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2009 CANDIDATE SURVEY

What do you believe are the top priority park issues that need to be addressed in your district and citywide?

**Securing Adequate Funding / Maintenance for Parks**

a. Will you work towards securing long term funding for Parks?

Yes  No

i. If so, would you consider exploring creative financial models such as Parks Improvement Districts (based on the BID model), tax increment financing (TIF), zoning benefits and public private partnerships to supplement maintenance and operating costs? YES

b. Would you support dedicating revenue earned through park concessions to parks maintenance and operations?

Yes  No

i. If so, would you also support revising the Major Concessions Rules to include all significant private uses on public property (including parks) to community/borough review?

Yes  No

c. Will you support establishing the tracking of spending and staffing on a park by park basis?

Yes  No

d. When a capital project is not fully funded will you support diversifying funding sources to ensure their completion? What would those sources be? Sponsored events and public-private partnerships

Yes  No

e. What specific actions would you take to ensure that every park in every neighborhood has properly working facilities such as ball-fields, educational facilities, restrooms, etc? Either I or my staff will visit every park in Staten Island

i. Will you support a "fix it first" policy for funding capital projects, so that resources are allocated to existing projects in need of repair?

Yes  No

f. Will you support adequate staffing and funding to ensure that new and existing parks stay in a "state of good repair"?

Yes  No

i. What funding/programs would you use to increase the full-time parks maintenance staff? Internships and public-private partnerships

ii. What can be done to improve the baseline services, or maintenance of effort, in our parks to ensure that partnerships don't need to replace poor, existing services or neglected services such as bench and fountain repairs?

more monitoring to identify neglect before it accelerates.

iii. How would you fund the unique maintenance costs of waterfront parks (e.g. access, bulkheads, and piers)? I would solicit donations by the users of these parks.

g. Will you support park ratings by borough and community board in addition to the citywide level in the Mayor's Management Report?

Yes  No

h. Will you support making the official Parks Department "property list" – that specifically delineates all 1,700 properties – available online?

Yes  No

**Protecting Parkland**

a. Will you support more laws that require public notification and input when a park will be used for non-park purposes, to afford parks the protection they need from development or use by other agencies?

Yes  No

i. How would you require that professional sports organizations assist in maintaining and operating public parks near their facilities?

I would require that they post a performance bond to guarantee follow-through.