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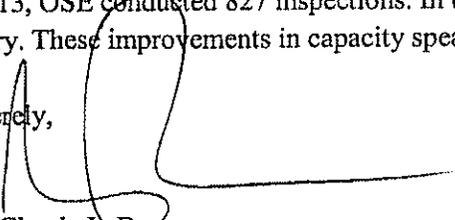
Dear Ms. Berthet, Mr. Restuccia, and Ms. Davis:

Thank you for your letter about the Mayor's Office of Special Enforcement, which was received in our office via fax on March 11, 2015. I direct budget and operations in our office, and as such I am responding on behalf of Director Glazer. The \$96,426 figure that has been reported in some locations is incorrect. The Mayor's preliminary budget for FY 2016 allocates a minimum of \$1,242,000 for the Mayor's Office of Special Enforcement (OSE) – which exceeds the FY 2006 \$976,470 allocation that you cite in your letter.

The office is comprised of twelve staff members: three New York City Police Officers, two Department of Buildings inspectors, one Fire Department inspector, an investigator from the Department of Finance, two attorneys (and up to four attorneys depending on caseload), one full-time investigator, an office manager, and the Acting Director, Elan Parra.

With its current budget, the OSE is effectively targeting the buildings and actors most active in transient use, conducting inspections, and issuing graduated sanctions. The use of sophisticated analytic software and innovative tactics has driven the office's heightened effectiveness and efficiency over the last several years. In 2010, OSE conducted 258 inspections; in 2013, OSE conducted 827 inspections. In the past year, OSE has filed three lawsuits, out of a total of four in OSE's history. These improvements in capacity speak to OSE's increasing impact.

Sincerely,



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