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Dear Family Member,

As some of you have already learned via email I am a new Assistant Vice President for Government Relations and Community Affairs at the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC). One of my key responsibilities is to communicate with the families of the victims of September 11, 2001 and February 26, 1993.

I've had the good fortune of meeting quite a few of the family members who have become a very special part of my life. For those of you who may not know, I lost my brother John Katsimatides on September 11th. John was a bonds broker at Cantor Fitzgerald working on the 104th floor of Tower One. He had just turned 31 and, like your loved ones, was an amazing lively person. It is his incredible zest for life that has made me want to be an integral part of creating a fitting memorial to our loved ones, and renewing Lower Manhattan. I am looking forward to meeting more of you in person and making those connections which, since September 11th, have become so important in our lives.

As I did in my former position at Governor George Pataki's office, I will dedicate myself to making sure all of you are kept informed of developments at the World Trade Center site and the broader revitalization effort. In addition to formally introducing myself, the reason for my letter is to update you and provide you with important information on the memorial process and the overall site planning effort. In light of the many recent phone calls we have received from concerned family members, it has become apparent that they have sometimes been misinformed. I would like to take this opportunity to update you and clarify some issues.

Accommodating the millions of people a year who will visit the memorial is a principal challenge we face as we move forward with the planning for the memorial. Each day over 100 tour buses will bring people from all around the world to visit the memorial. It is critically important that these buses are stored during their stay. Earlier this year, a suggestion was made to build a bus garage below the memorial. Family members expressed concerns about this proposal. The LMDC heard your concerns and is attempting to address the issue. Alternative solutions are being explored aggressively and the LMDC has identified other possible off-site locations such as site 26 in Battery Park City. The LMDC is also aware that access to the footprints of the North and South Towers is important to the families. Please know that the LMDC is making every effort to ensure that family members have the ability to visit the footprints at bedrock. Lastly, there has been misinformation regarding commercial and retail development at the memorial. This information is inaccurate. There will be no commercial and retail development at the memorial. We appreciate the feedback you have given us on these important issues, and please know we will keep you informed as new information becomes available. Your voice is an important one and we need to hear from you.

Memorial Process Update

On July 17, 2003, the LMDC announced that 5,200 submissions were received from 62 nations and 49 states for the World Trade Center Site Memorial Competition, making it the largest memorial design competition in history. All submissions will be evaluated by the independent 13 member memorial jury comprised of individuals representing various points of view, including world renowned artists and architects, a family member, a Lower Manhattan resident and business owner, representatives of the Governor and Mayor, and other prominent arts and cultural professionals. The jury will evaluate the submissions in a two stage process based on how well each design fulfills the requirements of the mission statement and program, as set forth in the competition guidelines. As you may recall, in a letter dated May 5, 2003, you were invited to share with jury members your hopes and aspirations for the World Trade Center Site Memorial in several different forums. I would like to thank those family members who took the time to respond and you will be pleased to know that earlier this month a compilation of all the comments received from family members was delivered to each of the jurors.

After the review of all the submissions in the first stage, approximately five finalists will be selected to proceed to a second stage. The final designs will then be put on display for public review. The LMDC will also organize a private viewing of these designs for the families. The jury will select the winning memorial design in the fall of 2003. Please know that I will be in contact with you regarding the private viewing for family members as soon as the timing is determined and the schedule is set. I have full confidence that the memorial jury will faithfully select a fitting and appropriate memorial that will make us all proud.

WTC Site Plan Update

In June, the LMDC began the environmental review process on the Studio Daniel Libeskind plan, which was designated as the World Trade Center Memorial and Redevelopment Plan. LMDC released the draft scope of the Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) on the proposed plan for public comment and held public comment meetings on July 23, 2003. Public comments were received through August 4th, 2003 and are currently being analyzed and incorporated into the final scope of the GEIS that will be issued this September. The scope of the GEIS is the first of many steps in the review process which evaluates the environmental impact of several criteria of the proposed site plan and integrated memorial. There will be a number of opportunities for you to provide public comment on the GEIS and the proposed plan. The environmental review process is on target to conclude in April of 2004.

For updated information on the memorial and other LMDC activities, please visit the LMDC website at www.renewnyc.com. You may also contact me at 212-962-2300 ext. 227 or email me at akatsimatides@renewnyc.com. ***It's critical that you receive accurate and correct information as we move ahead with our important work. I encourage you to reach out to me directly at anytime with questions or concerns. It's important that we hear from you.***

Attached please find a letter from newly appointed LMDC board member Christy Ferer and a press release about the memorial services to be held on September 11, 2003. I look forward to working with you and wish you a peaceful summer. May God bless all of our loved ones lost on September 11, 2001 and February 26, 1993.

