



A Memorandum for District 4
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Trump Tower Security Costs

Residents of New York City should not be held responsible for the massive expense of protecting the President and his family who choose to stay in his gilded residence at Trump Tower. While the security costs burden the entire city, not just District 4, I have found in my many conversations with community members that because Trump Tower is located in our district, it is top of mind for many District 4 residents.

Trump Tower was not designed—as the White House or Camp David were—to protect the President and First Family. As a result, the City spent about \$308,000 per day on security during the transition period following Trump's election victory, and \$130,000 per day since his inauguration and until this summer, when the First Lady and their son moved to the White House.¹ These figures, submitted to Congress by NYPD Commissioner James O' Neill, are clearly unfair to city taxpayers and should be repaid by the federal government.

In May, Congress passed legislation designating \$60 million in reimbursements for New York City, Palm Beach, and other locations where the President spends time and owns property.² This appropriation of funds is certainly a step in the right direction,

¹ O'Neill, James. New York City Police Department, 21 Feb. 2017. Web. 15 Aug. 2017.
<http://www.politico.com/states/f/?id=0000015a-681d-dad1-a55f-ed7f90ea0001>

²Fandos, Nicholas. "Congress Allocates \$120 Million for Trump Family's Security Costs." *The New York Times*. The New York Times, 01 May 2017. Web. 15 Aug. 2017.

but we must continue demanding reimbursement for NYPD's services as long as President Trump is in office. Trump Tower and the ballooning costs of protecting his family are an important issue in Council District 4, and when elected as your City Council Member, I will ensure that this financial burden rests with the federal government and not with local taxpayers.