

# **EXHIBIT 4**



**NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND INVESTIGATIONS**

**TESTIMONY OF JOCELYN E. STRAUBER  
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**CONCERNING DOI'S OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR NYPD,  
INTRO BILL 1020-2024 AND RESOLUTION 0000 2024**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**



January 29, 2025

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to testify Chair Brewer and City Council.

My name is Marianne Pizzitola, I am President of the NYC Organization of Public Service Retirees which represents 250,000 municipal retirees. In our organization of tens of thousands of retirees we have both first responders and civilian 9/11 survivors with 9/11 WTC health conditions who must rely on their health insurance for care and may or may not be participants in the 9/11 WTC Health Program.

Like first responders, these forgotten heroes of 9/11 who kept the city running, were also betrayed by the U.S. EPA and then administrator Christie Todd Whitman who said the air in lower Manhattan was "safe to breathe." Of course, the Giuliani administration was completely complicit in constructing this false narrative.

A subsequent EPA Inspector General report confirmed the agency had absolutely NO scientific basis upon which to base that assertion and that the agency actually suppressed data that showed toxic asbestos levels that were off the charts.

Thousands of civil servants were ordered back to their desks at places like the Dinkins Municipal Office Building at 1 Centre Street or 250 Broadway. There was NO zoom in 2001. Yet, these workers, some of whom have died since, were not able to establish they were first responders and were NOT eligible for the annual health screening granted to first responders through the 9/11 WTC Health Program.

They had to display symptoms first which no doubt had life altering consequences that the City of New York would like to avoid taking responsibility for.

Mayor Giuliani, and then Mayor Bloomberg, prematurely ordered NYC employees back to work whose work locations were in the zone. All the documents that have been kept secret since Mayor Giuliani was in office on 9/11/2001 must be released. Every Mayor since has hidden these facts from the light of day most likely because they knew darn well they made a calculated decision to put our lives at risk to keep the City running and get Wall Street to re-open at the expense of our health and lives.

The current administration has said they are worried about the potential liability of releasing the 9/11 WTC files.

Meanwhile, starting with the de Blasio administration, right up through the current administration, they have compounded the EPA betrayal by attempting to force us off of our traditional Medicare and on to a predatory Aetna Medicare Advantage Plan.

If the City Council does not act on Intro 1096 protecting our access to Medicare, they will be compounding that original EPA and Mayor Giuliani betrayal that has already led to thousands of premature deaths.

We rely on our doctors and hospitals and cancer and transplant centers to stay alive. We rely on our traditional Medicare to get the treatment our doctors prescribe... not a for-profit insurance company forcing us into managed care to decide whether or not I get my treatment or a test timely to determine if we need medical intervention.

We are sick and dying at greater rates than the general public. Mike Lohrey came to NYC from Oregon with his Incident Management Team to help FDNY. Last year as a result of his 9/11 exposure needed a double lung transplant. The WTC program didn't have a Dr in Oregon so he and his wife had to go to Arizona for care.

The WTC program also has a narrow network and prior authorization that we had to help them fight so he could survive and get that transplant after months of fighting. Then do the same fights to get his maintenance meds. All because the 9/11 program is owned by for profit private equity company now, The Carlyle Group, Sedgewick. Aetna Medicare Advantage, the privatized managed care plan the Mayor is trying to force us into also has a narrow network and prior authorization that is designed to delay and deny our care. Today we have retirees – both responders and survivors – struggling to access care.

Get the City to release those 9/11 documents and end the cover-up and pass Intro 1096 to preserve our access to our Medicare benefits.

You owe us at least that.

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**Testimony of Kimberly Flynn  
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**New York City Council Hearing  
Res. 560  
January 29, 2025**

I thank the Council for the opportunity to offer testimony.

