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## Klein Slams Bloomberg Decision To Shutter Woodlawn Firehouse

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<?xml:namespace prefix = st1 ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:smarttags" />BRONX, NY—In response to the first official confirmation from FDNY that Ladder Company 39 in Woodlawn is scheduled for closure, despite numerous previous assertions to the contrary, State Senator Jeff Klein (D-Bronx/Westchester) issued the following statement:<?xml:namespace prefix = o ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office" />

Bronx.”

Just last month Senator Klein released a study showing that the city cannot afford to close a firehouse in the Bronx because response times in the borough already exceed citywide averages in all categories. In 2004, in the wake of Mayor Bloomberg's closure of 6 fire companies, Klein conducted a study on response times that showed a citywide increase of 13 seconds, despite the City's repeated assurances that the closures, which saved the City \$6 million, would only result in a one-second increase in response times. Klein's 2004 study also found that response times in the six neighborhoods with closures jumped an average of 27

seconds.

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