

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Thursday, May 16, 2002

**Release # 2-15**

[www.RenewNYC.com](http://www.RenewNYC.com)

[www.panynj.gov](http://www.panynj.gov)

Contact: Matthew Higgins/Nancy Poderycki - LMDC  
Mike Petralia/Kayla Bergeron – Port Authority

212-962-2300

212-435-7777

**LOWER MANHATTAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND PORT AUTHORITY  
OF NEW YORK & NEW JERSEY ANNOUNCE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS AND  
TIMELINE REGARDING FUTURE OF  
WORLD TRADE CENTER SITE AND ADJACENT AREAS**

***Comprehensive Public Outreach Campaign Launched Today***

***First Public Hearing Set for May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Pace University***

The Lower Manhattan Development Corporation and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey today announced they will hold at least five joint public hearings between now and December regarding the future of the World Trade Center site as part of a comprehensive public outreach campaign. The LMDC and Port Authority released a detailed plan [attached] for public input coinciding with each phase of the PA/LMDC study of options for the World Trade Center site, adjacent areas and related transportation infrastructure. The first public hearing will take place on Thursday, May 23 at Pace University in Lower Manhattan.

The outreach campaign features several public hearings and at least one hi-tech modern town forum in July accommodating 5,000 people; meetings with family members of victims, public officials, LMDC Advisory Councils, and community, civic, planning and transportation organizations including those representing New York/New Jersey PATH commuters; multiple advertising runs in daily, community and foreign language newspapers and public service announcements; and widespread distribution of proposals and documents in several languages at locations throughout Lower Manhattan, as well as on the Internet.

LMDC Chairman John C. Whitehead said, "This is an important update by the Governor and the Mayor since it illustrates the significant progress being made in the recovery operations and the rebuilding of Lower Manhattan. It also underscores how the teamwork by the many major organizations involved is paying off in impressive results."

Port Authority Chairman Jack G. Sinagra said, "The public will play a key role in shaping the future of Lower Manhattan. With their input, we will develop a world-class plan that will serve as a model for redevelopment throughout the nation. We also want to ensure that whatever is developed at the site is done in a respectful way that meets the needs of all residents in the New York and New Jersey region."

- more -

Port Authority Vice Chairman Charles A. Gargano said, "The families of victims of the World Trade Center tragedy, as well as public officials and transportation and community groups, must have a strong voice in the rebuilding of Lower Manhattan. They must be assured that a respectful memorial will be built to honor those who lost their lives, and that an improved transportation system will rise from the devastation caused by the September 11 attacks. And we will show the world that by working together, we will revive and rebuild."

Port Authority Executive Director Joseph J. Seymour said, "The Port Authority is committed to working closely and cooperatively with the Lower Manhattan Development Corp. to make sure we get feedback from all stakeholders including the families, advisory committees and the general public as this process moves forward. Public outreach is a critical part of the process and one that we take seriously. With this input, we will develop a consensus on the best redevelopment plan for the World Trade Center site and adjacent areas."

LMDC President Lou Tomson said, "Although we are still in the early stages of the planning process, public input has already proven invaluable in shaping the Preliminary Principles and Blueprint and the Residential Assistance program. This plan ensures the LMDC and Port Authority will continue to have the benefit of broad public input at each critical juncture."

The LMDC/PA study of the World Trade Center site, adjacent areas and related transportation infrastructure, will be completed in three phases, with the successful bidder to be announced next week. The first phase, to be released in early or mid July, will result in up to six conceptual options for the site, adjacent areas and related transportation infrastructure. The second phase, to be announced in September, will result in three options, and a final proposed plan will be released in December. Before and after each phase, LMDC and Port Authority will hold public hearings, meet with various public officials and groups, and provide other avenues for submitting public comment.

The first public hearing, to be held on May 23 at Pace University from 6pm to 9pm, is intended to provide an opportunity for public comment just as Phase I of the RFP gets underway. The hearing will consider ideas for the future of the site, adjacent areas and related transportation infrastructure, including those suggested in the LMDC Preliminary Principles and Blueprint.

To obtain a copy of the LMDC Preliminary Principles and Blueprint, visit LMDC's website at [www.RenewNYC.com](http://www.RenewNYC.com). To obtain a copy of the RFP or public input process plan, visit the Port Authority website at [www.PANYNJ.gov](http://www.PANYNJ.gov), or the LMDC website.

