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## Wishes for the New Year

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Staten Island legislators and politicians expressed some of the following New Year's wishes for residents of the borough.

"I would like to see us continue to progress on cleaning up the air pollution that is our number one problem on the Island," said Rep. Guy Molinar (R-C-Staten Island). "We were fortunate in winning the big battles to keep the power plant and the LNG tanks from moving forward. And also on the plus side is the Navy homeport and the Teleport that is planned for the Island."

"BUT THE important wish for the New Year is that the people on Staten Island, sometime in the near future, will be able to breathe relatively clean and safe air."

Assemblywoman Elizabeth Connelly (D-Staten Island), wished "that this year will be the year we get some relief on the sales tax and I

know the pressure will be on to do something to give the taxpayers a break in Albany."

"I also hope that resource recovery continues on a 'go' and that there is some resolution to the property at the Staten Island Developmental Center. And that the final proposal on the property takes into consideration the concerns of all the handicapped coalitions."

Assemblyman Robert Straniero (R-C-Staten Island) said his wishes for the people of Staten Island during the coming year are fourfold.

"THEY ARE that we have a successful fight in the secession lawsuit that will preserve our borough's voice in the city's affairs; for tougher laws and greater cooperation by the states that will lead to an improvement in the quality of air and water that surrounds us."

"I would also like to see a final disposition of the Staten Island Developmental Center property that will accommodate the many di-

verse interests that are involved.

"Finally I would like to see a continued commitment by our community as a whole for the preservation of those special qualities that make Staten Island the shiniest part of the big apple."

Assemblyman Eric Vitagliano (D-Staten Island) said he would also like to see "the final demise of the LNG tanks," and "I would like to see the issue of resource recovery finally resolved with movement on all fronts."

"REGARDING air pollution," he continued, "I would like to see more interstate cooperation on the problem and we will be working towards that goal in the Assembly."

"And one of my most important priorities is to see that Staten Island's transportation problems are improved to help residents better get off and on this Island."

Councilman Jerome X. Donovan stated, "I would

like to see a continued increase in city monies being given to the community for such things as better police protection.

"I would also like to see continued good health for everyone on the Island."

Borough President Ralph Lamberti said he was glad some problems had been resolved during the year: "I close the year on a happy note knowing that we took care of the garbage problem with resource recovery monies being voted by the Board of Estimate."

"And now I hope the courts throw out the garbage that Hart (the Republican county chairman) has been bringing to them."

Lamberti was referring to the lawsuit that George Hart has initiated against the borough president and his deputy, Nick LaPorte, to get the office of borough president declared "vacant" and calling for a special election.