

STATEMENT FROM SENATOR ELAINE PHILLIPS

ELAINE PHILLIPS July 28, 2017

"Today's decision by the Franchise Oversight Board to recommend the Empire State

Development Corporation (ESDC) issue a formal RFP for development at Belmont Park is a

positive first-step in providing a long overdue economic boost for our region. It is time for
the untapped potential of Belmont Park to be realized and for ESDC to review proposals that
will enhance the existing horseracing industry, while bringing new jobs and opportunities to
Long Island."