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**Testimony of
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**Hearing before the New York City Council
Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management**

**Tuesday, September 12, 2023
10:00 A.M.**

**New York City Department of Sanitation's Initiatives to Address Street Cleanliness
and Intros. 413, 769, 809, 861, 981, and 1032**

Good morning Chair Nurse and members of the City Council Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management. I am Jessica Tisch, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY). I am joined today by First Deputy Commissioner Javier Lojan and Gregory Anderson, Deputy Commissioner for Policy and Strategic Initiatives. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today on DSNY's initiatives to address street cleanliness.

We are in the midst of a Trash Revolution in New York City. This is a complete overhaul of our old way of doing things. Trash set out later – and more in containers and bins – and picked up earlier than ever before. The highest levels of litter basket service and street cleaning the City has seen in over 20 years. New investments in high impact cleaning programs for previously overlooked public and private spaces. Sustained and strategic enforcement of our most basic cleanliness rules.

Together, these efforts are bringing a tidal wave of change to New York City's streets.

I will briefly detail these efforts, before moving to the bills on today's agenda.

New York City's Trash Revolution

Over the last year, the Adams Administration has implemented an ambitious and game-changing set of new initiatives, programs, and policies around reducing the impact of trash bags on sidewalks, fighting rats, and cleaning up our city.

We implemented the first changes to setout times in decades, creating a simple standard that no trash in black bags can be set out for collection earlier than 8:00 p.m. Trash in bins can be set out earlier: 6:00 p.m. for residents or an hour before closing for businesses. This is an incredibly meaningful change to regulations around waste. Since these regulations took effect on April 1, we have issued more than 24,500 warnings and 42,700 violations for failure to set out waste

properly. The results are clear: since April 1, the number of 311 complaints about rats decreased by 20% citywide and 45% in rat mitigation zones.

In August, we implemented another new rule requiring that all food-related businesses – restaurants, delis, bodegas, grocery stores, caterers, and others – set out their trash for collection in containers with a lid. This month, those rules expanded to include chain stores with five or more locations in New York City. Black bags of trash leak food waste and attract rats, and moving trash into rigid containers with lids reduces the occurrence of foul odors and vermin. We have issued 23,000 warnings and violations since these rules took effect.

Putting trash in bins and containers is not rocket science. Other cities in the US and abroad have been doing this for decades. We are late to the game, but we are moving aggressively to bring New York City in line with our peers.

For residential trash, we have begun a pilot to use on-street containers and mechanized collection in Manhattan Community Board 9, as envisioned in *The Future of Trash*, the comprehensive study and report on the feasibility of waste containerization that we released earlier this year.

In the last year, DSNY has also refocused our efforts to enforce core Sanitation regulations. Businesses and property owners must keep their sidewalks and the area 18 inches into the street clean and free of litter, and they must set out trash and recyclables properly and at the right time. This is not enforcement for enforcement's sake. It is appropriate and meaningful action to uphold these basic rules around cleanliness. This year, cleanliness violations are up 64% year-to-date.

We have also stepped up our fight against illegal dumping, a theft of public space and a scourge on neighborhoods across New York City. We now have 258 illegal dumping cameras installed across the five boroughs, up from exactly zero when I started as Commissioner, and we have increased the number of violations and impounds by 137% year-to-date. We are sending a clear message – if you dump on our City, you will be caught, and you will pay.

Earlier this year, we created a new partnership with the NYPD to address the challenge of abandoned and derelict vehicles on city streets. Before, these cars would be stuck in a game of hot potato between the two agencies, with no clear responsibility and accountability. Now, we have created a joint task force with five NYPD officers assigned to DSNY to coordinate efforts to remove these eyesores from our streets. We now conduct multiple joint operations per week, up from just one or two a month last year. This has led to a 68% increase in vehicle removals – a total of nearly 6,200 removed so far this year.

We also created the new Targeted Neighborhood Taskforce (TNT) to address long-overlooked areas around the City that fell through the cracks of maintenance jurisdiction. DSNY is on the sixth round of cleaning these 1700+ locations since last November.

This summer, DSNY created our first ever Highway Unit, assuming responsibility for cleaning highways across the city. These areas, including the medians, shoulders, and adjacent grassy areas, were filthy from years of neglect. For the first time, we are giving these areas a deep clean, removing litter and debris that has accumulated over time. These efforts are difficult– some

highways like the FDR Drive and BQE get dirty again soon after being cleaned. But I believe our efforts are making a big difference for New Yorkers.

