

**TESTIMONY BY
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**HEARING BEFORE THE NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON
SANITATION & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2007
10:30 A.M. – CITY HALL – COMMITTEE ROOM**

RE: Intro. No. 548-A - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to limiting the issuance of notices of violations during certain times

Good morning Chairman McMahon and members of the Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management. I am Michael Bimonte, First Deputy Commissioner for Operations of the New York City Department of Sanitation. I am here with Todd Kuznitz, Director of Enforcement for the Department, to testify on Intro No. 548-A under consideration by this Committee.

Since the Department last testified on Intro. No. 548 in June, the Administration and the City Council have agreed to amend this legislation. As amended, Intro No. 548-A establishes the Department's two residential enforcement routing periods between the hours of 8AM to 9AM, and 6PM to 7PM. Under this legislation, the Department may only issue summonses if residents fail to clean their sidewalk, areas behind their fence and property lines, and eighteen inches into the street from the curb during these two one-hour periods.

The Department believes this compromise legislation fairly balances the concerns of the Council and the Department. I thank you for your action on Intro No. 548-A and urge your favorable vote today.