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**NEW TLC LICENSING/INSPECTION FACILITY
OPENS ITS DOORS IN STATEN ISLAND**

Satellite Office to Replace Smaller Sandy-Swept Space

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) today opened a new licensing and inspection facility in Staten Island, replacing what had been a smaller facility that was devastated during Superstorm Sandy. For a time, the TLC had also used a small temporary space to serve license applicants at 209 Bay Street.



Left to right, Commissioner Meera Joshi, former Commission Member Elias Arout, Commission Member Edward Gonzales, Deputy Commissioner for Licensing Gary Weiss, and Deputy Commissioner for Administration Midori Valdivia cut the ribbon to welcome people to the new facility.

The new facility, located at 1139 Hylan Boulevard in the Concord section of Staten Island, will complement the TLC's Woodside, Queens inspection facility. It is anticipated that the significantly-larger 3,000-square foot space will lower wait times for visiting applicants and existing licensees.



Former Staten Island Commission Member Elias Arout thanks all those who helped make the new facility a reality.

“This long-awaited facility will make it easier for many of our Staten Island licensee customers to complete their transactions and get back to the more important business of serving the public and spending time with their families,” said TLC Commissioner and Chair Meera Joshi. “This project has been very near and dear to the heart of Staten Island Commissioner Elias Arout, and we are grateful to have been able to bring it to fruition today.”

Commissioner Arout recently stepped down as the Staten Island Board Member, after serving 27 years in the voluntary role.

“I am thrilled to see this facility come to life today,” said former Commissioner Arout. “Recovering from Superstorm Sandy has been a long hard road for so many Staten Islanders, and it’s been especially difficult for our licensees here, but we’re finally able to serve them in a way that will help them do business in the most convenient and efficient way possible.”

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) was created in 1971, and is the agency responsible for the regulation and licensing of over 200,000 yellow medallion taxicabs and for-hire vehicles, their drivers, and the businesses that operate and support their industries. It is recognized as the largest and most active taxi and limousine regulatory body in the United States. To learn more about the TLC, we encourage you to visit our official Web site at www.nyc.gov/taxi.