

August 3, 2017

The Honorable Lisette Camilo
Commissioner
NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services
1 Centre Street, 17th Floor South
New York, NY 10007

Re: New York City Department of Citywide Administrative Services Police

Dear Commissioner Camilo:

I hope this letter finds you well.

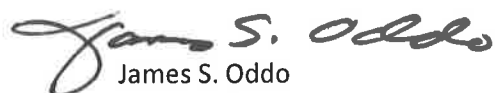
Several months ago, when Mayor Bill de Blasio and his staff spent a week at Staten Island Borough Hall, security was provided by DCAS Police. I must compliment both you and them for the courteous, professional and extraordinarily competent manner in which they went about their duties. I can say without reservation that I and my staff have never felt as secure going about our daily business as we did during that week.

As Borough President, I take the safety and security of my staff – and all that work in or visit this building – very seriously indeed. The private company that currently provides security at Borough Hall is courteous and capable, but they do not measure up, in terms of training and professionalism, to the DCAS Police.

Borough Hall, and the myriad of city agencies that occupy it, can be a lightning rod for the angry or disaffected, which may inadvertently endanger the lives of those working here. I am therefore requesting that you give very serious consideration to replacing the private company that currently provides security for this building with DCAS Police. My responsibilities as Borough President demand that I advocate in any and every way possible for the safety of all Staten Islanders, including, of course, those who work in Borough Hall.

Thank you for your time, courtesy, and consideration, and I look forward to discussing this important matter with you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,


James S. Oddo
Borough President

