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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Javier D. Lojan".

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