



New York City Council Member

COREY JOHNSON



Wednesday, November 5, 2014

Dear Neighbor:

I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you some important updates from our office, as well as events and programs that have been taking place in our district recently.

Please know that my staff is always available to answer questions and help you wherever possible. They can be reached at our District Office at 212-564-7757. You can also email me anytime at district3@council.nyc.gov.

I hope to see you around the neighborhood soon.

Sincerely,

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Participatory Budgeting: Evaluating, Researching and Developing the Ideas

We held our final Participatory Budgeting (PB) Neighborhood Assembly last week. We held 7 assemblies throughout our Council District and received hundreds of great ideas from residents. We discussed local issues, and ways to address them using capital dollars from the City.

Even though the PB Neighborhood Assemblies are over, this is just the start of this cycle, and there are many ways you can get involved.

We need Budget Delegates who will help evaluate and develop the ideas submitted by the community. In March, we will need help putting together a Community Expo to show residents what will be on the ballot, and in April, we will need help getting the word out about the vote. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Matt Green in my office at mgreen@council.nyc.gov or 212-564-7757. I encourage you to get involved in this exciting new process to help transform how our City government works.

West Side Tenants' Conference

On Saturday, November 1, I was honored to join a panel of experts to discuss the City's affordable housing plan at the West Side Tenants' Conference which was organized by Housing Conservation Coordinators.

I spoke about my role as a New York City Councilmember and my work with Community Board 4 (CB4) to help identify potential sites to create additional affordable housing units in the community.

I talked about how we can use the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP), which is the public review process for proposed zoning changes and special permits, to negotiate for more affordable housing units with developers. For example, if a developer wants to build higher and exceed the size permitted under existing zoning regulations, they must go through the ULURP process which requires public participation at the Community Board level and the approval of the New York City Council. During this time period, the Community Board and my office will work together to ensure that our neighborhoods remain economically diverse by asking developers to include the maximum amount of affordable housing units possible, and that our parks, schools and other public spaces benefit from any new development that seeks a zoning change. It was a pleasure speaking at this year's West Side

Tenants' Conference and I look forward to next year's event!

Free Monthly Legal Housing Clinic

My office helps constituents around my district with a wide range of issues. However, housing issues – particularly those that have to do with landlord harassment/disputes – account for an outstanding number of these constituent cases.

We will therefore be offering housing clinics at my district office (224 West 30th Street, Suite 1206) on the second Tuesday of every month. The first clinic will be offered on November 18th (due to Veteran's Day the week beforehand). It will be from 5:30-8:30pm.

At these clinics, you can receive free legal advice from housing attorneys who will be volunteering their time. You will be seen on a first come, first serve basis. For more details, please keep your eyes open for an e-blast from my office, or simply contact my district office at (212) 564-7757.

Hateful MTA-Approved Advertisements

As one of the most diverse cities in the country and the world, it is incredibly important that we do not spread or promote hatred in any form. As many may have noticed, slanderous and bigoted ads have been plastered on subway stations and on buses around the city, claiming that all practicing Muslims are radical extremists. We know this is false, and our City should not have messages like this displayed throughout its public transportation system.

I joined my Progressive Caucus colleagues in the Council and wrote a letter to the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) last week urging them to reject any and all ads put forth by the American Freedom Defense Initiative (AFDI). AFDI's shocking and offensive ads depict Muslims as anti-American and followers of a violent religion. I will continue to speak out against this issue, as racism and religious discrimination are unacceptable – as well as grossly unfair and unsafe Muslim New Yorkers. The letter to the MTA is attached.

It's Flu Season – Get Your Flu Shot!

Influenza is a highly contagious respiratory viral illness that can cause significant illness and death. More New Yorkers die from influenza and pneumonia, a common complication of influenza, than from any other infection. In the 2013-14 influenza season, 1,826 New Yorkers died from influenza and pneumonia. Flu activity is usually at

its worst from January through March, but it can start as early as November.

While annual influenza vaccination is recommended for people aged 6 months and older, it is especially recommended for those at risk of developing influenza-related complications. Those at risk include children, pregnant women, people with chronic health conditions, and adults aged 65 and older.