I am Kimberly Flynn and a founding member of 9/11 Environmental Action. We are a community-based organization that formed in early 2002 by concerned residents, school parents, advocacy groups and environmental health and safety experts to fight for the true disclosure of the WTC hazards and a science-based cleanup of affected neighborhoods to end exposures.

We thank Council member Brewer, a champion for transparency, who understands why we as a City need to know in detail how City officials and agencies failed to inform and protect responders and the community.

After 9/11, downtown and downwind residents, school parents and local workers were left to struggle on their own to protect themselves and their families from WTC toxic exposures. We had no access to accurate environmental information, sound public health guidance, or proper medical screenings. Instead, our concerns were met with official declarations that 'the air was safe' and that the WTC dust inside homes, schools and workplaces was not harmful – these came NOT just from the EPA but even more often from the City of New York.

Later, as the people who would eventually be called "survivors" under the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act reported new asthma and other WTC-related health effects, the City's Department of Health -- in the media, in hearings and meetings, and on the phone with residents and community leaders-- declared that any symptoms were either due to "stress" or were temporary and would disappear when the Ground Zero fires were out. That did not happen.

Moreover, there was no discussion from the EPA or the City of the need for proper environmental cleanup of the widespread toxic contamination that had permeated indoor spaces.

Those of us attending a series of hearings held by the City Council and the NY State Assembly in the weeks and months after 9/11 observed the City as an active, vested and closely coordinating partner in the cover-up led by the US EPA. In carefully orchestrated lock-step, the EPA, NYS DEC, NYC DEP, and NYC DOH delivered testimony consisting of "faux-factual" denials of the hazards in the dust and smoke released in the 9/11 attacks, then re-suspended in the course of the cleanup. We had no doubt that the City was privy to all of EPA data sets.

The City was clearly at the lead in producing and disseminating public health communications for downtown residents, workers and students. Multiple City Health Advisories were issued instructing residents and workers to clean the toxic dust themselves "with a wet rag or mop". Congressman Jerry Nadler denounced these as "dangerously inadequate" and in violation of long existing health and safety federal and City regulations.

The testimony by downtown resident Elizabeth Berger, delivered at a Senate field hearing in February 2002, captured what it was like to make decisions to protect your family without honest risk communications ... once you had figured out on your own that it was not safe, for instance, to have your baby crawling around on a carpet contaminated by WTC dust. Ms. Berger, an extraordinary downtown civic leader, passed away in 2013 at the age of 53 after battling a cancer that would later be deemed by the Administrator of the WTC Health Program to be 9/11-related.

At the January 29, 2025 hearing, the Council heard the testimony of resident and community leader Mariama James. She described pulling up a contaminated carpet, not knowing that this would have been a worst case scenario for re-suspending WTC dusts. Her family's lived experience illustrates the serious long term health consequences that followed. No one should have been working to clear asbestos, lead and other toxic substances from their home or workplace on their own. Remember that asbestos and lead, which were present in EPA and City samples at levels above established thresholds, are *regulated*. The removal of asbestos and lead are governed not only by federal but by City regulations. The fact that these advisories were issued by the NYC Department of Health gave people the false impression that they were health-based communications. It's a stunning betrayal.

One now-infamous FAQ issued in October 2001 by the City Health Department , Public Health Advisory Concerning Air Quality in the Affected Area of the World Trade Center Disaster” stated that no precautions needed to be taken by pregnant women or by parents to protect children. The fact that children are more vulnerable to being harmed by environmental exposures was, by 2001, well established by decades of research in children’s environmental health. Moreover, it was EPA policy that children were a sensitive population. The fact that children needed additional protection had already been enshrined in federal environmental law notably in the 1996 Food Quality Protection Act. This denial by the City DOH and others more than meet the standard of “known or should have known” for the City’s dangerous recommendations.

Moreover, because the City’s position was that children were not physically harmed by the disaster, but psychologically affected only, the community’s repeated demands for children to get health screenings fell on deaf ears. Where there is no acknowledgement of children’s physical 9/11-related health effects, there is no guidance to doctors, and there is no care. It was not until 2009, after long advocacy by the community, that the WTC Pediatric Program was established at Bellevue Hospital.

