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**THE BUSINESS INTEGRITY COMMISSION ANNOUNCES A NEW PILOT PROGRAM TO
ALLOW COMMUNITY COMPOSTING ORGANIZATIONS TO COLLECT ORGANIC WASTE
FROM COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS**

NEW YORK CITY — The New York City Business Integrity Commission (“BIC”) announces a new pilot program to allow qualifying community composting organizations to collect and transport organic waste from commercial establishments. The goals of the program are twofold: to assist community composting organizations to secure essential organic materials such as carbon-rich materials and to increase the City’s diversion rate by processing organic waste locally.

In order to participate in the pilot program, a community composting organization must be a non-profit organization or an unincorporated entity with an agreement with a New York City agency to utilize property owned by the City for the purposes of composting. Each organization must enter into an individual agreement with BIC by completing a simple online form (<http://www.nyc.gov/html/bic/html/current-programs/current-programs.shtml>), in order to be allowed to collect and transport commercial organic waste. The pilot program will run for one year, with an option to renew for an additional year. BIC has worked closely with many interested parties including the Department of Sanitation, Council Member Antonio Reynoso, and members from the NYC Community Composting Council to develop this pilot program.

“BIC is proud to support the contributions of community composters in diverting organic waste collected from commercial establishments away from landfills. BIC understands the important role everyone can play with managing this waste stream, from private carters to grassroots efforts like community composters. We want to thank all of our partners for contributing to the City’s sustainability goals” said **BIC Commissioner Daniel D. Brownell**.



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"Since the first hearing of the Sanitation Committee this term, we've been hearing from community composters, who wanted to see their work legitimized and expanded. I would like to thank BIC for taking this issue on and creating a solution that will help our local composters form partnerships with businesses in their communities that will be beneficial to both parties, and will also help achieve the City's goal of diverting organic waste from landfills" said **Council Member Antonio Reynoso**.

About the New York City Business Integrity Commission:

The mission of BIC is to eliminate organized crime and other forms of corruption and criminality from the industries it regulates. BIC's goals are numerous: to ensure that the regulated business are able to compete fairly; that the marketplaces remain free from violence, fraud, rackets, and threats; that the customers receive fair treatment; and that businesses which operate in these industries always conduct their affairs with honesty and integrity.

To learn more about BIC, click here: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/bic/html/about/about.shtml>

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