

July 22, 2015

Dr. Mary Bassett  
Commissioner  
NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene  
42-09 28th Street, 8th Floor  
Queens, NY 11101

Dear Commissioner Bassett:

We hope this letter finds you well.

We write regarding the Midland Motor Inn, located at 630 Midland Avenue in Staten Island (Block 3875, Lot 26).

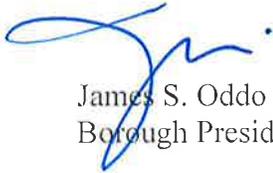
As you know, last night a three-alarm fire tore through this long-time community eyesore, injuring several firefighters. We have enclosed a copy of the *Staten Island Advance* covering the fire for your review. This hotel has been notorious for decades as a result of the criminal element that has flocked to it, the resulting criminal behavior that has taken place in and around it, and the flouting of various city safety regulations on the part of its owners. On many occasions, at our request, various city agencies have taken enforcement actions against the hotel to preserve the safety of those who reside there and the community as a whole. These enforcement activities have led to scores of violations, including many that remain unresolved and open. Yet, the hotel has continued to operate.

As a result of this fire and the uncertain condition of the building, we ask DOHMH to conduct field inspections for potentially unsafe health conditions, including vermin, as soon as possible.

This structure is located in Midland Beach, which is still recovering from the devastation brought by Hurricane Sandy. We must ensure the safety of the community.

We thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



James S. Oddo  
Borough President



Steven Matteo  
Minority Leader

