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STEVE ADUBATO, host:

Hi, I'm Steve Adubato. Welcome to part two, a very important discussion here at William Paterson University. We're coming to you from the Shea Center for the Performing Arts at William Paterson. When we come back, we'll be talking about green cities. We'll be talking about the future of our cities. And how about this, one of our audience members said, 'Let each mayor say the most positive thing going on in their city.' I have a feeling they're ready to do that.

I'm Steve Adubato. Most importantly, we're here at William Paterson. We'll be right back after this. Let's hear it, folks.

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ADUBATO: Welcome back to William Paterson University. I'm Steve Adubato. We're talking about "The Future of the American City." We have three distinguished mayors with us. Let me ask you, mayors. We were talking offstage about this whole green initiative. First of all, Mayor Torres and Paterson, what is a significant green initiative going on in your city and why is it important to everyone here?

Mayor JOSE "JOEY" TORRES (Mayor of Paterson, New Jersey): Well, Steve, it could be as complex as building a nearly zero energy efficient home that we did in a collaboration with technology and a faith-based community action corporation in Paterson to bring a home to a paraplegic kid who needed to come home from his day care, from his convalescent home.

ADUBATO: What do you mean, a green home, though?

Mayor TORRES: Well, a green home, BSF, solar...

ADUBATO: BSF. Whoa oh. No jargon here. Now what's BSF?

Mayor TORRES: Well, it's the--one of the largest manufacturers. They do roofing--they do have all this green technology, and so we was able to build a home in Paterson that's nearly zero energy efficient.

ADUBATO: Zero energy efficient?

Mayor TORRES: Zero energy. Yeah. Which means that we're rating everything as biodegradable, everything as recyclable. We got the solar panels, and so that works. Now that's on the technical side.

And then it gets simplistic as lobbying and pushing through greens community of trying to get the state of New Jersey to follow, like many other states, to go ahead and bring a deposit back to bottles and cans. That is a recyclable, that's environmentally friendly, and we heard something about how do we combat litter. Put a deposit on the can, put a deposit on the bottle and you'll see less of it in the roadways and the street ways and...

ADUBATO: You're in favor of that?

Mayor TORRES: Absolutely.

ADUBATO: Mr. Mayor, let me ask you, you got an interesting initiative going on in Trenton when it comes to green activities, right?

Mayor DOUGLAS H. PALMER (Mayor of Trenton, New Jersey): Yeah.

ADUBATO: What do you got?

Mayor PALMER: It's called the Trenton Green Initiative, and what we--we've formed a partnership with our citizens, with PSE&G, who've given us a loaned executive to be our "green czar," the Department of Environmental Protection, Work Force Development, Mercer County, and one of our Isles, which is a nonprofit that works with young people...

ADUBATO: They do housing, right?

Mayor PALMER: They do housing, and they have Youth Build which works with that.

ADUBATO: You creating green jobs?

Mayor PALMER: Create--we're beginning to create green jobs...

ADUBATO: What are green jobs?

Mayor PALMER: Green jobs are jobs that come as a result of clean energy. Clean energy is the oil gusher of the 21st century. Looking at changing technology. Making sure that we have a--first of all, a partner in the federal government that recognizes that climate change is real.

ADUBATO: Do you have one now?

Mayor PALMER: We will have one after the November election, I'm sure of that. And...

ADUBATO: Boy you're waiting for a lot of things until after this election, aren't you?

Mayor PALMER: Oh, aren't we all? I mean, aren't we all? I mean, one way or another. But what we're talking about is, we have to create new jobs. Putting monies into technology, whether solar panel, wind, help the environment. Even President Bush said a few years ago, 'We're addicted to oil.'

ADUBATO: Right.

Mayor PALMER: Well, let's do something about--biofuels--and the other thing that we can do in our homes, looking at the CFLs, which are those curly cue light bulbs.

ADUBATO: Mm-hmm.

Mayor PALMER: I've given our senior citizens at a senior citizen ball and others these light bulbs that can save energy, that saves your cost. Look at green-collar jobs and careers...

ADUBATO: Green-collar jobs?

Mayor PALMER: Green-collar. Green-collar jobs and careers, which US Conference of Mayors is pushing. As a matter of fact, an energy environment block granted the federal government will give, like, CDBG allocations, \$2 billion a year...

