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Dear Elena:

Even for me our meeting was somewhat jam packed with information for that early hour. Still, I was delighted that someone who bid on and won my time (and supported a very important congregation, as well) came to the breakfast with issues to discuss and was able to lay them out so substantively and speedily.

I learned a lot just from listening to what you said and I look forward to having a more comprehensive review of both the correspondence and the case material. I will be asking a few people I know who have some experience with and interest in judicial selection and accountability to look at the material for me and keep me informed on what they learn.

I can respond even much more quickly to the other matters you mentioned as I was leaving. I am pleased that things are going well at the boat basin since this has been an area of attention and concern for me since I first got elected to the City Council.

My entire office staff is very much aware of the fierce spread of rats, throughout the borough, in Central Park and, particularly, in Northern Manhattan. You might wish to see the enclosed notices of work we have been doing on this issue recently. As someone who walks early in the morning in Central Park for excercise when the weather allows I have often noticed the problem caused by the lack of refuse containers and actually had an exchange of correspondence with the commissioner on this matter, copies of which are also enclosed.

Thanks again for our breakfast and for all the information which you made available. Feel free to keep me advised as your work at the Center progresses.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Messinger