

Statement by Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. on Delay of Boardwalk Opening at Rockaway Beach

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"The decision by Mayor de Blasio's administration to push back the anticipated opening of the boardwalk from Beach 108th to Beach 124th Streets is understandably a detrimental blow to the residents, business owners and beachgoers who were counting on the City to have repairs finished by Memorial Day, when we mark the unofficial start of summer in New York City. While I am frustrated and disappointed that repairs will not be finished by then as originally promised, I intend to work closely with the Department of Parks and Recreation, appropriate city agencies and related companies to ensure that the remaining work to complete this and other sections of the inevitable boardwalk opening will be done in a timely, professional and careful manner. Our mission to keep rebuilding from the destruction we suffered during Sandy will continue to be the number one priority, but we must also see that the work is done safely, accurately and in accordance with regulations."