ADUBATO: Community Development Block Grant money, right?

Mayor PALMER: Two billion dollars a year to cities over 50,000, counties over 200,000, to help towns with the resources they need to help them go green. For instance, taking a roof. We have a lot of roofs in our city that are flat. In the summer, the tar gets hot.

ADUBATO: Right.

Mayor PALMER: That means that the temperature inside your house is 30 degrees higher. You're putting up the...

ADUBATO: What do you need to do there?

Mayor PALMER: What you need to do is, first of all, assess structurally if you can put a green roof on, sod on a roof, have folks get jobs putting sod on roofs, which will reduce the heat in the summer so you reduce energy, and in the winter it will absorb the heat so that you don't have to turn up that

thermostat.

ADUBATO: Good stuff.

Mayor PALMER: So these are just some of the easy stuff that we're working on

ADUBATO: I want to get Mayor Healy in this. I know that you are very much into green things and not just because you are into St. Patrick's month, as you said. But biggest green initiative going on in Jersey City is?

Mayor JERRAMIAH T. HEALY (Mayor of Jersey City, New Jersey): Well, we have all of our private buildings, most of them--in fact we have the fourth tallest building in the state. But the Goldman Sachs is the tallest building in the state. Completed about five years ago, and it's also a green building. It was the top award winner for green building in that the material used to construct it was environmentally friendly. The water that goes in there is pure water. The heating system doesn't burn a lot of oil. You know, it's--all of these things are important. We--our city in fact has been named the number two sustainable city in the nation.

ADUBATO: What does that mean, sustainable?

Mayor HEALY: What that--what we mean is that everyone is together--New York City is number one--and our city is laid out in such--in such a way that we're a transportation hub. We have bus centers in our city. We have the PATH train. Four PATH stops that access midtown or downtown Manhattan.

ADUBATO: Those are a great asset.

Mayor HEALY: They're great assets, but that's why we are considered a sustainable city. We don't need cars all the time. Forty-nine percent of the people who live in Jersey City take public transportation to work.

ADUBATO: How many?

Mayor HEALY: Forty-nine percent of the workers. And then another 14 percent walk to work if they live in Jersey City, so we're almost at a--at a situation where, you know, you can get by without a car. Like, you know, when I was growing up, we had seven of us originally, then six of us, and you had one car.

ADUBATO: Hm.

Mayor HEALY: And nowadays if you have a typical family and you have teenage drivers and--you're going to have two, three, four, and five cars, and...

ADUBATO: And in urban areas like yours...

Mayor HEALY: In Jersey City we don't have that.

ADUBATO: You don't need that.

Mayor HEALY: We don't need that. One car or no...

ADUBATO: It's actually a problem to have all those cars.

Mayor HEALY: It's a--it's a terrible waste, and you know, we're using--for instance, the car I have. The car I inherited was a much larger car. When

the lease ran out, we got a four-cylinder. It doesn't burn gas. It's easy to get around, it's easier--and I know Doug has a hybrid that he uses.

ADUBATO: You have a hybrid? What do you got?

Mayor PALMER: I've got a--I'm not getting paid to announce what brand, you know. They're not paying me, but a Mercury Mariner hybrid. And you know, I drive a hybrid not for me, but for my five-year-old daughter because it's about the future. Talking about clean energy and going green and reducing greenhouse emissions, this isn't a fad. This is not something that will leave us. We need to reduce our energy independence.

And I'll tell you one of the things we did with our Trenton Green Initiative, and it's easy, looking at low-hanging fruit. I wanted to get our carbon footprint--that's what our carbon footprint is just with city buildings and our--and our...

ADUBATO: What the heck is the carbon footprint?

Mayor PALMER: How much carbon you use based on your electric consumption, it goes in the air and that...

ADUBATO: We're trying to make our footprint smaller, are we not?

Mayor PALMER: We're trying to make it smaller. I said, what are just the city buildings, not our state capital buildings or...

ADUBATO: All right.

Mayor PALMER: Ninety thousand tons of carbon every year that goes in the atmosphere, and that's a lot. How can we reduce it? PSE&G, through our loaned executive, one--he says one of the easiest things we could do, we've got about 2900 traffic signals. One of the ways to reduce that immensely is to do LED traffic signals, which will save our electric bill...

