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MS. LIGUORI: Good morning and welcome.

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My name is Madelynn Liguori. I am Senior Counsel in the Bureau of Legal Affairs for the Department of Sanitation. Thank you for attending this public hearing this morning.

DSNY is conducting this remote
hearing in accordance with the
requirements of the City Administrative
Procedure Act. The purpose of this
hearing is to receive comments from the
public on DSNY's proposed rule relating
to the use of certain receptacles by
certain entities that receive Department
collection service.

This rule was published by DSNY in
The City Record on July 8, 2024 with a
scheduled hearing date of today, August
8, 2024. Additionally, DSNY emailed
copies of the rule to all New York City
local elected officials, the City's 59
community boards, media and interested
parties, and published the proposed rule

on its website.

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This proposed rule would require that all buildings that receive Department collection, other than residential buildings containing 10 or more dwelling units, set out any refuse at the curb for DSNY collection in rigid containers with tight-fitting lids.

This requirement would go into effect on November 12, 2024.

Please note that the published rule indicated November 13th, but this was a typographical error that will be corrected in the notice of adoption.

By June 1, 2026, the proposed rule would require that such rigid containers with tight-fitting lids be purchased from an authorized vendor. Such authorized vendor would be chosen through a competitive procurement process and such receptacles would be available for purchase from a retail outlet or online platform.

This rule would allow all buildings and entities that received Department

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collection, or are applying for collection service, to apply for and receive a waiver if compliance would create a public safety hazard for pedestrians or would pose an unreasonable hardship.

Instructions related to such waiver requests would be outlined on the Department's website. There will also be an appeals process for those buildings or entities that are denied such waiver requests.

These changes are a part of the City's commitment to cleaning up New York City streets and reducing food sources for rats.

Residences and other buildings that received Department collection are generators of refuse, and bags of waste set out for collection on the curb, even when in compliance with existing waste setout requirements, attract rats and vermin. Requiring such buildings to utilize a specific City approved receptacle for the disposal of refuse

will allow DSNY to streamline collection and further limit potential food sources for vermin.

These changes align -- I'm just going to interrupt one second. If everybody can please mute themselves unless you are testifying, I would greatly appreciate it.

(Complying.)

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MS. LIGUORI: Okay. These changes align with other City initiatives to increase the use of containers for waste storage and collection, creating cleaner, more livable and more vibrant streets and neighborhoods across New York City.

A court reporter is present today and will record the hearing. You may present an oral statement or submit written comments concerning the proposed rule. We have been accepting written comments on the proposed rules since it was published. Today is the deadline for submission of written comments.

Such comments may be emailed

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directly to nycrules@dsny.nyc.gov by 5 p.m. today. DSNY will make available a copy of all written comments received through today, together with the hearing transcript, for viewing on its website within the next few weeks.

DSNY will carefully consider all the comments it receives today at the hearing and all written comments it receives.

I will begin calling those of you who wish to speak this morning in the order in which you have signed up to testify. While the notice asked that persons wishing to testify sign-up in advance of this hearing, anyone wishing to testify at this time may do so by indicating in the chat area that you wish to testify by indicating your name and affiliation, if any.

When you speak, please say your name and affiliation, and speak slowly and clearly so that the court reporter can understand and accurately record your statement. We also ask that you limit

your statement to three minutes.

I'm now going to be calling to speak Claire Miflin for the Center for Zero Waste Design.

Claire?

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MS. MIFLIN: Yes, thank you.

My name is Claire Miflin. I'm

Executive Director of the Center for

Zero Waste Design. Our organization

came out of the Zero Waste Design

guidelines, which were developed with -
in collaboration with DSNY and City

agencies, stakeholders, and they showed

how waste containerization can be

designed to help reduce waste, improve

street-scapes, and improve labor.

So, we really believe in waste containerization, but we see that the recent plans have been developed without consultation and they could be vastly improved. The current plans go against these own goals of improving pedestrian mobility and the quality of the public realm, and they will not help us reach our targets for waste reduction and

greenhouse gas emissions.

