

February 14, 2019

Commissioner William A. Bamford  
Eastern Territorial Commander  
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Re: Supportive Housing at the Bayley Seton Hospital Campus

Dear Commissioner Bamford;

I hope this letter finds you well.

I am writing to discuss possible measures that might be taken to devote a portion of the Salvation Army property at the Bayley Seton Hospital Campus to housing for the homeless.

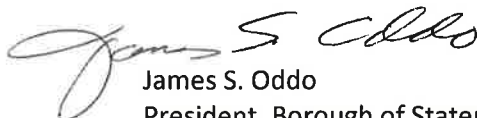
It was recently announced that the New York City Department of Homeless Services (DHS) would be constructing a 200-bed homeless shelter at 44 Victory Boulevard. I, other elected officials, and most importantly the community itself strongly objected to this location; it is decidedly inappropriate for that area of Staten Island known as St. George, which is undergoing a huge economic renaissance. The shelter will be run by the organization Women in Need (WIN) the largest provider of shelter and supportive housing for homeless families in New York City.

At a recent meeting with DHS Commissioner Steven Banks and WIN officials, they agreed to consider a list of other options as a site for the new shelter. In our discussions since the meeting, mention was made of the Bayley Seton property at Bay Street and Vanderbilt Avenue.

I will come directly to the point: would you be willing to consider the sale or lease of a portion of the property to the city of New York for the purpose of building a homeless shelter on that site? We believe that it is a much more appropriate and logical location for such a shelter, and hope that you would be willing to have a discussion – by telephone or in person - on this important matter.

The Salvation Army has been a good neighbor to Staten Island, and for our part, we here at Borough Hall worked long and hard to facilitate the building of a Kroc Center on the property. We believe that as important as that center would have been to the community, providing supportive housing to the homeless will be equally important. I hope that you will agree with me and give this serious consideration. Feel free to reach me by telephone, mail or email at [joddo@statenislandusa.com](mailto:joddo@statenislandusa.com). Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,



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