ADUBATO: LED? What's that mean?

Mayor PALMER: I don't know LED Is. You know, those LED lights, you know. Steve you're asking real tough questions

Mayor TORRES: Low energy--low energy, runs on solar.

ADUBATO: Oh, OK.

Mayor PALMER: Low energy, LEDs, traffic signals.

ADUBATO: By the way, this has turned into an environmental program.

Mayor PALMER: It does, but it's good. It will save us...

ADUBATO: It is important, isn't it?

Mayor PALMER: ...\$110,000...

ADUBATO: OK.

Mayor PALMER: ...a year on--every year on average...

ADUBATO: I got you.

Mayor PALMER: ...on our electric consumption.

ADUBATO: Let's--I got to--Joey, one more quick comment...

Mayor TORRES: Yes.

ADUBATO: ...on this because I want to move to some economic development issues. Real quick. Final comment on it.

Mayor TORRES: Well, cool Cities.

ADUBATO: Cool Cities?

Mayor TORRES: As simple as cool Cities. We ran a program through BPU and...

ADUBATO: Board of Public Utilities.

Mayor TORRES: ...and Department--and the Department of Environmental Protection. Cool Cities. Paterson was a heat bed as it related to the loss of--less forestry, tress. So Paterson is planting over 1500 trees a year under the school city program.

ADUBATO: In the city?

Mayor TORRES: Yes. In the city.

ADUBATO: All those trees?

Mayor TORRES: Absolutely. And so what does that give us?

ADUBATO: Yeah, what does that give you?

Mayor TORRES: It gives--it gives us--we had the highest asthma rate. So now we have our own purification of fresh air, our trees, the reduction in asthma. We see a significant reduction. In the summer, it's cooler...

ADUBATO: Right.

Mayor TORRES: ...so we don't have to waste more energy in air conditioning, and in the winter there's a buffer so it's warmer. So we get three wins, environmentally friendly, from the cool City program as planting trees.

Mayor PALMER: Exactly. We have 800 we're getting from a grant from the DEP...

ADUBATO: Eight hundred what?

Mayor PALMER: Trees, that we're planting as well as making more walkable areas in our city. Trenton was ranked eighth in the nation as walkable--eighth--eighth--best walkable city just last week and trees that help the environment...

ADUBATO: All right.

Mayor PALMER: ...the air pollution, the cooling, and walkable areas, and those are the kinds of things that we're doing in our city.

ADUBATO: Final one on this, Jerry.

Mayor HEALY: And we plant about 1,000 trees a year in Jersey City also, and why the cities are important and why they're considered sustainable and wise places environmentally to live is if you look at our state, all these houses are taking up big spaces. They're unattached. In the cities you've got two, three, and 10- and 100-family units. And that's a wiser way to live. You conserve all kinds of energy, space, cars, and that's why our city was named number two and New York was number one.

ADUBATO: All right. Before we go to this break, real quick, you guys, second most--what'd you call it--livable?

Mayor HEALY: Sustainable. Sustainable.

ADUBATO: Sustainable city. You guys number what?

Mayor HEALY: Eight.

ADUBATO: In what?

Mayor PALMER: Walkable.

ADUBATO: Joey, you got to jump in. Give me a number.

Mayor TORRES: I know that I'm in the--in the top...

ADUBATO: Make it up, it doesn't matter. Go ahead.

Mayor TORRES: No, no. I'm in the--I'm in the top hundred in the nation as walkable.

ADUBATO: You got a very walkable city. You got a walkable city.

Mayor HEALY: We're--I think we're in the top 12. What number are we?

ADUBATO: Number one?

Mayor HEALY: I think it was two. I think it was two.

ADUBATO: Look at you guys bragging all over the place.

Mayor HEALY: I think it was two.

ADUBATO: Let me just...

Mayor TORRES: And we still make energy using the water from our Great Falls.

ADUBATO: And let's hear it for the Great Falls in Paterson, right?

Mayor TORRES: That's right.

ADUBATO: I'll tell you what, folks. This is our final break. When we come back, this series is called--at William Paterson--"The Future of the American

City" so the question is, what exactly is that future? How bright it is--is it? And what are the biggest challenges our cities face. We'll be back right after this from the great William Paterson University. Stay with us. We'll be back right after this.

