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## **MAYOR MAPP MEETS WITH SENIORS AT PLAINFIELD SENIOR CENTER**

**Plainfield, NJ – March 5, 2014** – Mayor Adrian Mapp met with approximately 100 seniors at Plainfield Senior Center this morning, inaugurating a regular meeting on the first Wednesday of every month. Mapp spoke about his vision for Plainfield, the cabinet he has put together, and the challenges the city faces.

“I come here today to pay tribute to all of you,” Mapp told the audience. “You are the shoulders upon which this city stands.”

Mapp spoke to his priorities of public safety, economic development, and rebranding the city, receiving warm applause from those in the room when he spoke of the need to change public perception of Plainfield. “We are a great city,” he said. “We have our challenges, but we are going to put an end to the negativity.”

During the 90-minute interactive session, attendees raised questions about the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority (PMUA), pothole repair, and vehicles traveling at excessive speeds throughout the city.

“I am attempting to change the PMUA, but the Council is blocking my appointments for purely political reasons,” said Mapp. “I understand politics, but we need to have a Council that puts your needs, and the needs of the city, above politics.”

When addressing the issue of pothole repair, Mapp noted that no one could have predicted the intensity of this winter and praised the Department of Public Works for an excellent job. He said that the city is investigating the purchase of a machine that will allow one person to travel throughout the city and make repairs, but that won’t happen in time for this season.

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Finally, Mapp said that he is committed to the concept of community policing, pledging that more police officers will be visible in downtown Plainfield and throughout the city and security cameras will be installed throughout the city as well. "I want to do what is right, what is fair, and what is best for Plainfield," he said. "I reject the idea that one part of our city is safer, or has more access to services, than any other neighborhood. We are one Plainfield, and we will not be what we can be until we all share equally in that vision."

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