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## \*\*FOR PLANNING PURPOSES\*\* - EVENT THIS THURSDAY, 10/1, IN LOWER MANHATTAN

This Thursday, October 1st, staff at the Department of Sanitation will engage in a ceremonial "walkout" of DSNY headquarters to honor First Deputy Commissioner Steven Costas on his final day with the Department. FDC Costas is retiring after 34 years at DSNY.

During the event, First Deputy Commissioner Costas will exit the building for the final time as a DSNY employee and be greeted by the DSNY Honor Guard, including the Department's bagpipe and drum band, and staff from across the Department. There is no speaking portion of this event.

## **Event Details**

Date: Thursday, October 1st

Time: Promptly at 11am – entire event may last less than 10 minutes, so media are strongly encouraged to arrive at 10:45 to set up.

Location: OUTSIDE - Worth St. between Centre and Lafayette (north end of Foley Square), Lower Manhattan. Best location for cameras is at the corner of Worth and Lafayette. This event is rain or shine.

In order to ensure social distancing, please RSVP to <a href="mailto:pressoffice@dsny.nyc.gov">pressoffice@dsny.nyc.gov</a>. Mask compliance will be strictly enforced at this outdoor event. Please also be aware that due to construction, parking is extremely limited.

## **About the New York City Department of Sanitation**

The Department of Sanitation (DSNY) keeps New York City healthy, safe and clean by collecting, recycling and disposing of waste, cleaning streets and vacant lots, and clearing snow and ice. The Department operates 59 district garages and manages a fleet of more than 2,000 rear-loading collection trucks, 450 mechanical brooms and 705 salt spreaders. The Department clears litter, snow and ice from approximately 6,500 miles of City streets and removes debris from vacant lots as well as abandoned vehicles from City streets.