

ADVISORY

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Friends of Liberty State Park and NY/NJ Baykeeper to Announce Coalition Against Christie Administration's Plans for Liberty State Park Privatization

WHAT: Friends of Liberty State Park, NY/NJ Baykeeper, alongside Jersey City Mayor Steven Fulop, Assemblyman Raj Mukherji (D-33), Senator Stephen Sweeney (D-3), Senator Sandra Cunningham (D-31), and Senator Loretta Weinberg (D-37) will announce the "Coalition to Save Liberty State Park" campaign. The campaign strongly denounces the Christie Administration's commercialization and privatization plans for the park behind Lady Liberty, and advocates for the 40-year broad public consensus to keep Liberty State Park free and fully accessible for public use.

WHEN: Thursday, January 21, 2016, 10:45 AM

WHERE: Liberty House Restaurant inside LSP- Liberty Room on 1st floor

76 Audrey Zapp Drive Jersey City, NJ 07305

WHO: Sam Pesin of Friends of Liberty State Park, Greg Remaud of NY/NJ Baykeeper, Laura Skolar President of Jersey City Parks Coalition, Jersey City

Mayor Steven Fulop, Assemblyman Raj Mukherji (D-33), Senator Stephen Sweeney (D-3), Senator Sandra Cunningham (D-31), and Senator Loretta Weinberg (D-37),

About Friends of Liberty State Park

The Friends of Liberty State Park is an all-volunteer, non-profit, 501(c) (3) organization that is dedicated to preserving, protecting, conserving and promoting Liberty State Park, the inspiring urban state park on the Jersey City waterfront behind Lady Liberty and Ellis Island. Since 1988, we have advocated for the protection and improvement of this urban open space park with its open vistas of the Manhattan skyline, the Hudson River and the Upper New York Bay. Our primary volunteer program is our Volunteer Garden Program which is continually beautifying LSP and always welcomes volunteers. Over 4.5 million visitors come annually to enjoy this recreational, natural, historic, and cultural public resource, which opened in 1976. Visionary citizens, Morris Pesin, the park's "father", Audrey Zapp, the park's "godmother" and historic preservationist Ted Conrad, had led a citizens movement for 18 years to transform a waterfront wasteland of abandoned rail yards and decaying piers into one of our nation's most special public spaces.

About NY/NJ Baykeeper

NY/NJ Baykeeper is the citizen guardian of the NY-NJ Harbor (Hudson-Raritan Estuary.) Since 1989, we've worked to protect, preserve, and restore the environment of the most urban estuary on Earth – benefiting its natural and human communities. Through our Estuary-wide programs we seek to end pollution, improve public access, conserve and restore public lands, restore aquatic habitats, encourage appropriate and discourage inappropriate development, carry out public education, and work with federal and NY/NJ state regulators and citizen groups as partners in planning for a sustainable future for the Hudson-Raritan Estuary watershed.

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