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## **Downtown Alliance Issues Statement Praising Officials for Swift and Systematic Response to Hurricane Irene**

**New York, NY (August 29, 2011)** — Alliance for Downtown New York President Elizabeth H. Berger today issued the following statement thanking local officials for their quick and thorough planning in response to Hurricane Irene.

“On behalf of the Alliance for Downtown New York, I would like to thank Mayor Bloomberg, Governor Cuomo, MTA Chairman & CEO Jay Walder, Port Authority Executive Director Chris Ward, Battery Park City Authority President & CEO Gayle Horwitz, Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer, New York State Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, New York State Senator Daniel Squadron, New York City Council Speaker Christine Quinn and Council Member Margaret Chin for their extraordinary leadership in helping Lower Manhattan weather Hurricane Irene.

“Diligent planning, timely instructions and close cooperation across many levels of government and public and private agencies kept the evacuation process orderly and Lower Manhattan’s residents, workers and visitors safe. We have seen once again how—in times of crisis—New Yorkers can pull together for the public good.”

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