



Battery Park City Authority

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STATEMENT OF BPCA CHAIRMAN DENNIS MEHIEL ON THE PASSING OF FORMER CHAIRMAN JAMES F. GILL

James Gill served as Battery Park City Authority Chairman from 1996-2010

“For a decade and a half James Gill led the Battery Park City Authority with wisdom, wit, and panache. It was his BPCA that created comprehensive environmental guidelines, and aggressively drove our master plan to completion with construction of sustainable residential, commercial, and school buildings. The Irish Hunger Memorial, Teardrop Park, the Skyscraper Museum, an expanded Museum of Jewish Heritage, and more – all a result of his vision for what Battery Park City could be. Beyond our 92 acres, across a longer tenure in public service, he advised governors, senators, and mayors, served as a Marine Corps lawyer and assistant district attorney, worked on education reform, led charitable organizations, among so much else. That James Gill stands like a colossus in the Irish-American community is without doubt; that his impact on our small corner of New York City is lasting and profound is equally so. We extend our deepest condolences to his family and loved ones – his was a life well-lived, and we are grateful for his many years of service.”