Lastly, in April we assumed operational control of the City's graffiti cleaning program from EDC. DSNY had historically been responsible for taking graffiti complaints but for over a decade had just passed them off to EDC for cleaning, with neither agency taking full responsibility. Now, we have implemented new procedures and policies to increase productivity and effectiveness. Since April 1, we have closed more than 5,000 graffiti service requests.

Legislation

I am here today to deliver a sobering message that I hope will serve as a wakeup call. Despite all of this Administration's new programs and efforts, we will not win the war on cleanliness without meaningful and decisive action from the Council and our colleagues in the State Legislature.

How is it that a single store on Seventh Avenue in Manhattan can dump its entire contents on the sidewalk, and the biggest fine we can give them is 50 BUCKS??

How is it that a major retailer can leave its sidewalk a mess all day long, but we can only write a ticket if we catch them during two one-hour periods in the middle of the day?

This is a big problem that calls for big action – action at the both the local and state levels to hold violators accountable and give DSNY the tools and authority we need to clean up our city.

We must:

- Substantially increase penalties for core Sanitation violations, penalties that had been wrongly reduced by City Council and the previous Administration.

These are the types of conditions that Council Members call me about to clean up all the time. That kind of response – sending crews to clean messes left by businesses and properties – is not scalable.

We have shown through our enforcement efforts that the Department's ability to conduct enforcement is not the problem. Sanitation violations must have meaningful consequences. Council needs to send the message that these very basic rules around cleanliness are our top priority.

The penalties for these core violations, including failure to clean sidewalks and along the curb line, failure to use a container with a lid when required, and failure to follow setout time regulations, should be increased substantially, particularly for larger residential properties and commercial establishments, and include steep escalations for second and third violations.

Council Member Ossé's bill (Int. 544) is a good start in this direction, but it can and should be expanded to address violations other than setout.

- Expand the hours of the day that property owners are responsible for cleaning. Enforcing these laws during only two hours per day sends the message that cleanliness is barely a passing obligation.

Council Member Bottcher's bill (Int. 981) addresses this issue for commercial establishments. But for larger residential properties with onsite staff, we should be able to conduct enforcement during all daytime hours, not just at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. each day.

- Strengthen enforcement of street cleaning regulations by increasing penalties for drivers that do not move their cars for street cleaning and authorizing automated enforcement, similar to bus lanes and speed limits.

This action, which must be taken at the state level, would unleash the full potential of our fleet of street sweepers and allow them to fully clean along curbs where they are currently blocked by parked cars.

- Modernize derelict vehicle regulations to allow DSNY to more quickly remove vehicles that create eyesore conditions in nearly every neighborhood and to loosen the criteria a vehicle must meet to be considered derelict. This action must also be taken at the state level.

I will now address the specific bills being considered at today's hearing.

Intro. 413 relates to grease haulers and is covered by existing requirements by BIC, DSNY, and DEP regulations. I am joined today by BIC's Chief of Staff and Deputy Commissioner of Operations Alison Bonfoey, should you have any questions regarding this bill.

Intro. 769 would require DSNY to publish a report on the resources needed for litter pickup and illegal dumping prevention. These resource needs should be considered in the context of the City's annual budget process, and it is not appropriate to publish a standalone report.

Intro. 809 would create a new penalty for repeat violators that receive more than 20 violations for failing to clean their sidewalks and curb lines. This bill in its current form will not have a meaningful impact on cleanliness. The types of businesses that Council Members call me about every day do not come close to having 20 violations. We must increase penalties for basic violations and for first-, second-, and third-time penalties, and I look forward to working with the sponsor to improve this bill.

Intro. 861 would require DSNY to post emergency response and resiliency plans on its website. Efforts to prepare for and respond to emergencies are led by the New York City Emergency Management (NYCEM). This is an all-of-government approach to these situations, and it is not

appropriate to separate DSNY's role from the roles of our sister agencies. Any public plans should be made available by NYCEM.

Intro. 981 would extend the amount of time DSNY agents and officers can issue violations to businesses for failure to clean sidewalks and the area 18 inches from the curb to any posted business hours or, for businesses without posted hours, the period from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. each day. As I mentioned previously, this is an appropriate first step, but the bill should be amended to also extend enforcement timeframes for larger residential buildings with on-site staff.

