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Honorable Bill de Blasio Mayor of the City of New York City Hall New York, New York 10007

Honorable Melissa Mark-Viverito Speaker, New York City Council City Hall New York, New York 10007

Honorable Antonio Reynoso Chair, Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management New York City Council 250 Broadway, Suite 1740 New York, NY 10007

Re: Local Law No. 77 of 2013

Dear Mayor de Blasio, Speaker Mark-Viverito and Councilmember Reynoso:

Pursuant to Local Law 77 of 2013 ("Local Law 77"), the Commissioner of Sanitation is required to issue a report on the pilot program established by Local Law 77.

The 2015 NYC Organics Collection Report summarizes the first two years of the NYC Organics Collection program pilot from 2013 to 2015. It details the DSNY's operational approach, outreach methodology, costs, participation, diversion rates and recommendations for the growth of the program. Its conclusions are clear: curbside organics collection is viable, popular, and effective. As more and more households are brought into this collective effort, we are on sound footing to pursue Zero Waste and to create a more equitable, resilient, and sustainable New York City.

I am pleased to submit to you the 2015 NYC Organics Collection Report.

Sincerely yours,

Kathryn Garcia

Cc: Bridget Anderson, DSNY, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Recycling and Sustainability Robert Orlin, DSNY, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Legal Affairs