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I. Letter from the Chairs

Hey Delegates!

My name is Gabi, and I am a freshman at Stony Brook University, double majoring in Political Science and Economics. I am also an Edison Alumnus, I graduated in 2025 closing MUN 13's chapter with my fellow co-chair. I am so excited to be back and chairing for Mayors First Day, and look forward to meeting all of you!

Best of luck,
Gabrielle Salins

Hello Delegates,

My name is Jessica Baba, and I am a freshman at Williams College, double majoring in Political Economy and History. Like Gabi, I graduated from Edison in 2025 and had the honor of serving as the Director of MUN 13. I love NYC. I was born and raised in Queens, so I really appreciate the hustle and bustle of city life as well as its diversity. I hope you guys can save our concrete jungle from collapsing!

Best of luck,
Jessica Baba

II. Topic: Background

It is the year 2050, and NYC is still the largest city in the USA with over 10 million people. This is the city that never sleeps. It's a global financial center, with places like the New York Stock Exchange and Wall Street generating over \$73.4 billion in tax revenue. Home to Broadway, the Met, major sports teams, and many diverse neighborhoods, NYC is also a cultural hub.

The mayoral elections in NYC take place in early November every four years, but this year is special because the previous mayor was impeached after 2 years for reasons yet to be disclosed... The mayor was responsible for the management, integrity, and operation of all city agencies, including (but not limited to) the NYPD, FDNY, and public schools. The Mayor sets

policy, proposes and manages the city's budget, appoints commissioners, and holds veto power over city council legislation. The Governor of NY holds supreme authority over the entire state, including control over the MTA and the power to override or remove the mayor. In addition, the Governor controls state funding, including aid to localities like NYC.

The MTA is MIA

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority has served New Yorkers since the first line was released in 1904. Since then, it has expanded from one line to many, crossing the five boroughs and overlapping with one another.

In 2048 the first train lines began to default, starting with the numbered 1,2 and 3 lines shutting service off into Harlem and downtown New York. These technical issues were left unresolved, forcing New Yorkers to seek alternative methods of transport into those areas. This was followed by the 4,5,6 and 7 trains in early 2029. Technical issues, power outages and abandoned construction sites were left untouched. Routes all the way from the Bronx, to Queens, connecting to Manhattan and back into Jackson Heights were compromised.

Finally, in 2049, New Yorkers saw an unprecedented era that altered travel altogether. The MTA's designated number lines had all failed, at different times, each left untouched, followed by the B,D,F,M,Z,J,N,Q,R,W, and L lines. The A,C and E lines remain up and working; however, nearly all the other lines had defaulted, leaving New Yorkers with a packed commute to and from work.

While the governor has direct power over the MTA, this is an issue that also affects how New Yorkers view the mayor.

Mayoral Drama

The city sure has gotten worse over the years, and many point their finger at Governor Bill DeFabio. Rumor has it that Governor DeFabio was colluding with the previous mayor, Michael Bloomberg. Mayor Bloomberg was elected in 2048 with the endorsement of Governor DeFabio, but his time as mayor was cut short in 2050. Bloomberg claims that Governor DeFabio told him to work with Lucky Luciano, leader of the biggest Italian Mafia group in the city, to funnel drugs all over the NYC streets and take a cut of the profits. Yet, the public began to catch on to Mayor Bloomberg's suspicious growth of wealth after he was caught taking lavish trips to Turkey every week, with no explanation of how he got the money to do so. When Reporter David Mewer investigated the previous mayor and found out that he was conspiring with the Mafia, he released the headline story to the public, and protests around NYC erupted. In response, Governor Bill DeFabio removed Bloomberg's position as mayor,

which is why some people still believe that Governor DeFabio is a neutral party. The NYC Council spent a great deal of the budget trying to cover up the situation. Now, the city will have to make budget cuts to education, the police, social services for migrants, council member salaries, and/or homeless shelters in order to account for the lower budget.

With the ousting of Mayor Michael Bloomberg, a special election was held to replace him. While Governor DeFabio offered support to previous Governor William Stiller, who was running for mayor, the people's choice, Rohan Ambani, won by a landslide. However, Mayor Ambani has a lot of obstacles ahead of him, including Governor DeFabio. Not only do the two disagree on their plans for NYC, but Mayor Ambani is suspicious of Governor DeFabio's connection to the mafia and displeased by his handling of the state. The previous mayor and the current governor didn't do anything to address failing infrastructure, including flooded train lines and stations and rising homelessness, and similarly, failed to take notice of a new disease spreading slowly through New York State. On the same note, Governor DeFabio does not like Mayor Ambani because the new elect likes to play by the rules and stick to the books.

