

COMMISSIONER MONESTIME, DIRECTOR PARKER,
DIRECTOR PATTERSON, MAJOR DANIELS...

DEAR FRIENDS...

THANK YOU FOR JOINING ME AS WE CELEBRATE
THE GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW ROSLYN
MCGRUDER CLARK NORTHSIDE DISTRICT POLICE
STATION.

THE NORTHSIDE DISTRICT HAS BEEN A VITAL
RESOURCE AND A PRESENCE HERE SINCE 1979,
AND TODAY MARKS A NEW BEGINNING IN THIS
LONG RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR POLICE
DEPARTMENT AND THIS COMMUNITY.

THIS STATION IS NAMED AFTER ROSLYN
MCGRUDER CLARK, WHOSE LIFE WAS CUT SHORT
AT AN EARLY AGE, BUT WHO LEFT A PRECIOUS
LEGACY OF CARING AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

THE ENERGY SHE PUT INTO HER WORK, HER LOVE
AND CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY OF OTHERS...

AND HER DEDICATION TO KEEPING THIS
NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE WAS THE HALLMARK OF HER
MANY YEARS OF POLICE SERVICE.

ROSLYN WAS THE HIGHEST-RANKED AFRICAN-AMERICAN FEMALE POLICE OFFICER IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND SHE WAS THE HEAD OF THE NORTHSIDE POLICE STATION.

SHE HAD A VERY "HANDS ON" APPROACH THAT INCLUDED REACHING OUT AND FORGING RELATIONSHIPS WITH RESIDENTS AND THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE.

THIS WAS COMMUNITY POLICING AT ITS BEST.

TODAY, ROSLYN'S WORK LIVES ON AND IS REFLECTED IN THE DESIGN OF THIS STATION THAT IS BASED ON "COMMUNITY POLICING PRINCIPLES."

THE NEW NORTHSIDE DISTRICT STATION SERVES AS AN EXTENSION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD IT SERVES.

IT PROVIDES A WELCOMING ENTRANCE PLAZA AND LOBBY THAT ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TO VISIT THE STATION AND INTERACT WITH POLICE. IT ALSO HAS A MEETING HALL FOR TOWN-HALL MEETINGS AND OTHER SIMILAR EVENTS.

THE STATION WILL HOUSE COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICES THAT SUPPORT OUTREACH SERVICE IN A PLEASANT CIVIC ENVIRONMENT.

AS WITH MANY OF OUR PUBLIC BUILDINGS, THE OUTSIDE AREA CONTAINS A GREAT PIECE OF PUBLIC ART.

THE SCULPTURE OUTSIDE IS BY FLORIDA BASED ARTIST JEFRE FIGUERAS MANUEL AND IS INSPIRED BY THE FINGERPRINTING THAT POLICE UNDERTAKE AS PART OF THEIR WORK.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, THIS STATION IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE POLICE OFFICERS WITH ALL THE RESOURCES THEY NEED TO SOLVE CRIMES AND KEEP THIS PART OF OUR COMMUNITY SAFE.

FINALLY, I KNOW COMMISSIONER MONESTIME HAS FOUGHT HARD FOR THE OPENING OF THIS STATION...

AND YOU HAVE RECOGNIZED THAT OUR INVESTMENT IN A NEW STATION FOR THIS AREA WILL SERVE TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO COME HERE TOO.

THERE WERE DELAYS, BUT THE DAY IS NOW HERE.

LET ME THANK ALL WHO WORKED ON MAKING THIS DAY POSSIBLE...

ESPECIALLY THE INTERNAL SERVICES DIRECTOR, LESTER SOLA, AND HIS TEAM WHO MANAGED THIS PROJECT AND BROUGHT IT TO A SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION ONCE AND FOR ALL.

TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE NORTHSIDE DISTRICT, YOUR NEW STATION IS OPEN...

AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AS A TEAM TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE AND TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF ALL WHO LIVE HERE.

THANK YOU ALL!

