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Hon. Bill de Blasio
Mayor, City of New York
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Re: DSNY Compost Programs

Dear Mayor de Blasio,

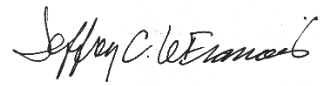
New York has made tremendous progress through its various composting programs. The Waterfront, Parks, and Environment Committee of Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) was alarmed to learn that all composting programs were being stopped due to the COVID-19 outbreak. By a vote of its Full Board of 48 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 present not eligible, MCB4 requests that community compost locations be reopened and maintained.

Sacrifices are being made across the City and to all programs, but to completely eliminate the ability to compost for all New Yorkers is too far. Under your administration, the City has made progress of getting more and more New Yorkers to gather kitchen scraps for separated collection. Ensuring there are still places to drop compost off in MCB4 is critical and the locations in parks and at subways stations should be reinstated. We look forward to the time full blown collection can resume.

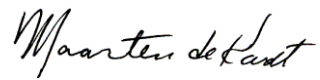
Thank you.

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