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Dear Speaker Adams,

In compliance with Local Law 89 of 2023, DSNY recommends the continuation of organic waste drop-off sites. There are two types of organic waste drop-off sites: sites that are hosted and managed by non-profit organizations or community groups and DSNY's Smart Composting Bins.

Community Hosted Organic Waste Drop-off Sites

DSNY continues to manage contracts for Community Compost groups to operate organic waste drop-off sites. Funding for this program is provided by City Council through Schedule C discretionary funding. In FY25, DSNY received utilization data from 43 organic waste drop-off sites. These sites collected over 1,000 tons of food waste.

There are additional community hosted drop-off sites not funded by the City (such as those hosted by the Hudson River Park Alliance) that DSNY does not receive consistent utilization data from.

Smart Composting Bins

DSNY has deployed approximately 400 Smart Composting Bins across the City. In FY25, 68,043 unique users accessed Smart Bins to take advantage of this easy-to-use way to compost. These bins were unlocked 1,089,074 times, showing significant demand for the program.

Given the usage and diverse types of drop-off sites outlined above, it is DSNY's recommendation that organic waste drop-off sites should continue to be available for use by the public as part of a comprehensive citywide organics diversion and recovery program.

In addition to the citywide curbside composting program, drop-off sites offer New Yorkers another convenient way to recycle their organic waste. The drop-off sites also serve as hubs for education and outreach, helping people learn how to separate their waste correctly and understand why organics recycling is essential to a sustainable New York City.

Sincerely,

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