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To Whom It May Concern,

The City Council Office for District 1 worked closely with IntraCommunities, Inc. (ICI) in developing a community based website for the Lower Manhattan Residents and Businesses affected by the Sept. 11th tragedy.

Our City Council District encompasses the areas of Lower Manhattan most directly affected by the disaster. ICI directed the technological development and coordinated the volunteer effort that developed the www.downtownlives.com website.

ICI created an interactive forum for the Lower Manhattan Community to communicate with each other regarding the myriad problems they now face from applying for business grants, announcing business and building openings, sharing safety concerns, creating playgroups, setting up car pools, and finding friends.

Further, the site has helped the City Council Office to create a central database registry for our displaced constituents. From any desktop web browser we are able to announce important information to the Lower Manhattan Community. Some of the Website's features include:

- links to **air quality alerts** from the DEP and EPA as well as any new information regarding air quality testing provided by Community Leaders
- a **central database** for Lower Manhattan Residents to update current contact information
- frequent and accurate **community alerts** from Community Leaders and School Officials
- **building status** updates from Local Building Management
- a **message board** for Businesses and Residents to access and post important information
- a center for **reporting pets** that need to be rescued with their locations
- a **place for children** to communicate with their friends and teachers

During this difficult time, it has been a pleasure working with IntraCommunities because the company was able to use its skills to address the needs of our Office during this time of crisis. We highly recommend IntraCommunities because of the breadth of their talents both with technology and with people. The contribution of ICI's technological abilities is augmented by their ability to work and coordinate a diverse community under a great deal of stress. The interest and community involvement with this project is a testament to their high level of skill and accomplishments.

Sincerely yours,

Hon. Kathryn E. Freed
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