I got my flu shot on October 2nd, 2014. **If you still need a fly shot, my office is offering them in partnership with Walgreen for NO COST by appointment only on Thursday, November 6, 2014.** I hope you'll join me in an effort to keep you, your family, and our city healthy this season. Call my office to set up your appointment, or for more information about where to get vaccinated, call 311, visit nyc.gov/flu for the Flu Clinic Locator, or text "flu" to 877877.

Let's Talk: Affordable Housing!

Do you know what makes housing "affordable"? Mayor de Blasio has released his affordable housing plan for New York City and it's critical that New Yorkers understand what this new plan means for them.

Earlier this month, my office hosted our second "Let's Talk" series event at the High School for Fashion Industries Auditorium at 225 West 24th Street (between 7th and 8th Avenues) to talk about affordable housing.

Almost 200 people came out to learn about affordable housing from three professionals in three different fields related to housing. Our panelists included Vicki Been, Commissioner for NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development, Sarah Desmond, Executive Director of Housing Conservation Coordinators and Joe Restuccia, Executive Director of Clinton Housing Development Company.

The panelists shared their perspectives on achieving more affordable housing in New York City, how those units actually get built, and how we can preserve the affordable apartments we have now. Stay tuned for info about future "Let's Talk" events.

How My Office Helps: Wheelchair Lift at Jefferson Market Library

In September, my office was contacted by numerous constituents who frequent the Jefferson Market Library, but depend on its wheelchair lift to access it. We learned that the lift, which was quite old, had been out of operation for some time now, meaning that those with physical disabilities were unable to enter the library and enjoy its resources.

We contacted the New York Public Library (NYPL), and expressed the importance of repairing this lift as soon as possible. Shortly thereafter, the NYPL's Capitol

Planning and Facilities team had a contractor repair the wheelchair lift so that it is fully functioning again.

The NYPL also informed us that in 2015, construction will commence to build a wheelchair ramp at the Jefferson Market Library, which will ensure those in wheelchairs will continue to be able to enjoy all the library has to offer.

Modernizing New York City's Birth Certificate for Transgender New Yorkers

Earlier this month, I put forward a bill that would bring New York City's birth certificates in line with modern standards by removing outdated and unnecessary surgical requirements for correcting a birth certificate. The current policy, written in 1971 and unchanged in over 40 years, is outdated. NYC has fallen behind other jurisdictions – including New York State and the federal government – that have modernized their policies.

The vast majority of transgender New Yorkers have inaccurate birth certificates. Eight out of ten transgender women and nine out of ten transgender men have not had the surgeries the 1971 policy requires. Surgery is not an option for many transgender New Yorkers due to other health conditions or discriminatory health insurance exclusions.

A birth certificate is a "key" that unlocks a number of important doors — it's a living document that is used on a regular basis to participate in society. It is essential for getting other identity documents and it is often the only form of ID that low-income New Yorkers have when applying for jobs, health insurance, or enrolling in school.

When you have an identity document (in particular a birth certificate) that does not match who you are, you become a target for discrimination, accusations of fraud, denials of service, and all sorts of other administrative and logistical problems. Four out of ten of transgender people have faced harassment when presenting identity documents that did not match. Many others report being denied entry or asked to leave an establishment, and some have even experienced physical assault due to a mismatched ID.

This legislation will address and fix all that, and I'm proud to have worked with advocates and New Yorkers to make the lives of Transgender New Yorkers Easier. It feels good to fight for human rights for all New Yorkers.

“Lunch with Legislators” and the Women’s City Club

The Women’s City Club (WCC) is a progressive organization founded in 1915 before women had the right to vote. The WCC’s founding principles continues to guide many in our efforts for social and economic justice today: fighting for labor rights and fair pay; access to birth control and the freedom to choose; criminal justice reform; increasing women representation in government; and addressing homelessness.

As a newly elected member of the City Council, I was invited to address the club at its “Lunch with Legislators” forum. It was an exciting conversation and I fielded questions about my role as Chair of the Health Committee; about local issues in our community; and ideas about what the WCC could do to help the City be a better place.

