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DOI URGES WHISTLEBLOWERS TO REPORT EMBEZZLEMENT OF CITY MONEY ALLOCATED TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), announced today that DOI is appealing to anyone with information about the theft and abuse of City funds through nonprofit organizations or through the City Council's discretionary funding of nonprofit organizations to report that information to DOI by calling 212 825-5959. All calls are confidential.

Yesterday, the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York and DOI announced an Indictment charging two employees of a New York City Council Member with embezzling at least \$145,000 of City money through a scheme involving the nonprofit Donna Reid Memorial Education Fund and City Council Discretionary Funds. The joint announcement of April 16, 2008 is attached.

DOI is one of the oldest law-enforcement agencies in the country. The agency investigates and refers for prosecution City employees and contractors engaged in corrupt or fraudulent activities or unethical conduct. Investigations may involve any agency, officer, elected official or employee of the City, as well as those who do business with or receive benefits from the City.

Get the worms out of the Big Apple.

To report someone ripping off the City, call DOI at (212) 825-5959.