

# I am Staten Island

is our plan to forge critical partnerships with Staten Island leaders, local business leaders, neighborhood associations and citizens groups to combat hatred and violence on Staten Island.

- 1** **PSA campaign** – The NYC Department of Transportation will launch an educational public service announcement campaign on the Staten Island Rail Road.
- 2** **Interfaith Weekend Against Hate** – On the weekend of September 24th, religious leaders across Staten Island will dedicate their services to a unified message against hate.
- 3** **Religious Roundtable** – Religious roundtables will explore ways in which people of faith can help build bridges between communities on Staten Island.
- 4** **Respect for All** – With \$300,000 from the NYC Council, the NYC Department of Education will expand the Respect For All program to include a high school level anti-bias curriculum and training, as well as intensive training for student leaders in each of the high schools to prepare them to be diversity peer trainers.
- 5** **Public-Private Partnerships** – We will spearhead an effort to raise public-private funds that will go towards providing security cameras for increased monitoring in the Port Richmond Business Corridor.
- 6** **Improved Lighting and Safety** – The NYC Department of Transportation will explore lighting conditions in the area and whether or not improvements and increased lighting are needed.
- 7** **Safe Zones** – Businesses and other neighborhood institutions will designate their locations as “Safe Zones” where anyone who feels threatened in any way can seek refuge and will be assisted in finding help from the appropriate authorities.
- 8** **Social Service Groups** – Organizations will receive specific training in how they can combat bias and assist attack victims.
- 9** **CUNY** – The College of Staten Island, which has notable experience in such matters as diversity, will provide diversity and tolerance training for the local community.
- 10** **Parks Programs** – The NYC Parks Department will conduct an assessment of safety at all Staten Island parks and explore, with the NYC Council, whether other measures, such as improved lighting, seasonal sports and recreation, and Park Ranger programs, and other training programs, could be introduced to encourage community unity and public safety.



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