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STATEN ISLAND, NY 10301

Assistant Chief Edward Dellatorre
Patrol Borough of Staten Island
New York City Police Department
2320 Hylan Boulevard
Staten Island, New York 10306

Re: Litter on our streets

Dear Chief Dellatorre:

I hope this letter finds you well.

The litter problem is out of control. It is at its worst level than I can ever recall.

I have made it one of my priorities to use many of the resources of my office to attack this problem in every possible way.

This includes, but is not limited to:

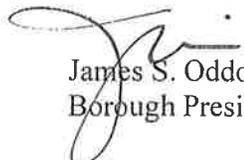
- Expanding the number of days that the Borough Hall "Clean Team" conducts cleanups of areas with litter;
- Funding an on-call litter team to clean difficult locations;
- Working with local non-profit organizations to assist with cleanup efforts;
- Maintaining pressure on city, state, and local agencies to keep properties under their jurisdiction tidy;
- Working with the MTA on new initiatives to keep train stations clean; and
- Working with local businesses to help us send the anti-littering message to their customers.

I am writing to ask you to help with our efforts. We all know that if Staten Islanders chose not to litter there would not be a litter problem. There is a small sub-set of Staten Islanders who chooses to throw garbage out their car windows. Such folks are selfish and ignorant, and will never heed our requests to stop such behavior. While a carrot approach does not seem to work with such individuals, perhaps the stick approach will.

I am, therefore, asking you to conduct an anti-littering campaign that issues as many summonses as possible against those who are observed littering. I am hopeful that the threat of a fine will cause some to stop littering. It is my understanding that the MTA Police has begun aggressively issuing such summonses to those observed littering on train platforms, and I hope the local precincts do the same in the coming weeks.

I thank you for your time, courtesy, and consideration. Do not hesitate to contact me if you should wish to discuss this matter in greater detail.

Very truly yours,



James S. Oddo
Borough President

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P. S. Hope you are well.
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when you have time?