Sincerely,



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Dear Family Member:

The Lower Manhattan Development Corporation and I would like to invite any children who lost a parent in the February 26, 1993 or September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks to participate in a communal art project entitled "Art for Heart."

This wonderful program is scheduled for September 11, 2003 at various locations for your convenience. Each family who participates will be able to paint on a square of canvas to express their feelings and artistic expressions. These canvas squares will be sewn together and will be available for traveling exhibits or for the future memorial museum that will be built on the World Trade Center site. The children will be supervised by volunteer art teachers at all venues. So far, about 200 children who lost loved ones on February 26th or September 11th have participated in painting squares and this will give the opportunity to others who were unable to participate earlier this summer.

Special thanks to the community centers for opening their doors, Toys R Us for contributing the supplies, and Krispy Kreme for supplying the treats.

"Art for Heart" was conceived by Ali Millard who lost her stepfather Neil Levin on September 11, 2001. "I strongly believe that art can help to heal the soul. Not only will this project serve as an opportunity for the children to express and enjoy themselves, but also to come together with other children, just like them, and to confront their feelings in a safe and supportive environment."

We hope you can join us. The children, our main focus in this endeavor, will be the reason for its success. Please refer to the schedule of times and locations below and RSVP so we can be adequately prepared at each site for the children.

Best to you all,
Christy Ferer

Please RSVP to the event by calling 212-962-2300 ext. 280 and leave your name, number of people, and the location and time you wish to attend:

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Email: kmillea@renewnyc.com and indicate the number of people, and the location and time you wish to attend.

Locations

- _____ JCC MetroWest - 760 Northfield Avenue, West Orange, N.J. 07052
For directions to the JCC Metro West, please call (973) 736-3200
- _____ The 92nd Street Y - Lexington Avenue at 92nd Street, New York, NY 10128
For directions please contact: Cybele Dreskin (212) 415-5749
- _____ Sid Jacobson Jewish Community Center - 300 Forest Drive, East Hills, NY 11154
For directions please contact Patricia Manning (516) 484-1545
- _____ Family Room, 20th Floor, Lower Manhattan Development Corp, One Liberty Plaza, NYC 10006
For directions please call 212-962-2300

Time Preference

_____ am (Before 12:00pm) _____ afternoon (12:00pm -5:00pm) _____ 6-8pm

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**GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES CEREMONIES COMMEMORATING SECOND
ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11th ATTACK**
**Statewide Moment of Silence, Tolling of Bells, Wreath of Remembrance, Tribute In Light,
Highlight This Year's Ceremonies**

Governor George E. Pataki today announced plans to commemorate the second anniversary of the September 11th attack in New York City and Albany, calling on local elected officials to plan their own memorial events in conjunction with observances taking place in these cities.

In a joint release, Governor Pataki and New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg also outlined the details of an observance that, in keeping with last year's remembrance, will take place at the World Trade Center site on the morning of Thursday, September 11th. They also announced that Tribute in Light will return for a single night on the evening of the anniversary.

"We will never forget the individual lives that were lost, the tremendous personal sacrifices and the countless acts of heroism that will forever mark September 11, 2001 as a day the world changed forever," Governor Pataki said. "Those heroes will be forever in the hearts and minds of people throughout New York State and around the world. New Yorkers have shown an incredible strength and the ability to unite in the face of tragedy. And on the second anniversary of this fateful day, we will look to our children, through whose eyes we can see the true promise of our State and our nation. And through whose eyes we will continue to see hope and have optimism for a lifetime of brighter days."

New Jersey Governor James McGreevey said, "As a nation, the events of September 11th shattered our domestic tranquility, our sense of security and our very lives. However, out of this catastrophe, we truly have come together as a people by showing our deep commitment to one another and our unshakeable love for our country. As we approach the second anniversary of that tragic day, we will never forget the lives lost or the lessons learned. Let us remember all of those who have perished - not merely as victims or heroes, but rather, as our fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters."

Mayor Bloomberg said, "On September 11th, the hearts and minds of the City and the country will again turn toward the World Trade Center site. This will be the second time that we as friends, as family and as one community, will gather to remember a day of great sorrow and great strength. Forever mindful of the grief still felt by the families, and the City's desire to honor them and those who rose up as heroes, we plan to mark this anniversary as a day of remembrance and pride, but equally as a day on which we turn our faces toward the future. In keeping with that, we will ask the children of the City to take the lead in the ceremony. It is in them that the spirit of the City lives."

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Lt. Governor Mary Donohue said, “All New Yorkers join me as we remember and reflect on this tragedy, and take a few moments to pray for the victims, our state and country. Each and every year, we must pay tribute to our heroes and honor the memories of the thousands of innocent lives that were taken from us that fateful day.”