###

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Thursday, May 16, 2002

**Release # 2-15**

[www.RenewNYC.com](http://www.RenewNYC.com)

[www.panynj.gov](http://www.panynj.gov)

Contact: Matthew Higgins/Nancy Poderycki - LMDC  
Mike Petralia/Kayla Bergeron - Port Authority

212-962-2300  
212-435-7777

**LOWER MANHATTAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND PORT AUTHORITY  
OF NEW YORK & NEW JERSEY ANNOUNCE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS AND  
TIMELINE REGARDING FUTURE OF  
WORLD TRADE CENTER SITE AND ADJACENT AREAS**

***Comprehensive Public Outreach Campaign Launched Today***

***First Public Hearing Set for May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Pace University***

The Lower Manhattan Development Corporation and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey today announced they will hold at least five joint public hearings between now and December regarding the future of the World Trade Center site as part of a comprehensive public outreach campaign. The LMDC and Port Authority released a detailed plan [attached] for public input coinciding with each phase of the PA/LMDC study of options for the World Trade Center site, adjacent areas and related transportation infrastructure. The first public hearing will take place on Thursday, May 23 at Pace University in Lower Manhattan.

The outreach campaign features several public hearings and at least one hi-tech modern town forum in July accommodating 5,000 people; meetings with family members of victims, public officials, LMDC Advisory Councils, and community, civic, planning and transportation organizations including those representing New York/New Jersey PATH commuters; multiple advertising runs in daily, community and foreign language newspapers and public service announcements; and widespread distribution of proposals and documents in several languages at locations throughout Lower Manhattan, as well as on the Internet.

LMDC Chairman John C. Whitehead said, "This is an important update by the Governor and the Mayor since it illustrates the significant progress being made in the recovery operations and the rebuilding of Lower Manhattan. It also underscores how the teamwork by the many major organizations involved is paying off in impressive results."

Port Authority Chairman Jack G. Sinagra said, "The public will play a key role in shaping the future of Lower Manhattan. With their input, we will develop a world-class plan that will serve as a model for redevelopment throughout the nation. We also want to ensure that whatever is developed at the site is done in a respectful way that meets the needs of all residents in the New York and New Jersey region."

- more -

Port Authority Vice Chairman Charles A. Gargano said, "The families of victims of the World Trade Center tragedy, as well as public officials and transportation and community groups, must have a strong voice in the rebuilding of Lower Manhattan. They must be assured that a respectful memorial will be built to honor those who lost their lives, and that an improved transportation system will rise from the devastation caused by the September 11 attacks. And we will show the world that by working together, we will revive and rebuild."

Port Authority Executive Director Joseph J. Seymour said, "The Port Authority is committed to working closely and cooperatively with the Lower Manhattan Development Corp. to make sure we get feedback from all stakeholders including the families, advisory committees and the general public as this process moves forward. Public outreach is a critical part of the process and one that we take seriously. With this input, we will develop a consensus on the best redevelopment plan for the World Trade Center site and adjacent areas."

LMDC President Lou Tomson said, "Although we are still in the early stages of the planning process, public input has already proven invaluable in shaping the Preliminary Principles and Blueprint and the Residential Assistance program. This plan ensures the LMDC and Port Authority will continue to have the benefit of broad public input at each critical juncture."

The LMDC/PA study of the World Trade Center site, adjacent areas and related transportation infrastructure, will be completed in three phases, with the successful bidder to be announced next week. The first phase, to be released in early or mid July, will result in up to six conceptual options for the site, adjacent areas and related transportation infrastructure. The second phase, to be announced in September, will result in three options, and a final proposed plan will be released in December. Before and after each phase, LMDC and Port Authority will hold public hearings, meet with various public officials and groups, and provide other avenues for submitting public comment.

The first public hearing, to be held on May 23 at Pace University from 6pm to 9pm, is intended to provide an opportunity for public comment just as Phase I of the RFP gets underway. The hearing will consider ideas for the future of the site, adjacent areas and related transportation infrastructure, including those suggested in the LMDC Preliminary Principles and Blueprint.

To obtain a copy of the LMDC Preliminary Principles and Blueprint, visit LMDC's website at [www.RenewNYC.com](http://www.RenewNYC.com). To obtain a copy of the RFP or public input process plan, visit the Port Authority website at [www.PANYNJ.gov](http://www.PANYNJ.gov), or the LMDC website.

###



BUREAU OF AIR, NOISE, & VIBRATION  
59-17 Junction Blvd., 11th floor  
Corona, New York 11368-5107  
(718) 595-4418  
FAX (718) 595-4544

718 595 4544

June;

Pls. tell Krish that Richard  
LeKrohn faxed the attached  
to me Friday night.

It is something from a  
tenants assoc. in N.Y.

