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Honorable David I. Weprin
Chairperson, Finance Committee
New York City Council
City Hall
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**Re: Statement in support of Intro 585
Sunnyside Business Improvement District**

Dear Councilmember Weprin:

The Comptroller of the City of New York serves as an ex officio member of the Board of Directors on all Business Improvement Districts ("BIDs"). During my term as Comptroller, I have found these public-private partnerships to be effective in developing new and innovative programs to support local business. BIDs have a proven track record of success in a broad range of communities across our city.

Efforts to incubate additional Business Improvement Districts deserve the support of all New Yorkers interested in improving the business climate along our neighborhood commercial streets that are such a crucial part of community life.

I am especially pleased to support the creation of this new BID in Sunnyside, Queens. This BID will include both sides of Queens Boulevard from 38th to 48th Streets; both sides of Greenpoint Avenue between 43rd and 48th Streets and Roosevelt Avenue between 48th and 50th Streets.

Sunnyside is a dynamic and growing community that will benefit greatly from the establishment of this new BID. I urge the Council to pass Intro 585.

Very truly yours,



William C. Thompson, Jr.