For more information about the WCC, visit their website at <http://wccny.org/> or call 212-353-8070.

NYC Named Most Veggie & Vegan Friendly City

More and more New Yorkers are seeing the benefits of eating healthier foods. For some, that comes through eating a vegan or vegetarian diet. New York, and on the West Side in particular, has seen a tremendous growth in vegetarian and vegan restaurants on the past decade. There are over 140 vegetarian restaurants in the City and we even have a vegetarian public school in Brooklyn.

Last month, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals awarded NYC as the most Vegetarian and Vegan Friendly City for 2014. Alan Cumming joined us at City Hall, along with other colleagues in the Council, as the Council was presented a city skyline sculpted from vegetables.

So a reminder to all: eat your veggies!

Love Your Block Grants

Are you looking for ways to plant more trees on your street? Or maybe to install a new traffic signal or add more trash cans? Then *Love Your Block*, an initiative of NYC Service in partnership with Citizens Committee for New York City, may be the answer for you.

The program provides a unique opportunity for City resident groups to transform and improve their communities through local action while leveraging City services from the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation, the NYC Department of Transportation, and the Department of Sanitation of NYC.

Resident-led volunteer groups – which do not have to have 501(c)3 status – can receive \$1,000 in funding. In addition to the cash grant and City services, groups receive project planning and community building assistance as well as support with local media coverage for the project. To apply, visit www.citizensnyc.org/grants. Applications are due November 7

Cablevision, Inc. Bid for Internet Hotspots Raises Concern

I signed onto a letter, along with 41 other City councilmembers, addressed to Commissioner Anne Roest of the NYC Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications (DoITT). The letter expressed our deep concerns that Cablevision, Inc., may not meet the terms of the City’s recent Request for Proposals (RFP) for the creation of a robust, citywide network of Internet hotspots.

The provisions of the RFP stress the rights of a company’s employees as of the utmost importance. However, Cablevision has a history that is distinctly at odds with this statement. The company illegally fired 22 employees for engaging in protected union activity, engaged in “bad faith bargaining,” and put union workers under surveillance.

My colleagues and I have heard reports that Cablevision has actually escalated its anti-union activities recently: they fired a union leader for criticizing the company’s anti-union efforts, while turning a blind eye to a pro-management worker using racial slurs in attacking union activists and even rewarding that same worker with expanded responsibilities.

DoITT must proceed with extreme caution in evaluating Cablevision as a potential bidder on the RFP contract. The letter in full is attached below.

Illegal Bike Vendors

It is estimated that the City is losing revenues in excess of over \$100,000 per year due to the unauthorized bike vendor activity in the Central Park-Columbus Circle area.

Last month, I signed on to a letter with my colleagues in the City Council to request that the Mayor’s office help us foster a solution that protects the integrity of the City’s contracts, and also provides a safe and hassle-free environment for anyone enjoying a walk or bike ride through Central Park. Attached is our letter to the Mayor.

NYC Department of Small Business Services Neighborhood Leadership Program

There is a special opportunity available to encourage sustainable growth in our neighborhood brought to the city by the NYC Department of Small Business Services in partnership with Coro New York Leadership Center. *Neighborhood Leadership* selects a cohort of 20 individuals from communities across the city to develop their leadership skills and hone their commercial revitalization expertise under Coro's proven leadership development model.

The program, which is in its fifth year, has graduated nearly 80 neighborhood leaders citywide. As the City Council funds the program, there is no tuition for the six month program, and participants even receive small grants for their district projects, once finished.

More information on the program can be found on www.nyc.gov/neighborhoodleadership. To apply, visit www.coronewyork.org before November 15.

Hell's Kitchen Farm Project: Urban Harvest Celebration!

On Tuesday, November 11 from 6:30 –to 8:30 pm at Metro Baptist Church at 140 West 40th Street (between 9th and 10th Avenues) enjoy delicious homemade food, special drinks at this wonderful rooftop vegetable farm! All produce is donated to a local food pantry. No ticket charge. Donations are welcome. For more information:

www.hellskitchenfarmproject.org.

