6 throughout the surrounding Metropolitan
7 area. These are major health issues
8 that have to be addressed.

9 We ask that you address these
10 issues of the flood plain; we ask that
11 you address navigation in the waters
12 because nobody is making sure that
13 diesel emissions are controlled on the
14 ferries, the tugboats, the barges and
15 this has to be addressed because 2.5
16 and ten point particle matter is not
17 only going provoke asthma in people,
18 but also we have the highest rate of
19 breast cancer on the East Side in zip
20 codes 10021, 10028 and 10128 and we are
21 also going to get other types of
22 cancers in this area and so please
23 assess the situations.

24 I thank you all for listening
25 to my comments and we expect then when

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2 we see the revised version of which is
3 an impossible task, and we thank you
4 for taking it on within three weeks of
5 the 9th, of July rather, we hope that
6 the issues will all be addressed to all
7 of the neighbors in all of the
8 neighborhoods of New York's
9 satisfaction. Thank you so much
10 (applause.)

11 **MR. SZARPANSKI:** Thank you and
12 thank you all for coming and telling us
13 how you feel. There are copies of the
14 power point presentation as well as my
15 opening remarks here in case you want
16 to pick up a copy. Thank you.

17 (Time noted 9:43 p.m.)

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3 STATE 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 June 28th, 2004
12 I further certify that I am not related to
13 any of the parties to this action by
14 blood or marriage and that I am in no
15 way interested in the outcome of this
16 matter.
17 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
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