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ADUBATO: Welcome back, folks. This has been our two-part series on "The Future of the American Cities." I'm Steve Adubato. We're here at William Paterson University, and this is an opportunity for us to put out any question that we really want to, but I'm going to ask for tight answers. "The Future of the American Cities," right? The biggest reason for us to be optimistic, Mayor Healy, the biggest reason we have to be optimistic, with all the problems challenges you face--crime, drugs, you've got infrastructure problems, old infrastructure, right? You got the gang problem, all kinds of things. Biggest reason to be optimistic is...

Mayor HEALY: Well, you know, all of our cities here, we're the old urban centers and we're transportation hubs. There's train service, there's PATH stations, there's--and in our case, we got ferry service over to Manhattan. We have--we have what they call a sustainable cities. There's--everything is here in our cities. We have hotels. We have restaurants. Jobs, there are job centers...

ADUBATO: You taking some jobs from New York?

Mayor HEALY: There are job centers. We--you know, we don't try to. You know...

ADUBATO: But you do, right?

Mayor HEALY: Well, it happens. It happens.

ADUBATO: You go--you get along with Mayor Bloomberg?

Mayor HEALY: It's the greatest city in the world, and he's a great mayor. But I don't view them as our competitor.

ADUBATO: What do you mean they're not your competitor?

Mayor HEALY: They're not.

ADUBATO: They're only so many jobs to go around, right?

Mayor HEALY: Our futures--our successes are linked. As they succeed--as they

succeed, we succeed.

ADUBATO: You're not in any way in war, battling over jobs?

Mayor HEALY: No, we don't. I think that the overflow comes here. The better New York does, the better Jersey City's going to do. So I do not view them as competitors.

ADUBATO: Let me do this. The biggest--the greatest challenge you face with all the positive things you just mentioned, mayor, the great challenge that Jersey City faces over the next 10, 15 years is...

Mayor HEALY: Of course it's, you know, your finances are always a challenge. Public education is probably--is probably the biggest.

ADUBATO: Finances.

Mayor HEALY: Well, you know, stabilizing your taxes. Every year, you know, public safety is the first order of business for any government at any level, and you must hire police officers. You must have firefighters to make your city safe. And there are contract issues. There are unions. You inherit those contracts. Debt service that I have inherited and I'm sure everyone here...

ADUBATO: Bills from the other people that were there before?

Mayor HEALY: Absolutely. The bonding that took place. It's--the state...

ADUBATO: The borrowing?

Mayor HEALY: The state is now facing it. We face it here also. And that's like a fiscal legacy that you--that you have to deal with.

ADUBATO: Got you.

Mayor PALMER: You know what one of the greatest things is? The mayors put out--the US Conference of Mayors put out a survey and it's in line with what the American people are thinking now. It's not just the war in Iraq is the number one priority. People are concerned more about domestic crime than they are international terrorism, and they think that the domestic agenda is a top priority, and that means that you have to invest in cities. More people now are coming back to cities, like mine and Jersey City and Paterson and other cities. We have to make sure that we have a livable city, a safe city, but also that we put investment into infrastructure...

ADUBATO: What does that mean? Investment into infrastructure? I know you have a baseball stadium. Is that what you mean?

Mayor PALMER: Roads--no, roads, bridges, broadband network. Because more people want to live in cities. People are tired of sitting in traffic for an hour and a half waiting to go to places where there's not affordable housing.

ADUBATO: They want to live in cities?

Mayor PALMER: A lot of people--a lot of people want to...

ADUBATO: But not--Mr. Mayor, don't you also have to have--I mean, we talk

about the economic development side--you have a baseball stadium, the Trenton Thunder?

Mayor PALMER: Right. Champion...

ADUBATO: People go?

Mayor PALMER: Oh, absolutely. And to our...

ADUBATO: What, they're champions? I cut you off.

Mayor PALMER: Of course, they won--we're a Yankee franchise, AA franchise and just we just won the eastern league. Of course, our hockey team won two years ago. That's where this ring is from but...

ADUBATO: This big ring? I thought you won a Super Bowl.

Mayor PALMER: They--no, no...

ADUBATO: Get a close-up on this. Get a close-up. Put it up right here.

Mayor PALMER: The Titans...

