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Issues Affecting Downtown

Severe Mental Illness/Homelessness: I plan to bring Federal Oversight to the non-for profit agencies that are failing the increasingly rampant untreated mental illness in our communities. The negligent mismanagement of homeless shelters in the city brings undue problems to the general homeless population as well as the neighborhoods in which they reside. We need performance metrics and physicians on site.

Diminishing Green Space: As a green space advocate, it has been disheartening to watch communities that are dealing with the loss of a beloved park. East River Park was a special place that was unnecessarily decimated after the surrounding community was blindsided by an 11th hour change of plans outside the parameters of an original plan agreed upon by the East River Park advocates. I am also involved in defending against a similar issue in Battery Park. My solution is a landmark Federal Resiliency initiative that provides uniform guidelines for resiliency, mandates proper community input, and ultimately adds greenspace post construction. This will ensure true resiliency is accomplished without the emergence of unscrupulous or backhanded plans that hurt our communities.

Small Business Recovery: For our beloved small businesses that survived the pandemic, many are still struggling. Foot traffic is down and many are crippled by debt taken on to stay afloat. I propose a 6 percent Federal tax reduction exclusively for small businesses to promote growth and prosperity. Reinvested cash flow maintained by these cuts will lead to growth of income, which will yield higher tax revenue in the long term, while giving small businesses a boost in the short term.