(Because the City was more interested in denying the potential for children and people who were in utero at the time to be harmed by WTC toxic exposures, there was no scientifically viable, representative research cohort created of those who were exposed to the disaster at young age. Only now, more than two decades later, is funding available through a December 2022 Congressional authorization to build a Youth Research Cohort. This unprecedented effort to create a disaster cohort this long after the disaster comes, unfortunately, with unprecedented challenges.)

The NYC Department of Investigations does not need to hire a panel of doctors to recognize and track the myriad ways that the City’s political considerations overrode public health needs to the great detriment of the residents, students and workers exposed in what is now called the NYC Disaster Area by the World Trade Center Health Program.

Instead of protecting New Yorkers’ health, the Mayor and his administration engaged in an extended campaign to mislead New Yorkers about their health

risks, ignore or hide critical information, and violate the City's own regulations. In addition, the City made war on whistle blowers. Juan Gonzalez (then of New York Daily News) described how his job was threatened by the Mayor, following publication of his front page story "Toxic Nightmare" based on EPA data newly obtained by attorney Joel Kupferman via his FOIA request. After the EPA responded to the FOIA through a "data dump" of results from its sampling at Ground Zero, along with very limited sampling in the surrounding neighborhoods, Kupferman brought two independent scientists, Monona Rossol and Paul Bartlett, to the Daily News offices. They combed through a 6-inch thick pile of pages to identify toxic releases like benzene spikes and other exceedances of safe levels for many toxic substances. Gonzales was excoriated by the feds and the City after his story ran, and subjected to intense editorial pressure for all his 9/11-related stories, going forward. The City worked hard to censor or marginalize those who were uncovering the truth – those who challenged the unconscionably long delay to establish a proper lawful health and safety regime to protect responders on the Pile and the Staten Island landfill, and who challenged its failure to protect the broader community, including its dangerously misleading advisories.

The federal, state and city response to the WTC environmental aftermath was a massive failure that compounded the disaster, resulting over the years in sickness and death for tens of thousands of responders and survivors, most of them New York City residents, workers and students, or volunteers and responders from the greater metro area.

The recklessness of the City after 9/11 was breathtaking. We all need to know how these decisions which impacted the health of so many of us were made. That the City is continuing the cover-up is a disgrace and a yet another betrayal of New Yorkers' trust. The Council has the power to end this cover-up now. We implore you to do so, not just because it's the right thing. But it's the only way to ensure that the City's disastrous failures are not repeated with another disaster.

Thank you.



## **January 29, 2025: Testimony/Statement of Andrew J. Carboy**

My name is Andrew Carboy. I serve with my colleague, Matthew McCauley, as *pro bono* counsel representing 9/11 Health Watch, a not-for profit World Trade Center healthcare advocacy group, first responders, residents, and surviving family members of those lost to September 11<sup>th</sup> illness and disease. On their behalf, we filed requests pursuant to New York's Freedom of Information Law.

Our clients seek no compensation. As their attorneys, we seek no legal fees. Our shared goal is strictly to find out what the City knew about the dangers of toxic substances released as a result of the terrorist attacks and when the City knew it.

We are here because September 11th continues to make people sick.

Be they first responders, recovery and utility workers who met the call in those terrible times, or public-school students and residents of lower Manhattan and Brooklyn, New Yorkers live with the consequences of dust plumes, fires and smoke that choked the City for months.

Our requests to the Mayor's Office and other City agencies seek answers:

*What did the City know about the air quality and when did it know it?*

*Why the rush to reopen public schools blocks away from the burning debris and fires that raged on months later?*

*What explains the gap between the City's message that it was safe to return to offices and homes and the air quality test results it received from independent sources, such as utilities?*

*Where are those air quality test results, today?*

We posed these questions by filing a Freedom of Information request with the Mayor's Office, the Office of Emergency Management and the Department of Environmental Protection.

