

Comments made at the Public Meeting on the Draft Allocation Framework for the remaining CDBG grants funds.

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It is not true that you have to have airport access to have a vital business community.

Contrary to popular belief, there is no airport connection to the London Stock Exchange or the financial center.

We do not support the rail link.

We would like funds to be allocated to the proper and safe demolition of the many downtown buildings slated to come down.

We would also like money to fund a proper and complete clean up of the interior spaces.

I am talking about offices, school and residences in Lower Manhattan.

The EPA spent 7 million to clean 1000 units in the last clean up effort.

EPA is now developing a new testing program to address contaminated indoor spaces.

Unfortunately there is no funding designated to clean the spaces that are found to contain 9/11 contaminants.

There are 30,000 residential units in Lower Manhattan.

I don't know how many offices and schools rooms.

We will need at least \$210,000,000 just to clean the residential units.

LMDC gave grants to residents to stay in the neighborhood and should take responsibility to make sure that those people who stayed have a healthy environment.