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Dear family member,

Two years ago the worst kind of evil was visited on our city and nation. On September 11th, more than 3,000 innocent lives were lost -- your loved ones, our heroes. When they were taken from us, New Yorkers made a vow to never forget them. We will honor that vow.

Although two years has passed since the attack, I know every day you carry the pain of your loss and the memory of what happened. As a city and as a nation, we still struggle to make sense of the world we came to inhabit that day. I will not assume that I know how you feel, but I have tried my best to understand and to listen with an open heart.

The purpose of my letter is to clarify an important issue regarding the future World Trade Center Site Memorial. From the inception of the rebuilding effort, our highest priority has been to create a magnificent, lasting memorial of which future generations will be proud. The design for the World Trade Center site by Studio Daniel Libeskind – Memory Foundations - creates a vast and powerful setting for the memorial to all those killed by terrorism on February 26, 1993 and September 11, 2001.

A group of family members recently expressed concern about the future of the area within the Memorial District known as the footprints, where the towers once stood. In response to some misperceptions that have circulated, I made a public announcement on September 10, 2003 and wanted to reiterate this declaration to all of you:

From bedrock to infinity, we will never, ever build commercial or retail space where those towers once soared to the heavens. We will build infrastructure to support the memorial to the extent necessary, as well as infrastructure which is necessary to restore the PATH service that once brought thousands of people to Lower Manhattan before the attacks.

I also want to express my admiration and appreciation for the courage and strength that all family members have shown throughout this process. For whatever its flaws, that process will lead to an even better result because of the contributions family members have made. We appreciate the feedback you have given us on these important issues, and we will keep you informed as new information becomes available. Your voice is an important one and we need to hear from you.

For updated information on the memorial and other LMDC activities, please visit the LMDC website at www.renewnyc.com. As always you may also contact Anthonia Katsimatides at 212-587-9646 or at akatsimatides@renewnyc.com

Warm regards,

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