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# Statement from Downtown Alliance President Liz Berger on Mayor Bloomberg's Release of the Special Initiative for Rebuilding and Resiliency Report

**New York, NY (June 11, 2013)** — This afternoon Alliance for Downtown New York President Liz Berger attended Mayor Michael Bloomberg's Special Initiative for Rebuilding and Resiliency speech, at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, which detailed plans to protect the city from future storms similar to Hurricane Sandy. Berger released the following statement on the plan:

"Kudos to Mayor Bloomberg and the Special Initiative for Building and Resiliency (SIRR) team, led by Deputy Mayors Steel and Holloway and EDC President Pinsky, for taking a comprehensive look at how to tackle climate change in New York City, now and in the future. I have just begun to review the plan's myriad of proposals carefully, and it includes both long-term and immediate solutions. It is clear that the Mayor and his SIRR team have embraced what we in Lower Manhattan learned post-Sandy: that an enormous amount can be accomplished in the short-term to harden buildings and prepare for future weather events. We look forward to working with the Bloomberg Administration to keep Lower Manhattan resilient and strong, today, tomorrow and beyond."

*The mission of the Alliance for Downtown New York is to provide service, advocacy, research and information to advance Lower Manhattan as a global model of a 21st century Central Business District for businesses, residents and visitors.*

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