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We visited hundreds of buildings to see how waste is managed and we know that one to nine unit attached walk-up buildings very often have no space to store bins inside, or they have stairs, so it's difficult to move bins up and down so this will lead to bins permanently on sidewalks.

Given that almost half of New York
City's sidewalks are narrower than nine
foot, there simply won't be enough clear
path to walk, let alone for wheelchair
users or stroller pushers.

And while the rule allows for waivers, a number of waivers will be impractical. And then even if -- what about the buildings that have storefronts on the ground floor? Many of these retail businesses are already struggling, blocking their storefronts with commercial trash bins we've seen already.

Adding residential bins as well will just make things worse for the business.

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It'll block the sidewalks. You can have eight bins outside an eight-unit building for commercial and residential waste, and it'll just degrade the sidewalk experience and make sidewalk dining impossible.

A much better solution for these buildings would be to use the large containers in the street, and share them, and provide them for every waste stream, not only trash. It is well known that doing a trash-only system will make people recycle and separate waste less.

I mean, it's the organics that we need to containerize, so why are we focusing on trash if we want to focus on rats? It's the organics that need to be containerized.

So, New York City Building code was changed in 2012 to require recycling bins to be located next to trash chutes so you have equal convenience disposal because it has been proven, if you make trash more convenient than recycling of

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organics, you'll get reduced diversion and we'll be further away. You know, if a building has a trash bin outside for residents on the sidewalk, but not recycling of organics, many residents will just think, "My building doesn't recycle" and not bother to separate.

So, while we understand we need to get things done, we've been thinking about this since 2017 and we would love to work with DSNY to come up with a better plan. We don't want to just communicate with you via hearings and the press. We want to work with you as stakeholders to get to a better plan.

We can turn this around. We want to work with you on the large buildings as well cause there are better solutions for street-scapes, better solutions for labor, and better solutions, most importantly, to get us to zero waste, as it has been mandated by City Council, and to improve our recycling rates, because then we can celebrate successful implementation of waste

1	containerization, and better
2	street-scapes, better public realm.
3	Since COVID we all know how
4	important the public realm is and then
5	we can celebrate success together
6	because, as any mother knows, when
7	something you really care about goes
8	wrong, saying, "I told you so" brings no
9	joy.
10	Thank you.
11	MS. LIGUORI: Thank you very much.
12	The next person I have up to testify
13	is Ilan Rabinovich.
14	Ilan?
15	(No response.)
16	MS. LIGUORI: Okay. We will skip
17	him and go back.
18	Anna Sacks?
19	MS. SACKS: Hi. I'm representing
20	the Solid Waste Advisory Boards.
21	So, the Solid Waste Advisory Boards
22	of Manhattan, Brooklyn, the Bronx and
23	Queens request that DSNY withdraw, for
24	at least six months, the proposed
25	amendment scheduled to go into effect in

November on November 13, 2024.

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The rule doesn't take into account the City's previous environmental commitments, has serious potential negative consequences that need to be addressed, and the cost may not outweigh the benefits.

Furthermore, suspension of the implementation of this rule change will enable proper consideration, consultation, and review by affected stakeholders, in particular community boards.

More importantly, the suspension will allow the Administration to focus on the success of the curbside organics collection program and waste reduction and diversion more broadly to achieve the City goals of sending zero weight to landfills by 2030 rather than the current approach of containerizing to hide, not reduce, our trash.

We don't think the City has taken into account all the potential negative consequences from this new rule.

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Containerizing only trash and not recyclables hides the very waste stream the City's charged with reducing. We expect the City's diversion rate to further decline.

The convenience and prominence of the trash bins will lead New Yorkers who care about recycling to put all -- who care less about recycling to put all their waste, including recyclables, into the trash bin. For example, one M-SWAB member learned from a resident in the MP trash container pilot that while they used to take both trash and recycling to the basement, they now take the trash out with them when they leave their apartment and must make a separate trip to the basement for recycling, discouraging diversion. The convenience and prominence of the trash bins will lead New Yorkers to put all of their waste, including recyclables, into the trash bin.