Health Committee Update

On Thursday October 23, the Health Committee held a 5-hour hearing entitled **NYC and the Affordable Care Act: Where Are We Post-Roll-Out and How We Can Boost Access to Care**. The hearing looked at what worked during last spring's push for enrollment, what can be improved, spotlighted best practices among healthcare navigators and Certified Application Counselors, and ways the City and the Council can improve and expand efforts. It also paid special attention to the issue of health care access in immigrant communities, both the large numbers of immigrants who are eligible for coverage and those who aren't. The hearing looked at the problem of undocumented persons who are ineligible for health care under the ACA, as well as barriers to access for other groups, including those who can't afford health coverage on the State exchange. The hearing asked how the ACA is meeting the needs of communities, what gaps remain, and how can we promote greater access to health care coverage.

This hearing kicked off council-wide efforts to push for enrollment across the City as we approach November 15, which is the date that open enrollment for the Health Exchange reopens.

On Monday November 10, Int. 491 and 492, the package of bills I introduced to reform the process of amending gender markers on birth certificates, will be heard. This legislation will eliminate antiquated barriers transgender New Yorkers had to go through to change their birth certificate to properly reflect the sex by which they identify. The City's Board of Health, which has been working closely with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, introduced a mirror provision to the Board of Health to amend the Health Code. Having such a critical document that correctly reflects your gender identity is a basic human right that too many transgender people have been denied for far too long. These measures will transform the lives of transgender individuals in so many ways that other people take for granted—from accessing government benefits and health coverage, to getting a job and using appropriate facilities.



THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK

September 25, 2014

The Honorable Bill de Blasio
Mayor, City of New York
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor de Blasio:

We are writing to strongly express our concern about reports of unauthorized bike vendor activity at Central Park-Columbus Circle and the hostile atmosphere that both locals and visitors from all over the world are forced to contend with on a daily basis.

These unauthorized vendors use aggressive tactics to intimidate the only licensed vendor for Central Park-Columbus Circle, Bike and Roll New York City, and manipulate unsuspecting tourists into renting a bicycle that in many cases is stolen, unsafe, uninsured and typically doesn't include necessary safety equipment such as bells, helmets and locks. The equipment these unauthorized vendors use is completely out-of-tune with the spirit of Vision Zero.

We are told this has been an ongoing problem long before Bike and Roll became the exclusive concessionaire to the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation in 2008. Since then, two Bike and Roll managers have taken out restraining orders with a third one currently in process and other staff facing threats of violence every time the police or 911 are called.

It is estimated that the City is losing revenues in excess of over \$100,000 per year since Bike and Roll is sharing revenues with the City under its current concession agreement. These are monies that could be used to maintain, improve and expand our city's rich parks system while simultaneously supporting the mission of Vision Zero. Most of these unauthorized vendors conduct off-book, cash-only transactions and ask for passports, credit cards or hotel room keys as collateral.

Finally, we understand several multi-agency meetings have taken place between NYPD, the Department of Parks and Recreation, NYC & Company and other community stakeholders and to-date those meetings have failed to produce a long-term solution to a worsening situation.

We will continue to monitor current events in the area, and we urge you to help foster a solution that not only protects the integrity of our city contracts, but also provides a safe and hassle-free environment for anyone enjoying a walk or taking a leisurely bike ride through Central Park.

Thank you for your attention on this matter, and we look forward to working with you in resolving this critical quality-of-life issue. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Matt Green in Councilmember Corey Johnson's office at 212-564-7757.

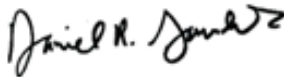
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**THE COUNCIL
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

October 8, 2014

Anne Roest
Commissioner
NYC Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications
255 Greenwich Street, 9th Fl.
New York, NY 10007

SUBJECT: Concerns regarding Cablevision's qualifications for City franchises

Dear Commissioner Roest,

We write to highlight our concerns about one of the potential bidders on New York City's recent Request for Proposals (RFP) for the creation of a robust, citywide network of Internet hotspots.

