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*Private companies, fuel suppliers, local governments, vehicle manufacturers, national laboratories, state and federal government agencies, and other organizations join together under Clean Cities to implement alternative-transportation solutions in their communities.*

— From the Clean Cities website

Members,

For 16 years, GLICCC and its stakeholders have worked together towards a common goal: promoting the use of alternative fuels and alternative fuel vehicles in order to improve our environment while reducing our dependence on foreign oil. In that time, GLICCC has established itself as one of the premier Clean Cities coalitions in the country. Together we have worked to provide funding that put hundreds of vehicles on the road, built alternative fuel stations, and reduced petroleum use in our region by multiple millions of gallons. We have educated local governments and municipalities, private business and the public about the benefits of alternative fuels.

As with any other venture, our coalition has overhead expenses. In the past, GLICCC has been able to support itself in various ways: by the generous sponsorship support of our stakeholders, from administrative fees provided by the National Clean Cities program (these fees have been significantly reduced due to budgetary restrictions) and by using a very small portion of grant funding we have received (a percentage that is far smaller than generally used). We strive to keep our expenses as low as possible while trying to increase sponsorship.

GLICCC is winding down our very successful American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant. While we are pleased that the completion of this grant means five more CNG stations on Long Island and over 150 additional vehicles on the road, it also means that we can no longer depend on this funding as a means of managing our overhead.

Simply put, GLICCC must now look to other ways to sustain itself in order to continue to provide our services to the community, which brings me to the point of this letter. After careful consideration of funding options by the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, GLICCC will be instituting an annual membership fee. Up to this point, GLICCC had been the only Clean Cities coalition in the country that did not charge a membership fee.

We have reviewed the membership fees of other coalitions, along with other organizations on Long Island, and have made every effort to offer a variety of membership options that will be attractive and affordable to you, our stakeholders. These membership options are attached.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your past support as well as your continued belief in our future and the mission we promote. Together we will make the place we live better for all.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dominick A. Longobardi".

Dominick A. Longobardi  
Chairman