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said, “Two years ago, the people of New York showed the world how strong and courageous they are. What gives New Yorkers that strength and courage is the fact that we are Americans. We live in freedom and are capable of amazing deeds when called upon to protect that freedom. September 11, 2001, will be forever remembered as one of the worst days in the history of New York City. But it was also one of the city's greatest days, and indeed one of the country's greatest days. From the firefighters who rushed in to perform the greatest rescue operation in the history of our country to the acts of personal heroism in which thousands assisted colleagues and strangers alike, this tragedy allowed the whole world to see the resilience of America's spirit. As we continue to heal, let us remember forever both the horror of the awful acts perpetrated on us, as well as the strength and courage showed by Americans everywhere.”

The ceremony at the World Trade Center Site will begin at 8:30 a.m. Children will play a large part in this year’s ceremony by reading the names of the victims and providing a musical backdrop throughout the program. The priority will be given to the families of those who died on September 11th but public access will be permitted as space allows. Other attendees will include Governor Pataki, New Jersey Governor James McGreevey, Mayor Bloomberg, and former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

The reading of the names will pause at four moments during the ceremony – two to mark the times that each plane hit the towers and two to mark each time when the towers fell. The first moment of silence at 8:46 a.m. will be a nationwide moment of silence and houses of worship throughout the country are encouraged to toll their bells at that time. While the names are read, family members will have an opportunity to descend a ramp to the lowest level of the World Trade Center site where they may lay flowers.

The hallmarks of the State’s remembrance will include a statewide moment of silence and tolling of bells at 8:46 a.m., observing the time the first plane struck the North Tower, and a remembrance ceremony hosted by New York State and the City of Albany, on the East Steps of the State Capital in Albany that will be presided over by Lt. Governor Mary Donohue and Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings, including music, a short interfaith service, and reflections about individuals’ lives that were lost. The public is invited and encouraged to attend this memorial event.

The centerpiece of the Albany ceremony will be the presentation of a “Wreath of Remembrance,” which will be an expression of the public’s thoughts, prayers and sentiments regarding the tragedy. The wreath will be displayed at the New York State Museum as part of the permanent World Trade Center exhibition.

In New York City, on September 11th at sundown, Tribute in Light will be brought back for one night, as a tribute to the memory of those lost and a symbol of American freedom and of the spirit of the great City of New York. Details about location and times will be released in the next few weeks.

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The ceremony at the World Trade Center site to commemorate the second anniversary of the September 11th attack will officially begin at 8:30 a.m. Guests may arrive starting at 7:00 a.m.; priority will be given to the families of those who died on September 11th, but public access will be permitted as space allows. Information about access, transportation and other logistics for the day will be disseminated to the families through the Mayor's Community Assistance Unit. An outline of the NYC commemoration program is as follows (please note that times and details are subject to change):

- 7:00 a.m.** Guests begin to gather at the World Trade Center site
- 8:30 a.m.** Official program begins
Musical performance
Introduction of nationwide moment of silence
- 8:46 a.m.** **Statewide Moment of silence (observance of time first plane struck north tower)** (Houses of worship will toll their bells throughout the City. Reading of victims' names and music pause temporarily)
Reading (TBA)
Introduction of the reading of the names
Children begin reading of names in pairs
- The names will be read by victims' and family members' children
 - Each reader will read approximately 14 names
 - There will be 100 pairs (200 readers) who will continue until all names are read
 - Honor guard will take positions on memorial platform and assist readers as needed
 - Families may begin to descend ramp to the lowest level of the site where they can lay flowers, etc.
- 9:03 a.m.** **Moment of silence (observance of time second plane struck south tower)**
(Reading of victims' names and music pause temporarily)
Reading (TBA)
Musical performance (TBA)
Reading of names continues/music resumes
- 9:59 a.m.** **Moment of silence (observance of time of fall of the south tower)**
(Reading of victims' names and music pause temporarily)
Reading (TBA)
Reading of names continues/music resumes
- 10:29 a.m.** **Moment of silence (observance of time of fall of the north tower)**
(Reading of victims' names and music pause temporarily)
Reading (TBA)
Reading of names continues/music resumes
Reading of names concludes
Taps performed by two trumpeters (NYPD and FDNY)
Final reading (TBA)
Final music performance (TBA)
- 12:00 p.m.** Official program ends

An all agency honor guard made up of individuals representing City, State, Federal and non-profit agencies including NYC Fire Department (FDNY), NYC Police Department (NYPD), Port Authority Police Department (PAPD), and representatives of the victim's families will participate in the ceremony. Members of the honor guard will stand for about 30 minutes and then rotate.

Note to the Media: For more information on remembrances Statewide, please visit the New York State Office of General Services website www.ogs.state.ny.us or call 1-518-474-5987. Information about logistics and credentialing for the NYC event will be posted on the web at nyc.gov/mediaadvisory as it becomes available.

