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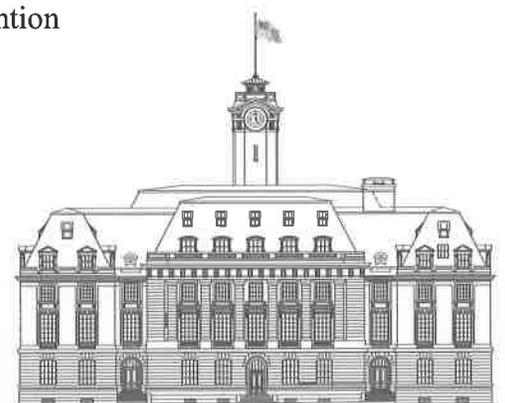
Adrienne Abbate, MPA
Executive Director
Staten Island Partnership for Community Wellness
440 St. Marks Place, Third Floor
Staten Island, NY 10301

Dear Ms. Abbate;

I am pleased to offer my support to the Staten Island Partnership for Community Wellness (SIPCW) in their application for the Linking Interventions for Total Population Health (L.I.F.T. Population Health) grant.

SIPCW has been a strong partner with Borough Hall on many initiatives, including being an integral part of Borough President Oddo's Health and Wellness Advisory Council and Substance Use Prevention Taskforce, both of which aim to improve health outcomes and reduce health disparities in communities across Staten Island.

Our most recent collaboration has been a collective impact initiative to tackle childhood obesity and promote wellness, with a focus on north shore neighborhoods disproportionately impacted by obesity and illness. This issue was identified as a top priority by our Health and Wellness Council, which consists of various and noted health care professionals and local leaders, and aligns itself with the both city and state prevention agendas. The initiative was then transitioned to SIPCW to facilitate stakeholder engagement and develop a blueprint for action.

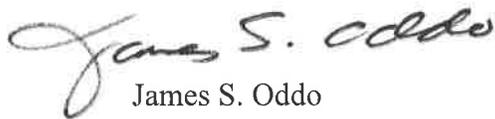


Improving the health and fitness of Staten Islanders has always been a major part of my platform. To that end, I created a new position at Borough Hall, Director of Health and Wellness, and hired Dr. Ginny Mantello, a practicing physician, to spearhead this effort on my behalf. Dr. Mantello has also been working on pediatric population health improvement projects with the Staten Island Performing Provider System (SIPPS).

She will continue to support the clinical and community piece of this initiative, providing clinical expertise and working with the Federally Qualified Health Centers and multiple pediatric practices to incorporate and standardize best practices and templates to address childhood obesity.

We also stand ready to help SIPCW examine determinants of health, implement evidence-based strategies, engage stakeholders - particularly our Staten Island schools - and provide available county data to assist in achieving the goals of the L.I.F.T. Population Health grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James S. Oddo".

James S. Oddo

Borough President