

**NYPIRG STRAPHANGERS CAMPAIGN**  
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# **STATEMENT ON RESIGNATION OF MTA CHAIRMAN JOSEPH LHOTA**

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The Straphangers Campaign gives good marks to MTA Chairman and CEO Joseph Lhota for the year he spent running the mega-agency.

This assessment is based on the MTA's:

- restoring transit service quickly after the devastating super storm Sandy;
- finding hundreds of millions of dollars in transit cost savings;
- adding/restoring \$30 million in bus and subway service, which had been cut in 2010; and
- improving relations with State and City elected officials, the transit labor unions and the riding public.

We disagreed with Chairman Lhota over the just-adopted fare increase, which will take effect in March. But we share his hope that new State and City aid will prevent a looming fare hike just two years from now.

**There have been six MTA leaders in the last six years. That has not helped the cause of winning safe, reliable and affordable transit.\***

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- MTA Chairman Peter Kalikow, MTA CEO Katherine Lapp (2001-2007)
  - \*MTA Chairman Dale Hemmerdinger, MTA CEO Lee Sander (2007-2009)
  - MTA Chairman and CEO Jay Walder (2009-2011)
  - MTA Chairman and CEO Joseph Lhota (2012)