

## **Becker, Blumberg & Amodeo Start Their "Neighborhood Listening Tour" this Saturday *Opt for Tele-Town Hall In Place of Forum***

**Margate, NJ:** Mike Becker, Maury Blumberg and John Amodeo will kick-off their "Neighborhood Listening Tour" this Saturday and will be going door-to-door over the next few weeks to meet with residents personally to discuss the issues facing Margate and answer any questions that they may have.

"I've had the great honor of serving as Margate's Mayor for the last twelve years and in that time I've worked every day to solve problems, deliver results and make a difference," said Mike Becker.

"Our Neighborhood Listening Tour' is an opportunity to talk with as many people as possible to explain the problems and solutions we've developed during my last term and answer any questions they may have," said Mike Becker. "I know that talking with people directly is the best way to address their priorities, understand their needs and earn their support."

Scheduling conflicts have derailed the proposed Margate Town Hall Forum and with the logistical deadlines for securing a venue and moderator looming, Becker, Blumberg and Amodeo will provide several alternative measures to communicate with voters:

- 1. Scheduling a Telephone-Town Hall Meeting for late April, early May - it's a unique virtual forum that serves as the most convenient and comprehensive communication tool available.**
- 2. They've established a campaign hotline # for people to call and ask questions, receive more information and learn their schedule.**
- 3. Conduct an ongoing Door-to-Door campaign to meet with residents, listen to their concerns and benefit from their advice and feedback.**

These three measures will provide Margate residents with the opportunity to speak or meet with the Commissioners and afford them more time to discuss the issues of important to them.

"As well intentioned as the town hall forum was, there are drawbacks - it's a one-time event, with limited duration, and the majority in attendance won't get a chance to ask questions or directly discuss issues with the commissioners," said Blumberg.

"We can reach more people and answer more questions by utilizing the tele-town hall technology that allows for direct engagement, in real time," Blumberg stated.

"All three of us are passionate about Margate and we pride ourselves on serving our community and interacting with of all our residents," said Amodeo. "So while the forum didn't work out, we've developed several ways to communicate with residents and look forward to doing so over the next six weeks."

Becker, Blumberg and Amodeo would like to thank the Margate Business Association and Margate Homeowners Association for their efforts to coordinate and prepare the forum and look forward to working with them on future endeavors.