Lastly, Intro. 1032 would add additional requirements for DSNY around the removal and referral of abandoned vehicles. This bill does not account for the realities of our derelict vehicle operations or the requirements of State law that apply. As I have described, DSNY has worked closely with NYPD to create a joint Task Force for abandoned vehicles that has increased removals of derelict and abandoned vehicles by 48% compared to last year.

In my opinion, it would be a missed opportunity if this package of bills is the sum total of the Council's action on cleanliness, given how much work we have to do.

My hope is that we can expand upon the bills as drafted today to end up with a strong package that truly makes the Council a partner in our Trash Revolution. I feel so strongly about this because it is absolutely achievable.



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**TESTIMONY OF PUBLIC ADVOCATE JUMAANE D. WILLIAMS
TO THE NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON SANITATION AND SOLID
WASTE MANAGEMENT
SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2023**

Good morning,

My name is Jumaane D. Williams, and I am the Public Advocate for the City of New York. I would like to thank Chair Nurse, and the Committee members for holding this hearing. New Yorkers are rightfully frustrated at the proliferation of trash in the city. Specifically there have been piles of used needles, human waste, and general garbage accumulating in many neighborhoods and public spaces which need to be better maintained. The NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY) must increase its services in communities of more color and economically disadvantaged neighborhoods to ensure that garbage pick ups are equitable in over-utilized public spaces throughout NYC.

The Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management must continue to monitor DSNY's progress in delivering services to all New Yorkers. Holding an oversight hearing and enacting some of the proposed legislation is an important step. Illegal dumping of construction debris or other items must have a sizable fine attached so that individuals will not risk taking a chance illegally dumping and will instead pay to properly dispose of such items, and Int 0769-2022 puts forward the next steps to hold those individuals accountable by creating an action plan for monitoring and enforcement. If fines aren't punitive, they become the cost of doing business, and that cost is passed onto the city to clean up. It is necessary for the DSNY to evaluate the benefits of utilizing surveillance cameras and other monitoring technology in their action plan, as well as whether it can utilize existing NYC cameras used for traffic enforcement to monitor illegal dumping.

Additionally, enacting Int. 413, 809, 981, and 1032 will eliminate litter, abandoned cars, and items illegally dumped throughout the City. Meanwhile Int. 861 will put clear plans in place when emergencies occur in NYC that otherwise will lead to consequences without proper guidance.

In the case of the 2003 blackouts, there was an "accidental release of 500 million gallons of untreated sewage into the recreational waterways surrounding the city when backup generators powering several treatment facilities failed"¹. DSNY must make sure that their infrastructure will be resilient from the increasingly dangerous emergencies as a result of climate

¹<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1497795/#:~:text=The%20blackout%20resulted%20in%20the.an%20overflow%20past%20treatment%20facilities.>



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change. Additionally, during the blackouts across New York City in 2003, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene staff did not know where to report for work because the hotline they would normally call was not working². Moreover, during weather occurrences in NYC, DSNY plays a role in responding to removal of garbage before and after the occurrence. Int 0861-2022's mandate to increase the resiliency of DSNY's infrastructure as well as improve on emergency communications is an important step in creating a prepared New York. Thank you to the DSNY and the Committee members here today for working towards making New York City a clean and healthy city.

² Ibid



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Testimony Regarding Int. No. 413-2022 and Int. No. 861-2022
Presented to the New York Council's Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management on behalf
of Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr.

Good morning. My name is Timothy Chubinidze, Director of Civic Engagement for Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr., and I am here to present testimony on behalf of the Borough President.

Thank you, Chair Nurse, for the opportunity to present testimony in support of two important pieces of legislation that you have introduced and that Borough President Richards is proud to support.

I would like to first discuss Int. No. 413, which would require the Business Integrity Commission (BIC) to establish a tracking system requiring transporters of yellow and brown grease to report to the BIC how such grease is disposed of.

As you know, commercial kitchens produce a large amount of yellow and brown grease that needs to be discarded and removed properly so it does not end up in our sewer system, where it can congeal in pipes and cause the sewer system to overflow. It is therefore of supreme importance that the City make sure such grease is properly disposed.

