

Members Alan Gerson, Dominic Recchia, David Weprin, and James Sanders, Jr. joined by representatives of dozens of business groups and small business owners, urged the Empire State Development Corporation and the New York City Economic Development Corporation to create a "Restart Your Business Grant" program that would have granted underinsured businesses within the WTC complex, that were willing to reopen in lower Manhattan, between \$50,000 and \$150,000, based upon need; and

Whereas, After seven months, no such program has been created, leaving scores of businesses still unable to reopen in lower Manhattan as a direct effect of the September 11, 2001 attack; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Empire State Development Corporation, the Governor of the State of New York and the Mayor of the City of New York to modify the World Trade Center Disaster Action Plan for Businesses - and the Guidelines for the World Trade Center Business Recovery Grant Program, so that any business that was located in the demolished World Trade Center complex that has not been able to reopen in lower Manhattan for lack of funds be part of a newly-created "Zone Zero," which would entitle them to a "Restart Your Business" Grant of between \$50,000 and \$150,000, based upon need, to be used to reopen their businesses in the area of lower Manhattan.

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