Because the identities of bidders for City franchise RFPs are confidential we do not know who has submitted bids. However, given the participation of Cablevision, Inc., in the Wi-Fi bidders' conference, and its publicly stated intention of making Wi-Fi central to its business strategy, it is reasonable to assume that Cablevision may be one of the companies seeking the franchise for NYC's plan to create a robust network of Internet hotspots. Before you make a decision, we want to express our concerns that Cablevision may not meet the terms of the RFP.

The provisions of this RFP, like other RFPs for franchises from the City of New York, contains language requiring the "franchisee [to] recognize the right of its employees to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing in accordance with applicable law. Franchisee shall recognize and deal with the representatives duly designated or selected by the majority of its employees for the purpose of collective bargaining...Franchisee shall not dominate, interfere with, participate in the management or control of, or give financial support to any union or association of its employees."

There is strong reason for concern that Cablevision, Inc. may not meet the terms of these requirements. The National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) issued a sweeping complaint against Cablevision in April, 2013, finding that the company had illegally fired 22 employees for engaging in protected union activity; had engaged in illegal "bad faith bargaining"; had put union employees under illegal surveillance; had illegally promised raises to workers who voted against unionization in the Bronx; and had otherwise coerced and discriminated against pro-union workers. A trial on this complaint was concluded in December 2013, and briefs from the parties were submitted on February 28, 2014. A ruling from the Administrative Law Judge is expected in the coming months.

We have expressed previously our concern that these actions may place Cablevision in violation of its current franchise agreement to provide cable TV service to sections of Brooklyn and the Bronx. In late February, 2013, the City Council's Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises held a hearing to investigate the question of whether Cablevision was complying with the collective bargaining provisions of its cable TV franchise agreement with New York City, in the aftermath of the company's illegal firing of 22 workers for protected union activity.

Unless Cablevision is exonerated by the NLRB, the company would likely be in violation of its obligations under its existing franchise agreement with New York City, and unfit to be awarded any new contracts.

Recently, we have also heard reports that Cablevision has actually escalated its anti-union activities. One of the union's leaders was fired last month for a comment criticizing the company's anti-union efforts, while a pro-management worker who used racial slurs in attacking union activists received expanded responsibilities. On September 10th, the company held an illegal vote (designed to enable Cablevision to claim that workers no longer supported the union), in clear violation of the NLRA's prohibition on any company effort to undermine the authority and legitimacy of a duly selected collective bargaining representative.

Given all of these factors, we urge DoITT to proceed with extreme caution in evaluating Cablevision as a potential bidder on the RFP contract.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



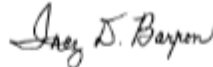
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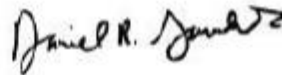
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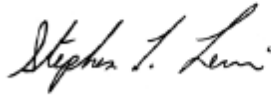
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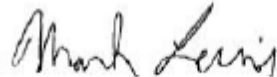
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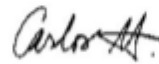
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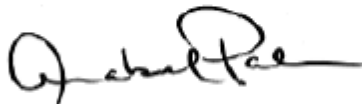
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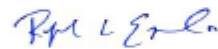
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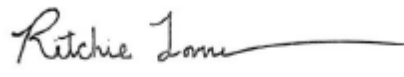
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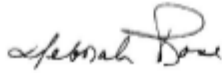
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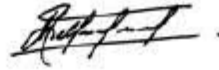
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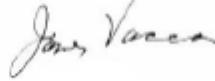
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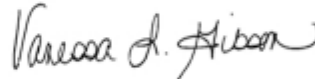
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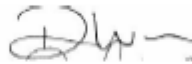
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**From the Offices of Public Advocate Letitia James and
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October 16, 2014

The Honorable Tom Prendergast
Chairman and CEO
Metropolitan Transportation Authority
347 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10017

Dear Chairman Prendergast:

We write to express our dismay at your decision to publish the most recent series of advertisements purchased by the American Freedom Defense Initiative (AFDI), an organization designated as a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center. These ads sow hate, create discord, and promote violence against Muslims and those who appear to be Muslim, namely Sikhs.