Pls. have him call Richard  
back and refer him to the N.Y.  
Times article that basically  
kills some of the theory  
made by H.P. Environmental.

Pls. tell him I asked you  
to call and assist him.

*(Signature)*

om Toxinsat the World  
ere are some  
I wouldn't mind commenting  
ot claim to have  
ie very least,  
with which  
anelists, which included  
quoted in yesterday's  
e stringent testingand  
that landlordshire licensed

embers ofthe panel:

alth atMount Sinai

ovedby a professional.

1, theworse their

n ongoingrelease

OccupationalSafety &

d betested indoors

om where dust

his of your

MUST engage

are all negative,

and the landlordsshould

gmethods is

available on their website, at [www.nycosh.org](http://www.nycosh.org).

Dr. George Thurston, NYU School of Medicine:

"If you can avoid exposure, do so."

A Union Representative of Local 78, (people who are 'licensed to handleand contain  
Asbestos, Lead & other Hazardous Materials for removal):

"Proper containment and proper cleanup is imperative and it is not beingdone."

"The residential buildings must be treated the same as the schools;we  
must not pretend something is safe when it is not."

10/12/2001

1000

RLS/SJL

10/12/2001 18:02 FAX 718 897 8894

NYC-WTC\_000143774

10/12/2001 18:03 FAX 718 897 8894

Bob A.

72 595 4544

**From:** Tammy Meltzer <Tammrudy@onebox.com>  
**To:** rlefrak@lefrak.com <rlefrak@lefrak.com>  
**Date:** Friday, October 12, 2001 4:49 PM  
**Subject:** notes from last night

I went to the Emergency Forum on Potential Health Hazards from Toxins at the World Trade Center Disaster Site held last night at Pace University. Here are some excerpts from my notes. If anyone else was there, perhaps you wouldn't mind commenting on what you remember or sharing your notes as well as I can not claim to have gotten everything that was said. I do think I got some, and at the very least, I definitely got an overall feeling of trepidation about the haste with which the cleanup & move-back-in process has been handled. The panelists, which included Dr. George Thurston of the NYU School of Medicine (who was quoted in yesterday's NY Times article), repeatedly emphasized the necessity of more stringent testing and cleaning methods, and many of them stated: "We recommend that landlord hire licensed professionals to do this."

Here are some other statements I noted, spoken by various members of the panel:

Dr. Stephen Levin, Selikoff Center for Occupational Safety & Health at Mount Sinai Medical Center:

"Much of the settled dust does contain asbestos. It must be removed by a professional. You must treat the dust as if it does contain asbestos."

"Asthmatics are most at risk. The worse their previous condition, the worse their current risks."

"There has been an ongoing release of irritants. There will be an ongoing release of irritants until those fires are out."

"The risk is small, but it should be avoided."

David Neumann, Representative of NYCOSH, NY Committee of Occupational Safety & Hygiene:

All buildings in the hot & warm zones [includes all of BPC] should be tested indoors for asbestos, fiberglass and silica. Indoors means inside every room where dust is present or was present if cleaned up prior to testing. Require this of your landlord. If the results are positive for any of these, the landlord MUST engage a cleanup effort by licensed technical vendors. Even if the tests are all negative, there are still contaminants that should be cleaned professionally and the landlord should be responsible. A specific description of safe testing and cleaning methods is available on their website, at [www.nycosh.org](http://www.nycosh.org).

Dr. George Thurston, NYU School of Medicine:

"If you can avoid exposure, do so."

A Union Representative of Local 78, (people who are 'licensed to handle and contain Asbestos, Lead & other Hazardous Materials for removal'):

"Proper containment and proper cleanup is imperative and it is not being done."

"The residential buildings must be treated the same as the schools; we must not pretend something is safe when it is not."

10/12/2001

TAMM

NYC-WTC\_000143775

RLS/SJL

10/12/2001 18:02 FAX 718 897 8894

The importance of HP Environmental's results is the discovery of the microscopic size of the particles. The EPA's tests are now irrelevant."

"The building owners are responsible for this."

"The trucks of debris being carted to the barge at Pier 26 should be wetted down and covered and we can all see that is not always happening."

"Lead contamination is definitely a concern. There is no safe level."

Joel Kupferman, Attorney with the NY Environmental Law & Justice Project:

"The World Trade Center was built without the guidance of these types of health and safety laws."

Dr. Chang, Professor of Environmental Medicine from NYU, reporting on testing done by a team of scientists in the areas of Inhalation Toxicology, Neurotoxicology, Pulmonary & Critical Care, Epidemiology & Air Pollution.

