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### 1. Securing Adequate Funding

a.: Yes.

b: Yes

c: Yes

d.: In order to completely fund a capital parks project, I have sought funding from colleagues in the Council and fellow colleagues in City, State, and Federal government. I would continue to do so as well as exploring possibilities for public-private partnerships.

e.: Besides supporting the fix-it-first policy, I will continue to allocate City resources to ensure that parks facilities in my District meet certain standards, as I have done throughout my tenure and more recently through my support for a number of PlaNYC 2030 initiatives.

f.: Yes

i.: Being a member of the Budget Negotiating Team in the City Council, I will fight to ensure that initiatives supporting the increase of Parks' full-time staff is properly funded.

ii.: Increased funding is vital for such improvement and I will remain an ardent supporter of funding for Parks.

iii.: As is the case with the waterfront project in my District (the Bush Terminal Open Space Project), I have partnered with all levels of government, including the Mayor, City Council, Albany and Washington, to ensure that everyone puts in their fair share so that this long awaited project can be completed. Earlier this year, I made this project a priority for stimulus funding and was joined by the Mayor's Office in seeking such funding for the park. I am proud to have played an instrumental role in the Park's completion and remediation of the land has already begun with construction slated to begin later this year.

g: Yes

h: Yes

### 2. Protecting Parkland

a. Yes

i.: By supporting legislation that mandates that they do so.

b. Yes

i.: I would support legislation that does so.

c. Yes

i.: I would support legislation that does so.

d. By increasing the penalties for such actions and ensuring that such facilities are more closely monitored and audited.

e: Yes

f: Yes

### 3. Expanding Park Use

a. Yes

i and ii: I think there have been some exciting new park plans in recent years. From the Highline in Manhattan to Brooklyn Bridge Park, which I supported with funding as a Brooklyn Delegation member, I want to see that sort of innovation for our Parks continue. I am very involved with local community based organizations and community boards in creating new Park space and facilities in my District and will continue to do so. Whether it has been my involvement in planning a Greenway

through my District, turning traffic-congested 4th Avenue in Sunset Park into a green avenue, supporting dog parks, community gardens, or providing millions of dollars in funding for park improvements and new construction, I am always exploring every possible option to bring the best park services possible to my District for my constituents and will continue employing the methods I have used to do so.

b: Yes

c.: I will continue to fund such programs in my District through expense dollars, despite the difficult economic times. Such organizations are a priority for me and I will do whatever I can to ensure their survival.

d.: I have always seen myself as an ambassador in City government and will always try to foster dialogue between those that can improve conditions for my District and the City as a whole.

e.: By staying vigilant and ensuring promises are kept.

#### 4. National and Regional Parks

a.: Via Capital funding and support for efforts made by local Council members to push these projects forward. As mentioned, I have been a steadfast supporter of the Bush Terminal Open Space project in my District, providing funding to turn blighted former industrial piers in Sunset Park into vibrant park space for my community along the South Brooklyn Waterfront.

b.: For new waterfront projects in my District, I have worked very closely with New York Water Taxi in order to ensure that citizens from all parts of the City have access to such facilities in an economical, fast, and environmentally friendly way.

c.: By increasing public transportation options, such as the Water Taxi, to such areas, and supporting activity in the parks that raise public interest while not conflicting with the intended purpose of the park to begin with.