ADUBATO: You got--you got this? What is this again?

Mayor PALMER: I paid for this, by the way. It wasn't a gift. Just so you know. But...

ADUBATO: You know you're in New Jersey when the mayor of Trenton has to make it clear he paid for the ring.

Mayor PALMER: Absolutely. Better now that after The Trentonian call me later, I'm going to tell you.

ADUBATO: Oh, so that's the paper you were talking about. But that's another story.

Mayor PALMER: That is another--that is another story.

ADUBATO: OK. But you got the Trenton Thunders. You got the hockey team. You got a lot of sexy activities going. You got restaurants coming. You have a hotel--you don't have a hotel...

Mayor PALMER: Yeah, we got a hotel. The Mariott.

ADUBATO: The hotel just came in--right--I'm only teasing you.

Mayor PALMER: But...

ADUBATO: Because for years you didn't have...

Mayor PALMER: But you know what we need? We need the state parking lots that are surface lots to be developed in the mixed-use development and have people with market rate and disposable income live in great spaces like they're living in Paterson...

ADUBATO: Right.

Mayor PALMER: ...and Jersey City overlooking our Delaware, that will create jobs and that will create even a better perception of our city.

ADUBATO: But the biggest challenge you face--before I go to Mayor Torres--the biggest challenge you face in succeeding--not you, I mean, Trenton, over the next 10 to 15 years is?

Mayor PALMER: State of New Jersey having the political will and the foresight to take these surface parking lots and help us develop them into mixed-use businesses for private sector and for people to live in and repopulate our downtown.

ADUBATO: Got you. Let me ask you, Mr. Mayor...

Mayor TORRES: Yes.

ADUBATO: Why are you particularly optimistic over the next 10 to 15 years?

Mayor TORRES: I think my greatest challenge as we continue to roll out these blueprints...

ADUBATO: You do the challenge or the optimistic part?

Mayor TORRES: The optimistic, I believe that, you know, we're doing good, and--but there's always room for improvement. We've had--Paterson has seen about a \$580 million growth economically since I took office. Over 2500 new units of housing. Center City, \$130 million. My Route 20 corridor. The state park has the Great Falls. We just recently rolled out a \$240 million expansion of our St. Joe's Hospital campus. So those are the things. However...

ADUBATO: You're painting a rosy picture here...

Mayor TORRES: What we see, though, that we're still seeing that there's a runaway treasury as it relates to decisions by binding arbitration. These contractual things--these debts, the erosion on the infrastructure that Doug talked about...

ADUBATO: For instance?

Mayor TORRES: A sewer line...

ADUBATO: What--a sewer line?

Mayor TORRES: A collapse of a sewer line, believe it or not, running less than, say, 100 feet, if it's your main line, you're looking at way over--close to \$2 million. What does that do when you look at 150 people living in Paterson and only 23,000 people are really contributing as far as your tax base. So I've been involved in increasing my tax base so I can spread out the debt, spread out the ratables, and show some growth. Now, the perception that Paterson, that the crime is running rampant...

ADUBATO: Is it?

Mayor TORRES: You know, I--my--I have the crime at the lowest it's been since 1965. According to the last year's--this current FBI report, all major crime

is down.

ADUBATO: Why is there a perception that it is a serious, serious...

Mayor TORRES: Because when the folks run out to my neighboring towns of Wayne and Prospect Park, which was really true all Patersonians, they left because they had the economic well being that they could move out, and we all want to move on out, like the Jeffersons. And where I was to leave, that their perception was, this is--we moved out, not because I had more money coming into my family, that I wanted a picket fence and a dog. They moved out and they--what they told their partner and their families was because it was getting bad.

ADUBATO: So wait, hold it. You're saying it's a perception thing...

Mayor TORRES: And that theme of getting bad...

ADUBATO: ...there?

Mayor TORRES: Yes, it is.

ADUBATO: You're making it sound like more of a perception thing than a real problem of crime.

Mayor TORRES: And it sure is. At 150,000, when you look at the--at the fact, and I do the same thing that Doug did, the CompStat, I got district command...

ADUBATO: Right.

Mayor TORRES: ...I got captains in charge, I got cease fire, I got cameras, I got shock spotters now, technology...

ADUBATO: Where you getting all the money for this stuff?