Please note: This data was extremely technical and difficult to comprehend in layman's terms. Dr. Chang was reluctant to translate this data in a way that might reveal his personal opinion about any of it, though he did say more than once, 'we just don't know'. Here's the best I could do at deciphering it.

Dust samples taken from the ground at various locations in the area of Ground Zero are comprised of mostly large particles: "Only a very small fraction of the dust contains the most dangerous, microscopic particles."

Samples showed:

-- A very high pH factor, which is an irritant to the nose & upper respiratory tract.

This causes discomfort but does not present danger.

-- A large concentration of lead, occasionally surpassing the EPA's safety standards

-- A large concentration of carbon, often surpassing the EPA's safety standards

Dr. Chang also said his team and a similar team of scientists at Rutgers University hope they will have the funding necessary to continue monitoring these levels for the duration of the WTC cleanup process.

There was an additional panelist, whose name & organisation I did not catch.

She was a Specialist in the area of Radioactive Contamination.

Addressing the question of whether or not there is radioactive contamination of the air, soil and water, she said: "...the probability is extremely remote." This issue is monitored by both the Radiation Control Office of the Department of Health and private, independent agencies.

--

Tammy Meltzer

[tammrudy@onebox.com](mailto:tammrudy@onebox.com) - email

(212) 894-3750 x6038 - voicemail/fax

---

FREE voicemail, email, and fax...all in one place.

Sign Up Now! <http://www.onebox.com>

10/12/2001

2002

RLS/SJL

10/12/2001 18:03 FAX 718 897 8894



**ROBERT C. AVALTRONI, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER  
BUREAU OF AIR, NOISE, & HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

59-17 Junction Blvd., 11th floor  
Corona, New York 11368-5107  
(718) 595-4418  
FAX (718) 595-4544

June,

Pls. tell Krish that Richard  
Lekrohn faxed the attached  
to me Friday night.

It is something from a  
tenants assoc. in NY.

Pls. have him call Richard  
back and refer him to the N.Y.  
Times article that basically  
kills some of the theory  
made by H.P. Environmental.

Pls. tell him I asked you  
to call and assist him.

*[Signature]*

Bob A.

**From:** Tammy Meltzer <Tammrudy@onebox.com>  
**To:** rlefrak@lefrak.com <rlefrak@lefrak.com>  
**Date:** Friday, October 12, 2001 4:49 PM  
**Subject:** notes from last night

---

712 595-4544

I went to the Emergency Forum on Potential Health Hazards from Toxins at the World Trade Center Disaster Site held last night at Pace University. Here are some excerpts from my notes. If anyone else was there, perhaps you wouldn't mind commenting on what you remember or sharing your notes as well as I can not claim to have gotten everything that was said. I do think I got some, and at the very least, I definitely got an overall feeling of trepidation about the haste with which the cleanup & move-back-in process has been handled. The panelists, which included Dr. George Thurston of the NYU School of Medicine (who was quoted in yesterday's NY Times article), repeatedly emphasized the necessity of more stringent testing and cleaning methods, and many of them stated: "We recommend that landlords hire licensed professionals to do this."

Here are some other statements I noted, spoken by various members of the panel:

Dr. Stephen Levin, Selikoff Center for Occupational Safety & Health at Mount Sinai Medical Center:

"Much of the settled dust does contain asbestos. It must be removed by a professional. You must treat the dust as if it does contain asbestos."

"Asthmatics are most at risk. The worse their previous condition, the worse their current risks."

"There has been an ongoing release of irritants. There will be an ongoing release of irritants until those fires are out."

"The risk is small, but it should be avoided."

David Neumann, Representative of NYCOSH, NY Committee of Occupational Safety & Hygiene:

All buildings in the hot & warm zones [includes all of BPC] should be tested indoors for asbestos, fiberglass and silica. Indoors means inside every room where dust is present or was present if cleaned up prior to testing. Require this of your landlord. If the results are positive for any of these, the landlord MUST engage a cleanup effort by licensed technical vendors. Even if the tests are all negative, there are still contaminants that should be cleaned professionally and the landlord should be responsible. A specific description of safe testing and cleaning methods is available on their website, at [www.nycosh.org](http://www.nycosh.org).

Dr. George Thurston, NYU School of Medicine:

"If you can avoid exposure, do so."

Union Representative of Local 78, (people who are 'licensed to handle and contain asbestos, Lead & other Hazardous Materials for removal'):

"Proper containment and proper cleanup is imperative and it is not being done."

"The residential buildings must be treated the same as the schools; we must not pretend something is safe when it is not."

