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MINER OUTLINES VISION FOR SYRACUSE, BUILDING ON EIGHT YEARS OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

*In the Mayor's Eighth State of the City Address, Miner Lays Out Accomplishments,
Tough Choices Made and Details Plan for 2017*

*Miner: Syracuse Has a Brighter Future Because Of Our Tough Choices, Hard Work,
and Innovation*

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Mayor Stephanie A. Miner tonight outlined her vision for the future of City of Syracuse, building on the accomplishments her administration has made during the last eight years. The Mayor delivered her speech tonight in the Persian Terrace at the Marriott Downtown Syracuse, the historic Hotel Syracuse in the heart of Downtown.

“Our City has a brighter future because of the tough choices, hard work, and innovation we have witnessed during the course of my administration,” said **Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner**. “We are rebuilding neighborhoods and downtown – culminating in reopening the beautiful Hotel Syracuse - improving graduation rates, and affirming our commitment to being an inclusive and welcoming City. The state of our City is strong and I believe we are all hopeful for the future.”

During Mayor Miner's speech, she highlighted the administration's priorities, including:

- **Deploying the new ShotSpotter system.** An innovative new technology, ShotSpotter uses audio sensors to triangulate the precise coordinates of shots fired-a crime which statistically goes underreported. This new technology, when deployed later this year across a three mile area of the City, will enable police officers to respond to the exact spot gunfire occurred to more quickly investigate and apprehend suspects.



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- **Implementing Blue Courage.** Blue Courage is a de-escalation program which holistically helps police officers deal with stressful situations and learn new tactics to diffuse conflict on the streets. Syracuse will be the first locality in New York State to introduce Blue Courage to its police department.
- **Declaring Syracuse a Sanctuary City.** The Mayor affirmed Syracuse's commitment to being a tolerant, welcoming, and inclusive city which will continue to embrace diversity. Mayor Miner committed that the Syracuse Police Department will not use their resources to aid in federal immigration enforcement measures.
- **Bringing the Greystone Building Back to Life.** The former Central Tech High School, located on the southern edge of Downtown near the Hotel Syracuse, has not been used as a school building since 1975. The Mayor announced she will ask the Syracuse Board of Education to begin the process to decommission the school so then the City, which owns school buildings, can call for creative proposals to put the building back into productive use.
- **Releasing the Final Infrastructure Report.** Following over a year of work concentrating on the area of infrastructure, the Mayor's Office of Innovation has released its final report with recommendations on how to manage and improve the City's infrastructure. The full report is available for public review at the City website.
- **Expanding the Use of Smoke Detectors.** The Syracuse Fire Department, with the assistance of the City's Chief Data Officer, will work on developing an algorithm to determine houses which are likely to not have working smoke detectors. Firefighters will then do targeted outreach in those neighborhoods to ensure homes are properly equipped.

Tonight's audience was welcomed to the Marriott Syracuse Downtown by Ed Riley, Managing Member of the Hotel Syracuse Restoration Corporation. An invocation was delivered by The Rev. Phil Turner of Bethany Baptist Church. Students from families of New Americans led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor was welcomed to the stage by Common Council Majority Leader Steven Thompson. A benediction was delivered by the Rev. Msgr. Neal Quartier, Rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

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The full version of the Mayor's State of the City address, along with photos, video, and the accompanying slide presentation, can be found on the City's website, www.syr.gov.net.

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