Mayor TORRES: Well, what you do is you put grants you get more grants, and then you use your money wisely. Obviously, if I want to go ahead and build the economy of our city and remove the perception, I got to prove to John Q. Public and all those that come in and work--live and work and play in my city, that I have a safe city. And to top that off, we just rolled out a new initiative and we're joining DCA, the Department of Community Affairs with an initiative, which you work, live and play. Teachers, nurses, public works employees. We will allow you to subsidize your home...

ADUBATO: If you live in the city.

Mayor TORRES: ...give you an incentive--if you live in the city.

Mayor PALMER: If you work there--and we had the same program...

Mayor TORRES: Work and live.

ADUBATO: A few minutes left. Real quick. Go ahead.

Mayor PALMER: We got \$75 million train station. We're doing \$100 million worth of development. But it is perception, and perception is reality. And quite frankly, as good as the things we're doing, one murder, especially if it's related to an innocent bystander...

ADUBATO: Right.

Mayor PALMER: ...is going to be in the news and it hurts us.

ADUBATO: And it should be, though, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor PALMER: And it should be, but there's sensationalism about this as well. At least balance it with some of the good things that you're doing and not just everything crime, crime, crime. There has to be a vested interest in the newspapers as well. However, we're up to the challenge. We're continuing to make our cities safer. Doing it in a comprehensive way, in terms of job training, re-entry programs, strengthening the families, getting kids back in the schools, but cities are where it's at right now. We just...

ADUBATO: Cities are hot.

Mayor TORRES: Cities are very hot.

Mayor PALMER: We need a partner with the federal government that will invest in cities because it's good for our economy, and it's good for our whole country.

ADUBATO: A minute and a half left. Mr. Mayor, I got to ask you...

Mayor HEALY: One other thing. Jersey City, home of the number one high school basketball team in the United States, St. Anthony's High School.

ADUBATO: I knew you'd get that in there. Have to say, I got--I got a minute and a half, right? We didn't talk about health care, but hospital closings, something I want--I know you want to talk about. Real--30 seconds, hospital closing.

Mayor HEALY: Well, we've lost Greenville--we're about to lose Greenville Hospital, in my opinion. Bayonne Hospital was teetering on the edge.

ADUBATO: Right.

Mayor HEALY: St. Mary's down in Hoboken was teetering to save...

ADUBATO: What does it mean when urban hospitals close?

Mayor HEALY: It's a problem. A lot of our--a lot of our constituents, when they get sick, when they have a problem, they go to the emergency room, and the money is just not there for the--for the--for the needy that hospitals used to get to pay for this...

ADUBATO: We need universal health care in the state of New Jersey?

Mayor HEALY: We'd like to see it. I'd like to see what it would cost. You know, I mean, we have to--we can only do what we can afford to do. But we have to do...

ADUBATO: Is there a will to have universal health care in the state of New Jersey?

Mayor HEALY: I just--I think so. I think Joe Vitale has some real good ideas

on that.

ADUBATO: Senator Vitale, head...

Mayor HEALY: Yes.

ADUBATO: ...of the Senate Health Committee, yes. But when those hospitals close, for a lot of people in urban areas, I mean, that's a killer, because the emergency room is their option.

Mayor HEALY: Yes.

ADUBATO: Because charity care means you can't be turned away.

Mayor HEALY: Absolutely, and we--there's--the money is drying up for charity care that was there now.

ADUBATO: Listen, why don't we do this? Because I know we have a studio audience here at the Shea Center for the Performing Arts at William Paterson. We're going to ask some questions after the show. But I'll tell you want, I want you to all join me in saying thank you to our distinguished panel of mayors.

To William Paterson, to Dr. Speert, to the faculty and staff of William Paterson, thank you for inviting us. "The Future of the American City." I'm Steve Adubato. Thank you so much.

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Ms. GLORIA GAYNOR (Honorary Chair, Susan G. Komen North Jersey Race for the Cure): The first Susan G. Komen North Jersey Race for the Cure is coming to my hometown of Newark, New Jersey, on May 4th, 2008. Hello, I'm Gloria Gaynor and I'm proud to be serving as honorary chair for this exciting event in Essex County Branch Brook Park. Join me and race for a cure. Together we can end breast cancer forever. And don't forget to have your annual mammogram.

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