The best way to do this is through the tracking system envisioned by Int. No. 413, which, if adopted, would allow civil penalties to be imposed on grease transporters who fail to adhere to its tracking requirements.

The management and disposal of grease is a vital component of environmental conservation, so the City must play an active role in ensuring proper grease disposal procedures are followed. It cannot afford to take a hands-off approach towards this important aspect of environmental protection. And, as the old saying goes, "sunlight is the best disinfectant."

Having grease transporters track and report their work would help protect both the environment and our City's public health by keeping grease out of our sewer system. The Borough President therefore strongly urges the adoption of Int. No. 413.

I would next like to discuss Int. No. 861, which would require the Department of Sanitation to maintain a separate page on the City's website where it will make available all of its plans relating to emergencies and resiliency.

As we are just one day beyond the 22nd anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, it is important to remember that the ability to prepare in advance for an emergency often makes all the difference in being able to survive an emergency. That's why it is important that all City agencies, including the Department of Sanitation, be pro-active in making sure their emergency contingency plans are communicated effectively to the public well before any emergency.

As we learned from our experiences during Hurricanes Sandy and Ida, as well as during the recent influx of Canadian wildfire smoke, the chaos of an actual emergency often leads to poor communication and the distribution of inaccurate information, which could prove disastrous in a crisis. That's why it's critical that our residents be armed with as much information as possible before a crisis occurs, so they are not unprepared.

The Borough President is committed to making sure our City is never caught off guard during an emergency, so he strongly urges that the Council pass, and the Mayor sign, Int. No. 861.

Thank you for your time and attention.



FOR THE RECORD

**NYC COUNCIL TESTIMONY – COMMITTEE ON SANITATION
Oversight Hearing – DSNY’s Initiatives to Address Street Cleanliness
September 12th, 2023**

Good morning, Chair Nurse, and members of the Council’s Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management. I am Matthew Bauer, and I am testifying on behalf of the NYC BID Association, which represents the City’s 77 Business Improvement Districts. I co-chair the Association’s Regulatory Reform Working Group, and also serve as President of the Madison Avenue Business Improvement District.

As you know, New York City’s BIDs have been supporting DSNY’s initiatives to address street and sidewalk cleanliness for decades. In 2022, NYC BIDs collectively spent \$47.8M in supplemental sanitation services, swept 282 linear miles of sidewalks, removed 440,000 instances of graffiti, and maintained 6,552 corner trash receptacles.

Every BID director in New York reports about their close partnership with their local DSNY superintendents and their respective teams, and we have worked hard to amplify DSNY’s messaging to businesses about the new setout rules for commercial waste.

We appreciate the bills being heard today to address the scourges of dumping and abandoned & derelict vehicles, and to further discourage littering. We hope that these proposed laws will effectively discourage the bad behavior of entities and persons making it harder to keep our commercial corridors clean and safe.

We do however have deep concerns about Intro 981, which would expand the commercial routing enforcement program to all hours of the day when a store, restaurant or other commercial entity is open for business. Right now, under the existing commercial routing program, DSNY assigns each business with a one-hour period during the day and another one-hour period during the afternoon when that business can receive an ECB violation for sidewalk or curb uncleanness.

Members of this Committee may be assuming that if the merchant or property owner sweeps the area periodically throughout the day, then of course the merchant or property owner would not receive a violation. However, in cases brought before Administrative Law Judges adjudicating appeals by businesses receiving tickets during the Commercial Routing Program hours, the standard for maintaining cleanliness is much higher. For example, in NYC v Primerica from 2010, the judge determined that “special efforts” must be employed to keep the sidewalk and tree pit area clean during the routing hour. Quoting from the judicial appeal of this ruling, “in order to establish a defense that special efforts were made to keep the sidewalk area clean, a commercial establishment must show that the area was cleaned just prior to a routing hour



and was periodically cleaned throughout that hour. Respondent's sweeping once during the routing hour does not establish that Respondent made special efforts to maintain the sidewalk area in a clean condition during that hour."

So in other words, based upon this ruling that serves as legal precedent, a merchant that receives a sanitation ticket during the routing hour when a litterer not affiliated or related business dumps on that business cannot defend against that ticket even if she or he swept their sidewalk during that same hour. According to the judge, they must be cleaning periodically, repeatedly, during that hour.

