

Citizens for Secure Internet Exchanges

Proposal for New York City Internet Purchase Exchange Locations

Overview: With the increasing popularity of apps and websites like OfferUp, LetGo, Craigslist, and Facebook, people continue to meet strangers to buy, sell and trade goods without any sense of security. There are currently no secure locations in New York City or New York State where people can barter. As a result many citizens, especially young entrepreneurs, are victims of robbery and assault. To combat this problem, many other cities and states have instituted Internet Purchase Exchange Locations (IPELs) that seek to protect individual transactions that otherwise end awry.

Initiative: To establish internet purchase exchange locations across the city monitored by the NYPD. An IPEL is a place where the public can conduct transactions generated from online websites (i.e. Craigslist, Offerup, Letgo, [Buying and Selling Everything NYC](#)).

Note: Police Officers shall not be permitted to participate in deals or act as a witnesses for the transactions. Additionally, officers cannot offer legal advice or settle civil disputes that might arise from these transactions. Moreover, deals involving weapons or any type of drug paraphernalia are prohibited from the IPEL.

Purpose: To ensure a safe environment to conduct trade. Craigslist, for instance, recorded its 100th related murder last December in Gary, Indiana, according to the [Advanced Interactive Media Group](#).

See the short attached list of transactions that ended in assault or robbery in New York City. This list scratches the surface of bad deals and it is our goal to limit this list from growing.

Solution: IPELs are public places that offer protection for peace of mind and security for private transactions in the community.

Internet purchase exchange locations can currently be found in the following places:

- Mobile, Alabama
- [Bellingham, Massachusetts](#)
- [Columbus, Ohio](#)
- Dublin, Pennsylvania
- Hewitt, Texas
- Farmer's Branch, Texas
- Kaysville, Utah
- Fairfax, Virginia

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Also called safe deal zones, you can search for the nearest one by zip code across the United States on <https://www.safeddeal.zone>. There are currently none in New York State or New York City. The nearest one is New Jersey or Pennsylvania.

Implementation:

1. Well-lit, marked parking spots that are monitored by cameras 24 hours a day with police personnel are nearby
 - a. Partner with [POPS](#) (Privately Owned Public Spaces) across the city
 - b. Libraries
 - c. Police stations

About CSIE:

The primary objective of **Citizens for Secure Internet Exchanges** is to enact legislation in New York City and New York State to establish Internet Purchase Exchange Locations. CSIE seeks to impact communities of buyers, sellers, and traders (BSTs), especially young entrepreneurs, to foster the safety and security of our citizens. CSIE is comprised of concerned parents, BSTs, and community activists.

CSIE Leadership:

Steven D. Patzer, 21, is a community advocate, speaker on the various facets of entrepreneurship, and local business owner. Steven is known for his book “Six Figure Secrets” and for being a social media influencer. He has been a member of the Thomas Jefferson Democratic Club for over two years and has lobbied the NYS Senate and Assembly in Albany on behalf of CUNY.

Andrew J. Windsor II, 20, is a community advocate born and raised in South Brooklyn, currently attending Baruch College and poised to attend Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in the fall. Andrew has been a Representative Senator for over a year at Baruch College and a member of Brooklyn Community Board 11 for three years.

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I. Articles of NYC internet transactions going wrong

- A. Man Wanted In Armed Robbery Of Pricey Yeezy Sneakers
 - 1. <http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2017/12/17/adidas-yeezy-armed-robbery>
 - a) Dec. 2017
- B. NYPD: Police Impersonator Is Robbing Craigslist Cellphone Sellers
 - 1. http://gothamist.com/2017/06/15/cellphone_cop_impersonator.php
 - a) June 2017
- C. WANTED: Robbery (Brooklyn)
 - 1. <http://nypdnews.com/2016/07/wanted-robbery-brooklyn-61/>
 - a) July 2016
- D. Brooklyn teen tries to steal Air Jordans, loses arm in Craigslist robbery gone wrong
 - 1. <http://pix11.com/2016/02/12/brooklyn-teen-tries-to-steal-air-jordans-loses-arm-in-craigslist-robbery-gone-wrong-police/amp/>
 - a) Feb. 2016
- E. Off-duty cop targeted in Craigslist scam, fatally shoots suspect
 - 1. <http://abc7ny.com/news/police-off-duty-cop-targeted-in-scam-fatally-shoots-suspect/1113812/>
 - a) Dec. 2015
- F. New York City man robbed at gunpoint for ... bitcoin?
 - 1. <https://www.cnbc.com/2015/06/05/new-york-city-man-robbed-at-gun-point-for-bitcoin.html>
 - a) June 2015
- G. 2 Men Sought in Craigslist Robbery: Police
 - 1. <https://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/2-Men-Sought-Harlem-Craigslist-Robbery-Police-299302051.html>
 - a) April 2015
- H. Police: Robbers Used Craigslist
 - 1. <https://www.nytimes.com/2008/06/13/nyregion/13iphone.html>
 - a) June 2008

II. Top Internet Marketplaces

- A. [Facebook](#)
- B. Craigslist
- C. LetGo
- D. OfferUp