Despite all of the drama, the mayor and governor are going to have to find a way to work together to solve the issues plaguing NYC and decide which programs to keep or to cut.

Covid 2.0?

Around 2048, a mysterious pathogen began to spread in Staten Island which was the epicenter of the drug crisis in NYC. People began displaying symptoms such as fever, cough, fatigue, congestion, vomiting, and loss of taste/smell. While many like the previous mayor, Michael Bloomberg, and Governor DeFabio have been touting the virus as a consequence of the persistent drug use on the island, Dr. Antonella Fauci (insert title maybe chair of CDC or other health related thing) has been sounding the alarm bells about a potential epidemic that will be more fatal than Covid.

Over the past two years, this virus was mostly contained on Staten Island and saw close to 10,000 fatalities. Nonetheless, the number of New Yorkers demonstrating symptoms of the virus outside of Staten Island continues to grow, and that number is already in the hundreds.

III. Topic: History

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IV. Current situation: Impact on New York City

Following the complete shut down of the subway system, millions of New Yorkers crowded the bus system in an attempt to make it back home. Due to the limited space on the buses, many missed the opportunity to hitch a bus ride home and turned to the transportation company, Uber (should we change the name). Now, those who must report to work in-person and used to rely on public transit now depend on Uber. During this crisis, Uber has made over \$1 billion in profit.

With a decrease in the budget for the NYC local government, city councilors are divided on where to make budget cuts. The (Name) led by (city council member) believe that cuts should be made at an equal percentage rate across education, NYPD, social services, council member salaries, and homeless shelters to prevent public scrutiny. On the other hand, the (name) believe that cuts should be made to education, social services, and council member salaries, since there is increasing mafia related crimes and high homelessness due to people spending

their savings on drugs. Without any cuts to the budget, the city government will not have enough money to solve the issues related to this current crisis.

Finally, the implications of the spread of this new virus are already well known. With a fatality rate of 50% and over 10,000 people already dead, the virus continues to spread across NYC, and it is making its way into New York state. Since tourists are constantly visiting NYC and New Yorkers are constantly traveling around the world, this virus has the potential to cause a pandemic around the world. Healthcare workers are already finding it difficult to take care of patients and find a way to make it to work on time.

Timeline

2046: The Governor and the Mayor begin collusion with the mafia

2047: Drugs begin to get funneled into the city

2048: The Previous mayor is elected, while train lines begin to default and a new disease begins to spread

2049: The governor and mayor are caught colluding, amidst numbered train lines having failed completely

2050: The mayor resigns and elections are held, at which point a new mayor is elected, amidst all train lines having failed, with the exception of the A,C,E lines, and Staten island becomes overrun with disease and thus becomes uninhabitable.

V. Questions to Consider

- What is the most important issue currently on the table?
- What immediate steps should be taken to ensure stability for New Yorkers?
- What are some short and long term policies that can be implemented to avoid exacerbating the situation?
- What should you cut from the budget to ensure you have enough money for this crisis?
- Who stands to gain the most from the current crisis?
- Who should be spearheading the initiatives towards bettering the state of NYC?
- What role should technology play in the efforts of the committee as a whole?
- How should the media be managed to prevent widespread panic and unrest?
- What long-term measures should be implemented to prevent future crises of this magnitude?

VI. Character List

William Stiller (Previous Governor) William Sulzer

William Stiller is the previous governor of New York, having been impeached before the election of Bill DeFabio on the counts of fraud and money laundering, largely hidden from the public eye. Accusations of campaign fraud contrary to his political agenda have floated around for years, and finally came to a head when an investigation was opened. William Stiller was committed to reform, turning the power away from party bosses and concentrated party power. Under his leadership, there was an excess of political party conflict and reformist resistance. During the last Mayoral Election, he ran independently, backed by Michael Bloomberg, but lost to Rohan Ambani.

Rohan Ambani (Mayor Elect) Zohran Mamdani

Rohan Ambani is the Mayor Elect of New York, a socialist politician with strengths in grassroots organizing. He started as an Assembly member for New York state, pushing initiatives relating to public transportation and resisting the influence of inflation. Similarly, Ambani has won popularity with the people of New York due to his stance on freezing rent, and addressing systemic inequality. He is seen as a progressive figure to the people of NYC and hopes are high that he will achieve his goals. He had a rocky election, winning by a landslide but remains largely skeptical of Current Governor Bill DeFabio, and his ties to people that do not support his agenda.

Bill DeFabio (Current Governor) Bill de Blasio

Bill DeFabio is the current Governor, successor to William Stiller. Bill DeFabio is a progressivist, representing many issues, most prominently universal schooling, and affordable housing plans. While he and Mayor Elect Rohan Ambani represent many of the same issues, they remain highly skeptical of one another. Bill DeFabio is currently operating under the assumption from the people that he was in fact, colluding with former mayor Michael Bloomberg and the Italian mob boss. During the election of Mayor Ambani, DeFabio largely supported his predecessor William Stiller, failing however to secure the amount of votes needed.

Henrietta Clinton (Current President) Hillary Clinton

Henrietta Clinton is the current president of the United States. Her life prior to the presidency covers law, diplomacy and advocacy. She has a history in national security and has often worked with New York's leaders to provide help with regards to reform and infrastructure improvement. At the present time, she supports Rohan Ambani as Mayor elect, and has openly declared support for him. To this extent, Ambani's critics such as Michael Bloomberg and William Stiller have remained silent on her presidency, being that she is the first female president to take office, and rarely work alongside her.

David Mewer (Reporter) David Muir

David Mewer is a popular news anchor, representing his network, The David Mewer Show. He has covered stories spanning from William Stiller's time to Michael Bloomberger, and most recently, the election of Henrietta Clinton and Rohan Ambani. Mewer has had interactions with a lot of high ranking politicians during his time as a reporter, and continues to deliver ground breaking news to his audience. His viewership has remained strong over the years, with a mainly progressive audience. Regardless of the current political climate or events that take place, you can be sure that David Mewer is the lead reporter on the situation and the first person to cover it.

Lucky Luciano (Italian Mafia Kingpin)

Lucky Luciano is an Italian Mafia Kingpin, originally from Sicily, and moving to the Bronx. An immigrant from Italy, Lucky Luciano renounced Sicilian hierarchies and adopted a commission based system that promoted cooperation between families within several crime networks within the city. He has been charged on counts of money laundering and trafficking on several occasions however he has done time on both charges and currently resides with his family in Parkchester. Despite his criminal history, he is known for having operated as a CI for the US Government, and has collaborated with them on multiple occasions in return for a reduced sentence.

Lady Rara (Recording Artist) Lady Gaga

Lady RaRa is an extremely popular recording Artist that dabbles in both Makeup and the acting industry. Her albums have been streamed on multiple platforms, by the people of NYC, and those around the United States. A woman with multiple investments, she holds her own makeup brand, House Labs, and has been featured in a recent film, Lucci House, directed by GMG. She has received multiple awards in the music, and theater industries, and has received several Golden Sphere awards. Her initiatives include representation, including the fight for Gender and LGBTQ plus rights, as well as mental health and anti bullying initiatives.

Addison Bay (Influencer) Addison Rae

Addison Bay is a popular SlipTok personality, with a following of over 80 million people. Born Generation Alpha, she makes most of her money online, dancing to popular audios and hopping on the latest trends among her followers and those on the platform. She dabbles in TenFlix, acting in several TV shows, as well as launching her music career. She is extremely popular to the younger audience, capturing attention in short 10 second video clips. Her following extends slightly to the older generation, as she occasionally voices her opinions on current events and how they shape, following the SlipTok ban earlier this year. That being said, most of her content is centered around popular trends and social culture.

Vee LonMusk (Creator of Vesta, billionaire) Elon Musk

Vee LonMusk is one of the most successful entrepreneurs of today's world. He has launched his own brand of Air-cars, that run electronically and has become a billionaire because of its success. Vesta was launched prior to the election of Rohan Ambani and has taken off ever since then. Vee LonMusk also runs one of the largest social media platforms, Z, a platform mostly for the older generation to voice their opinions about any particular topic. Vee LonMusk's political views remain largely unknown, although several rumors have floated around after the launch of Vesta, pointing to possible affiliations with Lucky Luciano.

Mother Trisha (Humanitarian) Mother Teresa

Mother Trisha is a humanitarian, residing in Astoria, Queens. A humble figure, Mother Trisha tries to stay out of the political spotlight, and rather works behind the scenes, mostly in charity. Her initiatives have surrounded the issues of poverty and world hunger. She has also dabbled in medical malpractice and abandonment, funding and starting several charities in that area. She has won several awards for her work, including a Nobel Peace Prize, but has faced scrutiny regarding her viewpoints on medical standards. She remains a positive figure for those in need.

Sam Elderman (SB AI) Sam Altman

Sam Altman was an up and coming technician from Slice Valley, having gone viral for coding his own AI program, SB AI. Now the CEO behind one of the biggest programs on the internet, he holds several symposiums to talk about his process and future plans. His focus is primarily centered on AI alignment, and economic disruption. As the creator of something that could very well transform future job markets, he works regularly with federal officials to implement his expertise in a manner that is beneficial to all. His political beliefs are currently unknown, however rumor has it that there are several federal agencies looking to buy his program from him.

Rita Duneberg (Environmental Activist) Greta Thunburg

Rita Duneberg is an Environmental activist from Poland. She is 18 years old and has already made significant strides to catalyze the movement regarding climate change. With significant influence over the younger generation, Rita Duneberg has already addressed federal agencies, and made her stance known on a global scale. She is known for being a strong advocate for her beliefs, and for the betterment of the globe, refusing to bend her will to the power of elites, rather challenging them on issues as she sees fit. While several praise her for her support for environmental issues, many, especially elites see her as a problem.

Glinda Elwood (Education Activist) Glinda

Glinda Elwood is a teacher, and an Education Activist. Primarily seen as someone who works well with younger children, she speaks on behalf of students with disabilities, with regards to their learning styles, and how to better serve the younger population. When Rohan

Ambani became Mayor of New York, she became the face of Education reform, urging him to bring back Bill DeFabio's policy regarding universal pre-schooling. Her demands have yet to be met, considering the high tension between Rohan Ambani and Bill DeFabio. Despite this, she continues to protest, and write letters to both the mayor and the governor, seemingly intent on doing whatever possible to achieve her goals.

Alexis Hamilton (PHD Political Science Student) Alexander Hamilton

Alexis Hamilton is a Political Science PHD Student and candidate, currently attending NYU. Her concentration is primarily in American Government and Finance, studying the history of the United States and applying it to her research. As of late, she has kept track of current events, and has started to take note of alleged flaws in the system. She is at constant odds with public enemy Ariana Burd, a fellow student, an academic rival if you will. Alexis Hamilton currently advocates via social media and in person-protests for stabilizing public credit and establishing a central banking system for the United States.

Ariana Burd (Law Student) Aaron Burr

Ariana Burd is a Law Student at NYU, currently pursuing Criminal Justice. Her academic transcript is close to flawless, like that of her peer Alexis Hamilton. The two constantly compete for academic prestige, attempting to outdo the other in their endeavors. As a law student, Ariana Burd is well versed in the inner and outer workings of the legal system. She takes note of when Alexis speaks out on issues and makes an attempt to challenge it, leading to a split between those that witness it, leading many to believe the word of one over the other. Political officials have remained silent on this dispute, but the differences between the two of them may prove to have a bigger impact on public opinion than most things.

Michael Bloomburger (Previous Mayor) Michael Bloomberg

Michael Bloomburger is the previous mayor of NYC, predecessor to Rohan Ambani. Prior to his election, Michael Bloomburger had a close relationship with previous governor William Stiller. During the election in which Ambani was voted into office, he strongly endorsed Stiller, failing however when Ambani won the vote. Mayor Bloomburger was kicked out of office when it was found that he was taking a cut of drug profits from the Italian mafia. Public suspicion arose, when Bloomburger began taking increasingly outrageous trips to Turkey. When convicted he argued strongly that it was DeFabio that made him take the money, leaving many conflicted on the issue.

Antonella Fauci (Doctor) Anthony Fauci

Antonella Fauci is a doctor, having obtained her PHD from University of Miami. She has been around since the 2019 covid pandemic, remaining a prominent figure in the fight against global diseases. She first worked for the NIH, then moved on to support the US government directly. Her area of expertise remains specifically in the HIV/AIDS department,

though she works with both viral and bacterial diseases as well. Amid political polarization, Fauci remains a neutral stance, often sticking to the medical field, and refusing to step into the political spotlight when asked about polarizing events.

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