In denying our clients' Freedom of Information requests and in denying the similar requests of the New York Congressional delegation, the City denies the most significant day in its history. The padlocked doors of the September 11<sup>th</sup> archives must be thrown open, today.

The bases of the City's denials are absurd.

We cannot believe that records concerning that terrible event, created in the days and weeks *after*, were destroyed *on* September 11<sup>th</sup>. We do not accept that the City's Department of Environmental Protection, the City's "lead agency" in the air quality response, has none of the requested records. Records of the biggest event in New York City history simply do not "vanish" from the archives.

We do not agree that a Freedom of Information request must be drafted with the precision of a menu order. If we knew the title of the documents and their contents, their current location, and the identity of the bureaucrat in whose desk they are contained, this fight would be unnecessary. Indeed, the resolution of this respected Council would be academic. But, in the face of these denials, we must all press on.

Because the City does more than deny history; it turns its back on the legacy of September 11<sup>th</sup>. For our clients and for tens of thousands of others, September 11<sup>th</sup> is not history. It is not even yesterday. September 11<sup>th</sup> is every day. Whether it's a first responder fighting multiple and distinct forms of cancer, a monitored patient checking in for a

screening and awaiting the results, or a family reeling from a needless death, the legacy of that awful morning is confronted... each new morning.

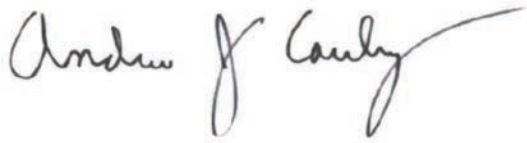
Our City was saved by those who extinguished the fires, searched for survivors, cleared two million tons of wreckage, and restored power and utilities, all the while inhaling toxic fumes and dust. Today, these men and women suffer for their bravery and selfless work. We owe them the truth. We also owe those who returned to live, work and study in lower Manhattan, one week after the collapse, and at the direction of the Mayor's Office, nothing less.

For all we know, the City genuinely did not immediately recognize the airborne dangers. Perhaps it took days or even weeks to have a genuine understanding of the toxic hazards confronting all New Yorkers. Perhaps not.

Regardless of the answer, we should learn the facts. There are, without doubt, valuable lessons to be learned from the secret 9/11 archive. The information the files contain will inform preparation for future disasters and, hopefully, optimize municipal responses. The archive's release may have the effect of rebuilding the public trust. It could also underscore the importance of questioning the pronouncements of government regarding public health and safety. We will not know, however, until the documents are made available.

Our efforts continue. We are now challenging the City's refusals in Court proceedings, but we have come to recognize the limitations of the Freedom of Information Law. We see, too, that even powerful sitting members of the United States Congress meet the same resistance.

The City Council is uniquely equipped to address this obstruction. We thank Speaker Adams for convening this hearing. We thank Council Member Brewer for her tireless work in drafting this historic resolution. We applaud the use of power vested in the Council by the City Charter to order this review. We thank each Council Member, present today, for their time and attention to this issue. We look forward to the results. Thank you, again.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Andrew J. Carboy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

January 29, 2025

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## Written Testimony

Betty Vargas (First responder/NYPD/84th precinct)

As a first responder who witnessed the attacks, 9/11 will be a day forever engraved in my brain. I never experienced anything like that in my life. I was present and assigned to (meaning my assignment for the day was to stand on the Brooklyn Bridge (Brooklyn side) and helped all pedestrian cross into Brooklyn safety and as quick as possible. I witnessed the towers collapsed. I was present at Ground Zero and worked at the Fresh Kills landfill in Staten Island for up to 9 or 10 months afterwards. We (All first responders) were told by the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) that “they had not seen any reason or any readings that had indicted any health hazards” and that the air was safe to breathe. Even though the air dusk showed differently. You could tell that something was not right. I am not a scientist, nor a chemist nor a doctor but I could sense that the air was too thick and dirty because I felt small particles entered my mouth, my hair and skin (I tried to covered my mouth with my hands). I had a feeling that it was not safe but who am I and there was nothing I can do. I didn’t have proper equipment to protect myself. It's common sense to know that if two planes crashed into a building there had to be heavy metals in the air like asbestos or jet fuel plus other hazardous materials.