10/12/2001

1007

RLS/SJL

10/12/2001 18:02 FAX 718 897 8894

"The importance of HP Environmental's results is the discovery of the microscopic size of the particles. The EPA's tests are now irrelevant."

"The building owners are responsible for this."

"The trucks of debris being carted to the barge at Pier 26 should be wetted down and covered and we can all see that is not always happening."

"Lead contamination is definitely a concern. There is no safe level."

Joel Kupferman, Attorney with the NY Environmental Law & Justice Project:

"The World Trade Center was built without the guidance of these types of health and safety laws."

Dr. Chang, Professor of Environmental Medicine from NYU, reporting on testing done by a team of scientists in the areas of Inhalation Toxicology, Neurotoxicology, Pulmonary & Critical Care, Epidemiology & Air Pollution.

Please note: This data was extremely technical and difficult to comprehend in layman's terms. Dr. Chang was reluctant to translate this data in a way that might reveal his personal opinion about any of it, though he did say more than once, 'we just don't know'. Here's the best I could do at deciphering it.

Dust samples taken from the ground at various locations in the area of Ground Zero are comprised of mostly large particles: "Only a very small fraction of the dust contains the most dangerous, microscopic particles."

Samples showed:

- A very high pH factor, which is an irritant to the nose & upper respiratory tract. This causes discomfort but does not present danger.
  - A large concentration of lead, occasionally surpassing the EPA's safety standards
  - A large concentration of carbon, often surpassing the EPA's safety standards
- Dr. Chang also said his team and a similar team of scientists at Rutgers University hope they will have the funding necessary to continue monitoring these levels for the duration of the WTC cleanup process.

There was an additional panelist, whose name & organisation I did not catch.

She was a Specialist in the area of Radioactive Contamination.

Addressing the question of whether or not there is radioactive contamination of the air, soil and water, she said: "...the probability is extremely remote." This issue is monitored by both the Radiation Control Office of the Department of Health and private, independent agencies.

--

Tammy Meltzer

[tammrudy@onebox.com](mailto:tammrudy@onebox.com) - email

(212) 894-3750 x6038 - voicemail/fax

---

FREE voicemail, email, and fax...all in one place.

Sign Up Now! <http://www.onebox.com>

10/12/2001

002

RLS/SJL

10/12/2001 18:03 FAX 718 897 8894

1- Gerry

2- Outreach  
Public Forum

**PACE**

**UNIVERSITY**

Office of Government and Community Relations

1 Pace Plaza

Room Y-20

New York, NY 10038

**Fax**

**To:** Bob Avaltroni

**From:** Dan Slippen

**Fax:** (718) 595-4544

**Pages:** 3

**Phone:** (212) 346-1025

**Date:** 4/24/2002

**Re:** Possible Speaker?

**CC:**

☐ **Urgent**

☐ **For Review**

☐ **Please Comment**

☐ **Please Reply**

☐ **Please Recycle**

Bob:

I am forwarding over a brochure for an upcoming conference here at Pace University to discuss "Democracy at a Critical Juncture" The Regional, National, and Global Implications of 9/11. You will notice that environmental issues are not listed in the program. That is because we do not have anyone currently to discuss the issues at large. Therefore, I am wondering if DEP would be willing to send someone to discuss the issues of 9/11 and how they relate to the environment. The attendees at this Conference will be approximately 36 students from around the country who are nominated by faculty from different universities.

# ***In the Heart of Downtown New York . . .***

Come take part in an exciting and intensive weeklong seminar with other college students from across the country and the world.

Stay on the campus of Pace University, situated just across from City Hall Park in Downtown New York.

Study with students, faculty, political and religious leaders, journalists and economic experts to analyze the impact of 9/11 in all of its complex reality.

# **PACE UNIVERSITY**

# **PACE UNIVERSITY**

## **“Democracy at a Critical Juncture” is a partnership of:**

- Center for Downtown New York (CDNY)
- Dyson College of Arts and Sciences
- Department of Political Science
- Michaelian Institute for Public Policy & Management

**Pace University**  
Department of Political Science

861 Bedford Road  
Pleasantville, NY 10570  
Phone: 914-773-3428  
Fax: 914-773-3951

# **Democracy at a Critical Juncture**

**The Regional, National, and  
Global Implications of  
9/11**



**Summer Seminar**  
**June 9-16, 2002**  
**Pace University**  
**New York, NY**  
**Downtown Campus**

5/22  
(1:30  
3:30)

1) Pace University →

2 day Symposium  
at Pace Tues 5/28 Wed 5/29

(125 ~~W 125th~~ Cedar St)

sample

Ms. Gushon  
627 249, 2114