Intro 981 extends that "hour" to the entire workday. Merchants in busy corridors can't just sweep hourly, they will have to sweep periodically every hour! How can any small business do this? They would have to dedicate an employee whose sole job is to sweep the sidewalk. This legislation, though well meaning, will undoubtedly be a burden to our small businesses, and frankly to larger businesses as well that have to justify the calculus as to whether it is worth it to maintain a brick & mortar store in NYC.

We had the opportunity to discuss this legislation in a meeting Council Member Bottcher a few months ago, and we very much appreciate his work to keep the city clean. Indeed, many BIDs in Manhattan are honored to have Council Member Bottcher serve on their Board of Directors. As we discussed, we believe that there are alternatives to address the "bad apple" merchant & property owners that do not maintain their sidewalks.

First, DSNY can conduct an outreach effort to educate businesses about the existing Commercial Routing Program. For the vast majority of businesses that want to do the right thing, it is much easier to convince them to pitch in together with neighbors to keep the sidewalk clean during the routing hours. It would conversely make it disheartening & exasperating for businesses if they were told that this roll-up-your-sleeve effort had to be sustained during all business hours, making them feel that this is an impossible task that may cause them to just give up. It is our belief that businesses that are bad actors are bad during their existing routing hours as well, and if DSNY chose to conduct an enforcement operation, it would not be difficult to do so. Moreover, these bad actors are likely also not following the details of the new set-out regulations that DSNY has recently promulgated, and enforcement actions on those new regulations is not confined to the commercial routing hours.

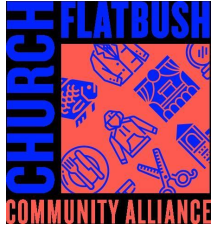
Second, DSNY, in partnership with the Business Integrity Commission, can work together to enforce the existing regulation that businesses utilize a licensed commercial carter to haul their waste. Some of the trash overflow at corner baskets is caused by either residents or businesses using them to dump their trash, and the sidewalk mess caused by that overflow can lead to a ticket going to the neighboring business that has nothing to do with generating that trash.



Third, additional DSNY budget can go to increasing corner basket pickup or installing larger trash receptacles.

Sidewalk and curb cleanliness is indeed a team sport, a partnership between property owners, businesses, residents, the city's BIDs and DSNY. DSNY's containerization initiative has been a tough road for many businesses, with new rules promulgated by the agency coming into effect virtually every month. Expanding the hours of the Commercial Routing Program will only cause businesses that have felt that they were part of a partnership with city government to combat the rat problem to just throw up their hands and say this is just too much. As we continue to try to stem the tide of storefront vacancies and to support our small businesses, we hope that you will try to find less burdensome means.

Thank you so much for your consideration, and for your efforts to improve the quality of life of New Yorkers.



Formerly the Church Ave. and Flatbush Ave. Business Improvement Districts

Sept. 14, 2023

Dear Chair Nurse and members of the City Council's Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management,

I am the Executive Director of the Church-Flatbush Community Alliance (CFCA), formerly the Church Avenue Business Improvement District and Flatbush Avenue Business Improvement District. I serve as Co-Chair of the NYC BID Association's Quality of Life working group and was Brooklyn Lead for Mayor Adams' Commercial Corridor Recovery Task Force which addressed quality of life issues throughout Brooklyn. We have a small supplemental sanitation team and three DSNY-funded CityBins through the Clean Curbs program.

I watched the livestream of the Committee's Sept. 12 hearing on DSNY's Initiatives to Address Street Cleanliness with great interest. We agree with the goal of creating a cleaner NYC, particularly Commissioner Tisch's call for getting trash bags off the streets. However, we spend many hours monitoring and addressing sanitation issues throughout our district and I don't believe that increasing hours of commercial enforcement and the size of penalties will necessarily have the desired effect. It also will penalize the wrong people. We respectfully suggest that a more equitable and effective strategy could be to create a comprehensive plan for identifying the parties who are actually improperly disposing of their trash, help them develop feasible solutions, and educate and enforce businesses on carting.