A couple of days (after the fact), we started to received dusk mask to use because they tested and found low levels of asbestos. Yet they issued a press release on September 18, 2001 stating that the air was safe to breathe and the water was safe to drink. According to the Union of Concerned Scientists (2003) EPA scientist Cate Jenkins stated that the EPA lied because they knew that the dust was highly caustic and in some cases as caustic and alkaline as Drano. The air smelled like burning rubber, hair and skin. The smell was awful and I got sick to my stomach. All you had to do was breathe and you would smell burn hair and skin among other things. I never knew what that smelled like until that day and I will never forget that smell. So imagine the chemicals that were lingering in the dust cloud that day that lasted for days. It went from a beautiful sunny day to one of the darkest day in history.

I retired from NYPD but now I suffered from Asthma, Breathing problems, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA),

thyroids problems, eye problems, lower back pain, irregular heart beats, Autoimmune disease, GERD, reflux disease to name a few. I have had five (5) surgeries in my face and eyes because I developed a huge goiter on my thyroids which was obstructing my breathing. I received radiation which was unsuccessful. They had to eventually remove my thyroids but then I developed Hashimoto and Graves' disease and had to have surgery to break the bones behind my eyes so they can move back into place. I was a healthy forty (40) year old who frequently ran marathons and races during the attacks. Now I am lucky if I can finish a 3 mile run without stopping to catch my breath and use my rescue inhaler.

I am registered with the WTC Health program but I am not certified. I attend the yearly checkup clinic when they remember my name. It is supposed to be yearly visits but it is not. All they do is referred me to my doctors and will not pay for any of my necessary medications because I am not certified with the program. All the hours of digging and recovery for nothing because the government does not care for our wellbeing. Why you asked that I am not certified? Because of the so called maximum time interval periods which is kind of dumb because some people started feeling sick right away while others (like myself) it took years to develop. According to the above mentioned article, people exposed to dangerous chemicals like that will develop serious health conditions later on in life and not right away. So you tell me?

Thank you for hearing me out.

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Testimony

Reso 0560-2024

The New York City Council directs DOI to conduct an investigation to ascertain the knowledge possessed by mayoral administrations on environmental toxins produced by the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and to submit a report to the Council thereon.

January 31, 2025

I want to thank Chair Brewer and the New York City Council Committee on Oversight and Investigations for holding the hearing to direct the Department of Investigations to investigate and report on the documentation possessed by the Mayor on environmental toxins produced by the 9/11 attacks.

I live in Independence Plaza, an apartment complex in the vicinity of the World Trade Center. In the decades that followed the attack, I have seen a number of people develop 9/11-related ailments and several have died as a result.

As a member of the 9/11 survivor community, I support Reso 560. It is important for the public to know what the City knew about the potential health effects of 9/11. These documents could potentially increase our knowledge of the scope of the disaster, identify more illnesses, strengthen support for the 9/11 Health Program, and provide lessons on how to handle future environmental disasters.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane F. Stein

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**From:** [Gary Smiley](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] From Gary Smiley FDNY EMS Local 2507 Uniformed EMTs, Paramedics & Inspectors WTC Liaison/Delegate 9/11 Air Quality  
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Hello Honorable NYC Council Members

My name is Gary Smiley and I am a 9/11 Responder and critically injured Survivor from the FDNY. I served 27 years as a Paramedic and Rescue Paramedic in the FDNY.

