

## Empire State Opioid Epidemic Innovation Challenge

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James Oddo was elected Borough President of Staten Island in November of 2013. Prior to his election, he served as the Council Member representing the 50th Council District (Mid-Island and a small portion of Brooklyn) since 1999. He was also the City Council's Minority Leader from 2002 to 2013. In that role, he served as a key member of the Council's leadership team.

A Staten Island native, Oddo has authored 19 local laws and brought back more than \$165 million to improve his community. After working for 15 years to make it a reality, in the final days of his tenure in the Council, Oddo joined EDC to announce an exciting redevelopment plan to turn an abandoned site known as Farm Colony into a senior citizen community. This project, one that took so long to bring to fruition due to the global economic crisis, best personifies Oddo's persistence and advocacy on behalf of his community.

As Borough President, Mr. Oddo remains committed to attaining necessary aid for Staten Islanders still impacted by Hurricane Sandy. He recognizes the frustration and upheaval the situation has caused in their lives and is a strong advocate for all those awaiting resolution from city, state and federal programs.

In addition, Oddo is excited to see the waterfront development projects for the North Shore become a reality. The projects include Empire Outlets, the first outlet shopping mall within the city of New York, Lighthouse Point, with both commercial and residential communities, and two boutique hotels, and Urby, a Manhattan-style apartment complex - all of which promise to completely transform the former Stapleton homeport and St. George community.

Borough President Oddo is also keenly aware of other issues facing Staten Islanders on a daily basis. He is determined to meet the challenges of island living by maximizing waterfront real estate with a fast ferry, reducing commute time for many thousands of residents. He also recognizes the need for infrastructure changes to meet the needs of the Island's 500,000 residents, in the most automobile-dependent borough in the city.