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Dear Chief Delatorre:

I hope this letter finds you well.

I would like to first take this opportunity to thank you for the Department's participation in my annual Litter Summit at Borough Hall last month. Inspector Delahanty offered some important insights at the meeting, and I appreciate his participation.

I am writing to follow up. As you know, a large part of our discussion was about the need for greater enforcement – by DSNY against stores and shopping centers that do not clean up in front of their establishments and by the NYPD against individual litterers who police officers witness littering. During my first two years as Borough President we focused on various “carrot” approaches to anti-litter efforts. The consensus is that it is now time to break out the “stick” and fine those that continue to violate litter laws.

A key component of the “stick” approach is to aggressively issue summonses to those who are caught in the act of littering as often as possible.

We are now about a month since the Litter Summit. I am, therefore, asking for an update on the number of summons issued for litter during the months of April and May. The NYPD's enforcement authority is a key component in the 2016 anti-litter efforts, and I appreciate your partnership.

I thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should have any questions or to discuss further.

Very truly yours,


James S. Oddo
Borough President

