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TO: Melissa Mark-Viverito, Speaker of the City Council
Loree Sutton, Commissioner of the Department of Veterans' Services
Todd Haskins, Chair of the Veterans' Advisory Board

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SUBJECT: Veterans Services Report for 2015

Local Law 23 of 2015 requires that specified agencies report annually to the City Council, the Commissioner of Veterans' Services and the Veterans' Advisory Board on the number of veterans' preferences applied for and provided by those agencies. The goal is to determine the degree to which veterans avail themselves of existing services designed to help them secure housing and other available benefits from the City, and to identify areas where City government should strengthen or modify services to meet the needs of veterans living in the City. The Mayor's Office of Operations was designated to receive the agency data and prepare the yearly report.

Attached please find the Veterans Services Report for calendar year 2015. This report reflects the second yearly report following enactment of Local Law 23 in March 2015 and the first report since Mayor de Blasio signed the law creating the Department of Veterans' Services in December 2015. The annual figures are provided by agency and by the category of benefit. In addition, this year agencies have also provided disaggregated information by the veterans' borough of residence wherever available.

If you have any questions about this report, please feel free to contact Guenevere Knowles at GKnowles@cityhall.nyc.gov or 212-788-1460.

Attachment

**Veterans Services
Calendar Year 2015**

Agency	Indicator Name	CY2014	CY2015
DCA	Applications for general vending licenses submitted by veterans	570	499
DCA	General vending licenses issued to veterans	447	348
DCAS	Civil service examination applications received from applicants claiming veterans' credit	3,475	1,887
DOHMH	Fee-exempt mobile food vending licenses issued to veterans	362	398
DOHMH	Food vending permits issued to veterans	158	190
HPD	Mitchell-Lama housing applications received from veterans, or their surviving spouses, who have identified themselves as heads of household on their applications	71	76
HPD	Approved Mitchell-Lama applications for veterans, or their surviving spouses, who have identified themselves as heads of household	66	73
NYCHA	Veterans residing in housing operated by NYCHA using US Department of Housing and Urban Development/US Department of Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) vouchers	166	162
NYCHA	Veterans residing in rental units who use HUD-VASH vouchers administered by NYCHA	2,268	2,432

Veterans Services CY2015
By Applicant's Borough of Residence

DCA

General vending license applications from veterans

Borough of Residence	Approved	Rejected	CY2015 Total
Bronx	101	35	136
Brooklyn	96	32	128
Manhattan	54	26	80
Queens	53	26	79
Staten Island	16	4	20
Outside of NYC	28	28	56
Total	348	151	499

DCAS

Civil service exam applicants claiming veterans' credit

Borough of Residence	CY2015
Bronx	291
Brooklyn	463
Manhattan	143
Queens	410
Staten Island	122
Outside of NYC	458
Total	1,887

DOHMH

Licenses and permits issued to veterans

Borough of Residence	Mobile food vending licenses	Food vending permits
Bronx	83	50
Brooklyn	117	41
Manhattan	65	34
Queens	96	47
Staten Island	14	6
Outside of NYC	23	12
Total	398	190

Veterans Services CY2015
By Applicant's Borough of Residence

HPD

Mitchell-Lama applications from veterans/surviving spouses heads of household

Borough of Residence	Approved	Rejected	CY2015 Total
Bronx	8	0	8
Brooklyn	31	0	31
Manhattan	25	3	28
Queens	9	0	9
Staten Island	0	0	0
Total	73	3	76

NYCHA

Use of HUD-VASH vouchers administered by NYCHA

Borough of Residence	Used in NYCHA housing	Used in rental units
Bronx	1,235	40
Brooklyn	616	80
Manhattan	262	42
Queens	236	0
Staten Island	62	0
Outside of NYC	21	0
Total	2,432	162