I know am the WTC Liaison/Delegate for the Uniformed EMTs, Paramedics & Fire Inspectors Local 2507 of the NYC Fire Dept.

It is imperative that the Air Quality Records be released and made available to 9/11 WTC Researchers and Doctors as it has been made very clear that based on the time (date of the Rescue & Recovery process ) a Responder was exposed can be used to tailor treatment and gage and manage more appropriately treatment modalities.

The Science is clear on this and it is Egregious that this critical information has been kept hidden by multiple administrations including the current one.

Furthermore, Preventative Medicine is crucial to 9/11 Responder and Survivor Health and Survivability and these Air Quality Readings fall into this category. I would be happy to speak with and meet with any council member to discuss this further. I am sorry I cannot attend in person. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gary Smiley  
FDNY EMS Local 2507  
Uniformed EMTs, Paramedics & Fire Inspectors  
WTC Liaison/Delegate



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As a project manager for an environmental remediation contractor who was working a asbestos removal project at Battery Park Garage/TBTA, Thursday or Friday after 9-11-01 I took a sample of dust and debris from the roof of Battery Park Garage and submitted same sample to a lab for analysis, as I was licensed to supervise asbestos but did not have a license to take a bulk sample it would not be a legitimate sample they were told to analyze for asbestos anyway. The bulk sample results revealed approximately 3.5 % asbestos.

Battery Park Garage is 4 blocks south of the towers. We as contractors needed to know what was surrounding our active asbestos containments to figure out a way to proceed with the abatement project at some point

I am member with the World Trade Center Health Registry and Have several illnesses associated with working/responding to the clean up effort.

I still currently have some of that debris in a sealed container that I put away after sending a smaller version to the lab. Don't know if this will help but that is my testimony, my Name is George Sykes and I was a project manager working cleanup at 140 West Street/Verizon to get the stock market back up and running before returning to the Battery Park Garage Project

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Greetings NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL,

As a retired NYPD officer i can attest to the toxic fumes and dust that was spewn from the burning remains of the World Trade center from that fateful 11th day of september 2001 continuously till the fire was finally extinguished in January 2002.

When at the site we asked the coastguardsman that was taking air samples if the air was safe . he laughed and we all said as safe as toxins can be .

Christine Whitman the then head of the government epa stated the air quality was safe or good. She later apologized years later for her statements .. Her apology was not warmly received by the survivors of the dead , dying and infirmed

Also the nypd medical board is very resistant to giving out 3/4 s to those who are dying,debilitated and dead.

My life has continually gone down hill with the onset of many illnesses. my quality of life like all first responders is very marginal .

Respectfully ,john cervenka Retired NYPD

**JUDITH E. MEYERS**

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January 23, 2025

New York City Council  
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Re: Public Hearing on Res. 560 (Brewer)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As a former office worker in the Exposure Zone in Lower Manhattan, I am a survivor of the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center. In October 2019, I was diagnosed with Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer as a result of my post-9/11 exposure to the toxic air downtown. I am enrolled in the World Trade Center Health Program.

To date, I suffer from only one 9/11-caused disease; however, I do not know my risk factors for other diseases that may arise from the toxic chemicals to which we victims were exposed. It is essential that my doctors understand my prior exposure and potential health risks.

I support the passage of Resolution 560. We victims of the attacks deserve to know what we were exposed to; in fact, my lung cancer was misdiagnosed for months because my doctors were not knowledgeable about what toxins I was exposed to in the aftermath of 9/11.

I urge the City Council to finally pass Resolution 560.