Some observations from our section of Brooklyn:

- **Some local residents regularly use corner baskets for their household trash and for larger items** like IKEA boxes, old mattresses, etc. As Council Member Marjorie Velazquez pointed out in the hearing, businesses are being fined for residential improper disposal. During the CFCA's conditions monitoring at one intersection in our BID on Aug. 16, we watched as four people in less than one hour dropped full kitchen bags in the public trash can that we were monitoring (one person inexplicably placing her trash bag next to the trash bin). If enforcement were in full force, that business would be subject to tickets despite the fact that none of this trash was theirs.
- **Businesses without proper carting contracts are likely to drag their trash bags or boxes loaded with garbage to the nearest corner** rather than leave those bags in front of their own store. The fact that some of these businesses leave the shipping labels on these boxes indicates that they either don't know that they shouldn't be doing this or they don't think there will be any consequences. This leaves the corner businesses taking the heat for their neighbors' bad practices.

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- Many of our smaller businesses only have one or two employees, **not enough staff to bag and sweep outside every 15 minutes** which on some corners is approximately how often passersby drop trash near the basket and/or nearby residents or other businesses deposit bags of trash there.
- **Some of our businesses trying to comply with the new containerization rules have had their new \$80 - \$100 trash cans stolen.** This means more bags on the street temporarily until they've had a chance to replace the bins and this expense will add up.

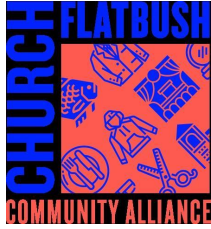
We suggest some solutions that could tackle these problems where they start:

1. **Conduct a comprehensive survey of which businesses do and which do not have private carting.** This could be implemented using paid interns, as was done with the City Cleanup Corps, or via SBS grants to individual BIDs, many of whom already have a list of their businesses and properties. To be most effective, this should include both:
 - a. Collecting this data through a door-to-door canvas to check whether there is a sticker posted on the storefront, as is required, and
 - b. Checking the information on stickers to ensure that carting is actually happening.
2. **Offer incentives to private carters who provide their branded bins for their commercial clients.** A distinctive carting service bin would likely make it less likely to be stolen. For example, Mr. T Carting provides bins to their business clients. With negotiations underway to select Commercial Waste Zone providers, this could be an opportunity for DSNY to require vendors to provide bins to their commercial clients within the zones.
3. **Develop a process for community partners to provide information on who is improperly disposing of trash.** Our BID tracks this through visual inspection, reviewing camera footage in a few locations (see below), and conducting conditions monitoring surveys but we are unclear on which pieces of information would be enough to trigger enforcement. DSNY could have a formal procedure for following up on these cases.
4. **Add cameras to monitor improper disposal** (as distinguished from illegal dumping where people drive to a location and dump debris). Commissioner Tisch noted that 258 illegal dumping cameras have been installed throughout the City which is great. It's important to note that in some communities, improper disposal (improper use of litter baskets for household/commercial trash) is a larger problem and I don't believe this is monitored by DSNY. Thanks to discretionary funding provided by Council Member Rita Joseph last year, our BID installed a few cameras in key locations which allows us to monitor and identify bad actors (commercial, residential, and unpermitted vendors) in those locations, although we need additional cameras. Find ways to fund cameras and the associated software for community partners who are willing to BID monitor and track activity in these locations.

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We would be happy to discuss any of these ideas further. Feel free to reach out to me at FlatbushAveBID1@gmail.com or 929-722-5944.

Sincerely,
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Cc: Jessica Tisch, Commissioner, NYC Dept. of Sanitation
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Rita Joseph, Council Member, 40th District
Fabiola Santos-Gaerlan and Ezra Ashkenazi, Chairs, Church Avenue and Flatbush Avenue District Management Associations, now the Church-Flatbush Community Alliance

September 13, 2023

Attn: Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management

Regarding: Int 1032-2023 Version: * Name: **Removal of abandoned or derelict vehicles.**

(A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to removal of abandoned or derelict vehicles)

I firmly support Shaun Abreu's effort to amend the administrative code in this matter.

Here in Washington Heights, I have seen vehicles sit out on the street sometimes for months, in the same location, often with numerous tickets jammed in their wipers. As I write, one such vehicle sits across from my building. It has not moved since at least early June. Though I reported it, still it sits.

The parking space it takes is unavailable to others, and the pavement beneath it has not been cleaned in months. This seems unfair to neighbors who abide by the parking rules of the city and those of Sanitation.

Without legislative action, I do not see that this situation will be rectified.

Respectfully,

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