We commend you for rejecting one of the ads that stated, "KILLING JEWS IS WORSHIP THAT DRAWS US CLOSER TO ALLAH... THAT'S HIS JIHAD. WHAT'S YOURS?" The Metropolitan Transportation Authority correctly assessed that it is "reasonably foreseeable" this ad "would imminently incite or provoke violence or other immediate breach of the peace, and so harm, disrupt or interfere with safe, efficient, and orderly transportation." We now call upon the MTA to reject the remaining AFDI advertisements in accordance with your viewpoint-neutral advertisement policy.

In addition, we believe that under your viewpoint-neutral ad policy and judicially recognized non-public spaces within your system, the MTA is well within its legal authority to remove the ads in part, and reject additional advertisements. It would also be reasonable to conclude that sections vii, x, and xi of the MTA Advertising Standards may be used as a basis for denying the advertisements. As you may know, transit systems in other parts of the country successfully rejected ads by AFDI. In fact, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals¹ and district courts in Massachusetts² and Washington³ have upheld the decisions of their respective transit systems.

¹ *American Freedom Defense Initiative v. Suburban Mobility Auth. For Regional Transp.*, 698 F.3d 885 (6th Cir. 2012).

² *American Freedom Defense Initiative v. Mass. Bay Transp. Auth.*, 989 F.Supp.2d 182 (D.C. Mass. 2013).

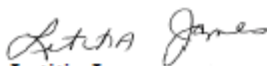
³ *American Freedom Defense Initiative v. King County*, 2014 Lexis 11982 (W.D.Wash. Jan. 30, 2014).

Moreover, you have a responsibility to provide a safe environment for all riders. Imagine how a Jewish or Muslim child on the subway feels when she reads an advertisement that reads "Islamic Jew-Hatred"? This is not what we want to teach our children. Inherent in the AFDI's ad campaign is to treat Muslims as the "other". You may recall AFDI's earlier campaign where they refer to Muslims as "savages." This we know leads to greater discrimination and violence.

It is estimated that there are close to a million Muslims who live and work in New York.⁴ Muslim New Yorkers enhance the richness of our shared community and contribute to all aspects of society while raising and supporting their families. Unfortunately, in recent years there has been an increase in hate crimes and discrimination against Muslims. By approving these ads, the MTA is complicit in allowing the defamation and victimization of the Muslim community. Already, we are witness to a 143 percent increase in anti-Muslim hate crimes over last year and these advertisements serve only to fuel a further rise.⁵ Thus, it is imperative you immediately remove them, as they are designed to incite hate and hateful conduct. It is your responsibility to provide a safe environment for all riders and workers. By allowing these ads to run you risk – and will be held responsible – for any incidents which stem as a result of these hateful messages.

We are a diverse city and our success rests with the millions who live here from every part of the world. Giving fear-mongers a platform to spew hate is inconsistent with our values and ideals. We must also ensure the safety of all. We ask that you use your constitutionally permissible authority to remove AFDI's advertisements. We look forward to working with you and hearing your response.

Sincerely,



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Public Advocate for the City of New York




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Co-Chair, Progressive Caucus



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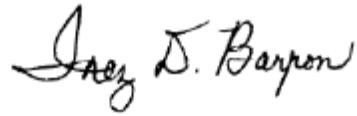
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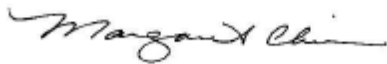
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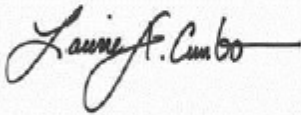
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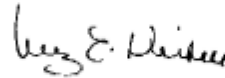
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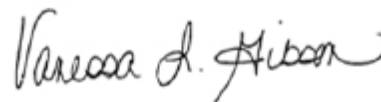
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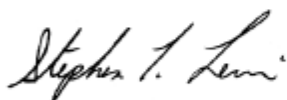
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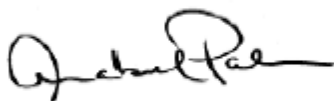
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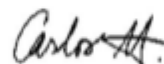
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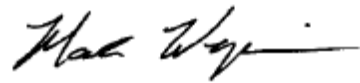
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