Very truly yours,

  
Judith E. Meyers

January 29, 2025

City Council Resolution 0560-2024 Identifying the Chemicals Released into the Air

Released on 9/11/2001 Attack on the World

Trade Center in lower Manhattan

The horrific attack on the North and South Towers of the World Trade Center has killed an untold amount of people that day. There were self contained subterranean levels with stores, restaurants offices, and more in which life was vaporized. The extinguished lives, chemicals and electronics rose into the atmosphere transformed by the fire that the digging for the trapped and the dead brought to the surface. The air was engulfing the tri-state area engulfing those who were running or merely breathing the mix that was blanketing everything. No one has told us WHAT WAS IN THE AIR! THE AIR IS STILL KILLING PEOPLE. My brother, Hulan E. Jack Jr. was an Atomic Physicist, teaching evening classes at Borough Of Manhattan Community College. He has had prostate cancer and is in dementia that has eroded his brain to the point that he can't understand the books and the papers that were his daily life's work. He is cared for by his oldest daughter and youngest son. Hulan E. Jack Jr's. only grandson had just started High School at Stuyvesant High School on 9/11/2001 and he has friends that were also breathing in the deadly air. I worry that the content of the air that engulfed those students might erupt into illnesses in them or their offspring. We now have three children in the family. Both the students in the High School and the students of BMCC were told to come back to class four weeks after 9/11. Both my brother and

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my nephew were forced to tie bandannas over their faces since the Pile was still burning and releasing toxic chemicals that caused nausea. The inability to have the report of the chemicals that were being released with the human and animal decomp that were being inhaled put the living at a disadvantage when consulting doctors regarding medical problems. This was irresponsible on the part of the state and federal government. It has been 24 years and we are still suffering. It is time to open the reports so that the chemicals can be identified and the repercussions can be identified.

Thank you for your attention

Sincerely,

Ms. Julianne C. Jack

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Testimony

[Res 0560-2024](#)

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January 29, 2025

Thank you to Chair Brewer and the Committee for holding the hearing to direct the Department of Investigations to investigate and report on the documentation possessed by the mayor on environmental toxins produced by the 9/11 attacks.

In 2015 I fell ill and could not recover. In 2016 I was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, an incurable cancer, which is treatable. Consequently, for the last nine years, I have lived with cancer, I have suffered from health impacts secondary to cancer, and I require lifelong, very expensive monthly treatments. Fortunately, I am a member of the WTC Health Program.

Like the rest of the survivor and responder community, I support Reso 560 wholeheartedly. We need this information in order to support scientific investigation into the implications of the exposure to the 9/11 toxins. This information will help the identified survivors and responders, will assist in establishing future health conditions connected to the exposure, will help identify more survivors and victims, may broaden the geographic area of exposure, and will contribute to knowledge necessary to respond to future disasters in the city, the nation, and the world.

Respectfully submitted,

Katy Bordonaro

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I worked inside the crater of Ground Zero on September 12 2001, arriving less than 24 hours after the collapse of the two towers.

Although I had participated in emergency rescues previously, nothing at Ground Zero resembled in any way anything that I had seen before: first, it was the thick dust that caked the sidewalks up to three feet in depth; then the color of some of the flames still rising through gigantic shards of glass, with fumes emanating like a volcano. But mostly it was the strange, totally unknown smell of a mixture of materials that I had never known before.

My subsequent ailments (thus far pancreatic and liver cancer, plus GERD) may well have resulted from exposure to these fumes. Many others who worked in that hellhole developed terrible illnesses from which numerous people succumbed.

It is at the very least a basic right of those of us who survive to find out everything that is known about the nature of the fumes that we inhaled while working at Ground Zero.

I totally support, in fact I appeal to the New York City Council to pass Resolution 560 and mandate a complete disclosure of all the materials that may have been combusted in this tragedy, and to make that list completely known at least to the survivors and families of rescuers at Ground Zero.

Thank you for your consideration.

