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Dear Mr. Weisbrod:

Staten Island Community Board 1 thanks you for this opportunity to share with you our response to the Mayor's SON for FY 2017-18.

Infrastructure

The DOT Port Ivory operation at 3551 Richmond needs to be relocated away from fragile wetlands and parklands to a facility with a buffer zone and no proximity to a residential area.

The relocation of the DOS District 1 garage has lingered for two decades and must be effected in the next capital budget. The garage is in unfixable disrepair and is an environmental injustice to the surrounding residential community. There is a plan to site a complex at Fresh Kills that will combine District 1 with a new District 3 garage, using the old District 3 garage as a maintenance depot and this is the budgetary request we are making.

Public Safety

The proposed relocation of the 120th Precinct from Richmond Terrace to Hill Street must happen quickly since the billion dollar private investment in St. George will require an ease of traffic flow not possible with the current precinct location.

The Critical Response Command should be relocated to the property adjacent to the 121st Precinct or to the NYPD property at Hill Street. This will provide Staten Island with some equity regarding the benefits from siting City facilities.

The Safety City Program must be reopened at the Petridis School. In a borough without mass transit, cars are everywhere and children need to learn how to be safe in such an environment.

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Parks and Other Agencies

Cromwell Center must be rebuilt as quickly as possible. The original facility, while being renovated from prior storms, was destroyed by Sandy and its loss has left thousands of children and adults without any recreational space, especially compounded by the fact that the Kroc Center is no longer viable. The easiest relocation would be to build the facility over Lyons Pool thus combining recreation with year-round swimming.

DORIS

Notwithstanding the fact that DCAS believes Brooklyn is a good siting for DORIS, Community Board 1 continues to request the siting at the Teleport which has the attributes required to maintain and protect the City's records and which would provide the benefit of a City siting for our borough.

Very truly yours,

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