

Michael Blaise Backer Statement
Before City Council Finance Committee
April 5, 2017

Good morning Chair Ferreras-Copeland and members of the Finance Committee. I am James Mettham, Assistant Commissioner of Neighborhood Development at the Department of Small Business Services (SBS). I am joined by our Senior Program Manager for BID Development, LeMel Lindsey.

As required by law, the New Dorp Steering Committee mailed the summary of the City Council Resolution to the following parties:

- to each owner of real property within the proposed district at the address shown on the latest City assessment roll,
- to such other persons as are registered with the City to receive tax bills concerning real property within the district, and
- to tenants of each building within the proposed district.

Furthermore, SBS arranged for the publication of a copy of the summary of the Resolution at least once in the City Record.

We would like to report on the result of the objections filed with the City Clerk against the establishment of the proposed New Dorp Business Improvement District (BID). At the conclusion of the objection period at 5:00 PM on March 20, 2017 and taking into consideration any objections postmarked by that date, one valid objection representing less than 1% of the total assessed value, was filed with the City Clerk for properties within the District. The property owner who submitted the objection represents \$655 of the annual assessment, or about \$55 per month.

This level of objection is within our acceptable threshold needed to advance the bill for a favorable consideration by the full City Council.

The Department of Small Business Services supports the establishment of the proposed New Dorp BID. In our judgment, the proposed BID will improve the quality of life and business conditions in the New Dorp district.

At this time, we are happy to take any questions.

Thank you.

**THE COUNCIL
THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

Appearance Card

I intend to appear and speak on Int. No. 1454 Res. No. _____

in favor in opposition

Date: 4/5/17

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Address: _____

I represent: SMALL BUSINESS SERVICES

Address: _____



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