



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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American Red Cross Greater New York  
520 West 49<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, New York 10019  
ATTN: Gail J. McGovern, President and CEO

Dear Ms. McGovern:

As you are aware, Superstorm Sandy inflicted unthinkable destruction throughout New York and New Jersey. Our City of Long Beach was particularly ravaged by the storm surge, bringing untold damages in the millions to our infrastructure, homeowners and businesses.

We are extremely dismayed by published reports stating that the American Red Cross is going to continue withholding donated funds for an additional "18 to 24 months." Our residents and business owners have been devastated by Superstorm Sandy, and they cannot afford to wait any longer. Time is of the essence as the people of Long Beach are putting their lives back together. It is absolutely critical that any donations received for Sandy victims are actually allocated to them. There is still an urgent need for financial assistance, and any help your organization can provide is greatly appreciated.

The people of the City of Long Beach deserve the help of the American Red Cross. The City Council of the City of Long Beach urges the American Red Cross to accelerate the release of the donated funds making those funds readily available to the residents and businesses of our City.

We look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible. Please contact the City Manager's office at 516-431-1001 to schedule a meeting with Jack Schnirman, our City Manager, to begin a conversation regarding this urgent matter.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Scott J. Mandel  
City Council President

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City Council Vice President

Eileen J. Goggin  
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