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MAYOR BLOOMBERG RE-OPENS RENOVATED CITY HALL BULLPEN

Two-Week Renovation of Bullpen Included Wiring and Technology Upgrades, New Carpet and Paint, and Installation of 103-Inch Plasma HDTV Donated by Panasonic

Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg and his staff today returned to a renovated Bullpen in City Hall after a two-week relocation to the Office of Emergency Management headquarters in Brooklyn. During that time, the Department of Citywide Administrative Services and Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications assisted in a renovation of the Bullpen that included wiring upgrades and technology improvements that will enhance the efficiency and productivity of the Mayor's Office. In addition, the relocation allowed the Mayor's Office to test its Continuity of Operations Plan, and during the test the Mayor's Office and the City responded quickly and effectively to last week's steam pipe explosion in Midtown. The Mayor also unveiled a 103-inch High-Definition Plasma television – the largest such television on the market today – donated by Panasonic. The Mayor was joined by Joseph Taylor, Panasonic Corporation of North America's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer and other Panasonic executives at the re-opening.

"New York's City Hall is the oldest and longest-serving city hall in the nation, and this desperately-needed renovation has given the building new life – making our office safer, more efficient and more technologically advanced," said Mayor Bloomberg. "Panasonic has been a great corporate citizen, and I would like to thank them for their generous donation. I also want to thank the Office of Emergency Management and the great borough of Brooklyn for their hospitality over the last two weeks."

"It is a great honor for Panasonic to have the flagship of our market-leading 1080p Plasma HDTVs be a part of New York's City Hall," said Panasonic's Joseph Taylor. "Just as this cutting-edge display provides amazingly sharp, crisp video for entertainment purposes, it is also a great way for the city's leaders to share remote video and other data vital to the safe and secure operation of the city's systems."

The renovation included necessary wiring upgrades that will improve the reliability and efficiency of the Bullpen. Work over the last two weeks included:

- New electrical panels were installed.
- Portions of the floors were rebuilt to make them more structurally sound.

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