Nicolai Cauchy, Cambridge MA

On Wed, Jan 22, 2025, 17:31 9/11 Health Watch <[info@911healthwatch.org](mailto:info@911healthwatch.org)> wrote:



**NYC Council Announces Hearing on Councilmember Brewer's Resolution to have DOI Investigate What the City Knew About the Toxic Exposures at Ground Zero and When Did They Know It?**

January 21, 2025

The NY City Council Oversight and Investigations Committee, Chaired by Council Member Gale Brewer announced a hearing on [Reso. 560](#), the binding resolution she introduced in the City Council. The Hearing is set for Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM in the NYC Council Chamber and can be viewed in person or on the City Council livestream.

Resolution 560, if passed would require the City Department of Investigation (DOI) to obtain and review all documents that city government has about what the City knew and when it knew, regarding the toxic chemicals that responders and survivors were exposed to in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks. DOI would be required to complete the report no

later than two years after the adoption of the resolution.

This would be the first time that the NYC Council has invoked its authority granted by the City Charter ([Section 803](#)) to order DOI to conduct an investigation on topics the Council specifies.

You can find more information regarding this issue on the [911 Health Watch web page here](#).

Here is the Committee Hearing Notice below and as a [pdf here](#).

**Who:** NY City Council Oversight and Investigations Committee

**What:** Public Hearing on Res. 560 (Brewer),

**When:** Wednesday, January 29, 2025

10:00 am

**Res. 560** is a binding resolution which directs the City Dept. of Investigation to obtain from city agencies and City Hall all documents about 9/11 with information about the types of toxins, the length of time the toxins were expected to remain, the immediate and long-term health impacts of human exposure, and an analysis of the contrast between the knowledge mayoral administrations possessed and the information they conveyed to the public.

**Why:**

The Adams administration is the fourth mayoralty in a row to refuse to disclose what they knew about the toxins and when they knew it, despite numerous requests from members of Congress, advocates, and the media. Residents and responders deserve to know.

**You may testify** for up to two minutes in person, by zoom, or in writing. If you plan to testify in person, please check in with the sergeants upon your arrival to the Committee Room in City Hall. If you are planning on testifying via video conference, please register in advance of the hearing at <https://council.nyc.gov/testify/>. Written testimony may be submitted to [testimony@council.nyc.gov](mailto:testimony@council.nyc.gov) or via the Council's web- site up to 72 hours after the close of the hearing.

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Sincerely,

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I would like to also mention the Second Avenue Bell Telephone central office fire. It documented the health effects of burning large quantities of PVC in an enclosed area and led to the development of building codes specifying other types of wire insulation. Now we know that the World Trade Center was designed and approved prior to the Bell Telephone fire and certainly prior to the subsequent investigation.

Certainly every Administration since the early 70s should have this information available from multiple sources within the FDNY, the Building Department, City Emergency Management, City Environmental Protection, and the NYPD.

The burning and decomposition of polyvinyl chloride insulation from all the various wiring, plus the polyvinyl chloride in all the office furniture and other synthetics in upholstery and rugs represent undocumented threats.

Many of the "certified" illnesses stem from very simple irrefutable things like sand in the air from concrete that was pulverized. The more insidious disease stems from the carcinogenic soup that has shown fit to take some and bypass others.

Phosgene gas, a wartime chemical weapon, produced by leaking refrigerant onto hot steel is another concern.

From a cold scientific point of view, leaving behind the devastation, concealment of this data hamstring us in creating safer buildings and in that sense alone represents a moral, ethical, civil and even criminal contempt for life itself.

This is not to even mention, tasking the medical community with maintaining the 9/11 members health and well-being without all the facts that should be available. Nor the value to Medical Science of New York City's own Tuskegee Airmen.

This is not the Kennedy assassination. Truth be told, even the Kennedy assassination should not be handled the way it has been. Virtually everyone of legal age at the time of the assassination is now dead. What secrets (that led us here today) are we preserving?

After Giuliani self-destructed, I ask the same question, what are we preserving over the health and well-being of tens of thousands of New Yorkers and our neighbors who stepped up when we needed them without the proper gear.

With my sincere gratitude for your indulgence,

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