

Michael Blaise Backer Statement
Before City Council Finance Committee
December 11, 2017

Good morning Chair Ferreras-Copeland and members of the Finance Committee. I am Michael Blaise Backer, Deputy Commissioner of Neighborhood Development at the Department of Small Business Services (SBS). I am joined by Senior Program manager for BID development, LeMel Lindsey.

Today, we would like to report on the result of the objections filed with the City Clerk against the establishment of the proposed Morris Park Business Improvement District (BID).

As required by law, the Morris Park 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.

At the conclusion of the objection period at 5:00 PM on December 1, 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. Additionally, one invalid objection was filed with the City Clerk for a property outside of the District.

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 Morris Park BID. In our judgment, the proposed BID will improve the quality of life and business conditions in the Morris Park 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. 1737 Res. No. _____

in favor in opposition

Date: 12/11/17

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I represent: SMALL BUSINESS SERVICES

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