

City Hall Meeting on The Recovery of Human Remains:  
October 27, 2006

1. The emphasis of the human remains recovery effort must shift from accidental search to a PROACTIVE, controlled survey approach. This survey must be led by JPAC, a scientific, specialized organization. JPAC will work in conjunction with the City, but this specialized team will lead the effort. We recognize that the City's intentions have been good, but the City simply does not have the needed expertise and resources to conduct the proper procedure.

2. Based on the assessment by this specialized team, we anticipate a greatly expanded search area far beyond the areas being searched now.

3. We expect a timetable and budget to be set by this team. This timetable and budget should be independent of the construction timetable and budget. Both should be set at the advice of the specialized team and should be made available publicly as soon as they are set.

4. The work will then be mapped, directed and executed in tandem with the City, not instead of the City.

5. We recommend surveying the following areas led by the scientific team invited into the site.

a. The entire service road (also called the haul road) from Vesey Street to Liberty Street along West Street.

b. The "green grass" area by the 1 & 9 subway line.

c. Buildings to include but not limited to:

World Financial Center 1, 2 and 3

130 Cedar Street

Fiterman Hall

130 Liberty Street (the Deutsche Bank building)

6. The above areas (see #5) will be considered the initial phase, Phase I, of the project. The City is aware that at least several hundred buildings most likely contain human remains and need to be examined. With the advice and expertise of JPAC, Phase II will be built on the exploration of additional sites.

7. The City must host a meeting in a large facility where any and all families can hear about the latest developments, ask questions and gather information. This meeting should be on the scale of family meetings held by the City of New York in 2001 and early 2002. We do not want today's meeting represented as, "We have met with the families." That is not sufficient. Keep in mind that only two family organizations are represented here today. We insist on the opportunity for all 9/11 family members to be fully informed regarding this human remains issue.

8. Phase III will address the continued unwillingness by the City to discuss the status of Fresh Kills. Discussions must begin involving families, their representatives and the City concerning the disposition of the human remains which are still in Fresh Kills on Staten Island.

9. Future discussions and decisions about the issue of the retrieval of human remains of the victims of the 9/11 attacks must include input from the families of the victims. Those discussions and decisions must be open and transparent.

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