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Whereas *Listening to the City* convened nearly 5000 diverse participants from the New York Metropolitan Region on July 20 and July 22 to react to the six site options proposed by the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC) and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PA), and the participants strongly rejected these six options, concluding that the proposed 11 million square feet commercial space and 600,000 square feet each of retail and hotel space overwhelmed the site and did not provide an appropriate setting for the memorial.

Whereas *Listening to the City* participants called for: more majestic plans for the redevelopment of the site and bold, innovative designs; a memorial that includes preserving the footprints as a “remarkable symbol;” job creation, especially for those directly affected by the events of 9/11, housing affordable to all income groups, the development of cultural institutions; and the importance of eliminating West Street as a barrier between Battery Park City and the rest of Manhattan.

Whereas the Civic Alliance to Rebuild Downtown New York and its member organizations have developed principles for the redevelopment available in its *Planning Framework to Rebuild Downtown New York*, and have supported LMDC’s revised *Draft Principles and Preliminary Blueprint*.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Civic Alliance should call upon the LMDC, the PA, and the City and State of New York to:

- Reject the six options proposed for the World Trade Center site, and develop a new set of site options based on an alternate program or programs for the World Trade Center site developed in light of regional economic considerations, urban design principles and transportation proposals for all of Lower Manhattan with the participation of the public and civic community.
- Recommend that a Master Plan be undertaken by a partnership that includes the City of New York, NYC Planning Commission, and Community Boards 1, 2 & 3 for all of Lower Manhattan below Houston Street. This Master Plan can build upon the City’s most recent plan for Lower Manhattan, completed in the mid-1990’s, as well as the work done by the Downtown Alliance.
- Fully integrate the planning of the memorial or memorials with the planning of development options for the World Trade Center site.
- Commit to a jobs-oriented economic development action plan comparable in scope to the recent business and residential incentive program conducted by the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation.