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I am sorry that a prior commitment prevents me from appearing here tonight. However, I would like the opportunity to have this STATEMENT read as an indication of my commitment and concern for a problem which has vexed not only Palisades Park but also many of our neighboring communities for quite sometime.

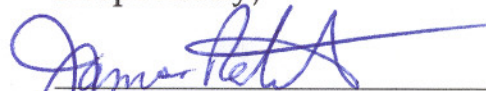
I have asked Sgt. Ramos to read this statement and also to submit some of the many photographs which the town has taken in an effort to portray in some way the impact on our community.

I am most anxious to review the recommendations of the Governor's Blue Ribbon Advisory Board on Immigrant Policy.

I am hoping that along with the Advisory Board's recommendations and the comments of Mayor Michael Wildes and the representative from the Guatemalan Consulate a new and better understanding evolves – one which is steeped in the possible benefits to everyone concerned – including the many store owners and residents who must deal with undocumented residents on a daily basis.

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules and coming here tonight to face this problem head on.

Respectfully,



Mayor James Rotundo