In an effort to get bags off of the street, the City neglected to consider

where the impacted residential buildings will store the trash bins. Buildings in New York City have notoriously limited unused space, so we would expect that these -- we expect that we will end up with permanently cluttered sidewalks.

Sidewalks cluttered with trash bins will result in narrower walkways that are harder for people using strollers or wheelchairs to navigate, and aesthetically less attractive -- attractive blocks and neighborhoods.

New York City is well on its way to becoming "Bin City".

The new rules were also made without consideration of the new workflow it will require DSNY to adopt. Sanitation workers will need to wheel the 55-gallon bins from the sidewalk to the Sanitation truck, navigating tightly packed cars -- tightly parked cars. They will then need to hook up the bin to the truck, empty it, wheel the bin back to the sidewalk, and repeat this for all the small bins on each block. This will

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result in an increase in the amount of time Sanitation spends collecting trash and an increase in traffic congestion, vehicle idling, and vehicle exhaust pollution.

Instead of focusing on containerizing trash, the City should double-down on the efforts they have already committed to, such as organics selection, and expand education to ensure residents understand the value of these efforts and are motivated to comply to achieve our zero by '30 goals.

As a strategy to mitigate rats, the Administration should focus on containerizing rat food, "organic material", through the emerging curbside organics program. Currently, the curbside organics program has a five percent capture rate in Queens, meaning that 95 percent of eligible organic material is going into the trash, and thus is still available to rats.

This low capture rate also results in near empty trash -- empty trucks

driving around our City and a higher cost per pound of organics relative to trash and recyclables. We fear that the low capture rate will make the curbside organics program susceptible to future budget cuts.

Instead of devoting a significant amount of time and money into containerizing trash, which has these numerous negative effects, including massive export costs and methane production, the Administration should devote these resources to making the curbside organics program, which both targets rat mitigation and increases the City's diversion rate success.

The City should invest in reducing the amount of trash produced in the first place and diverting what can be diverted. Focus should be spent on increasing and integrating localized recycling and composting infrastructure, moving away from single-use plastics and other disposable items, deconstruction instead of -- instead of demolition, and

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diversion of reusable building materials and furniture, programs for minimizing single-use plastics and re-homing useable furniture and other items for public schools, repair incentives, and other waste reduction programs would positively benefit the local community, and environment, and help our City make good on its environmental commitments.

Lastly, without understanding the true cost of containerizing trash, it's hard to weigh in against the benefits. We would like to understand how many millions of dollars the City is spending to containerize the trash of one to nine unit buildings, including retrofit -retrofitting trucks, subsidizing the cost of the bins, and increases in labor costs.

We also question why the trucks need to be retrofitted to lift the -- and empty the bins when the Sanitation Ιf

1	cars, it should be light enough to lift
2	into the trash truck.
3	Further, we believe these millions
4	of dollars would be better spent on the
5	initiatives to reduce and divert waste
6	and provide much needed education
7	mentioned above.
8	Based on all the aforementioned
9	points, we therefore reiterate our
10	request that DSNY withdraw, for at least
11	six months, the proposed amendment to
12	allow for proper consideration,
13	consultation, and review by affected
14	stakeholders.
15	Thank you.
16	MS. LIGUORI: Thank you very much,
17	Ms. Sacks.
18	I'm now going to call Ilan
19	Rabinovich because I believe he just
20	joined.
21	Mr. Rabinovich?
22	MR. RABINOVICH: Yes, hello. I
23	believe my audio is on.
24	You know, I just wanted to point out
25	that we're I'm supportive of anything

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that gets trash bags off the streets. I think we're -- in 2024 there's no reason we should be in a City where I walk by piles and piles of trash everywhere -- at least not in the U.S., and definitely not in the City of New York -- however, I have a number of concerns with the current proposed rules.

One is, there seems to be a monopoly from a single company that lets you approve when we can purchase these bins. That seems problematic. You know, We should have some competition here. I'm Curious who got a kickback there.

The second is, not -- not all of our properties are set up in a way where large bins like this can be brought to the curb easily. For me, I'm going to have to carry it up a flight -- carry the bins up a flight of stairs and down a flight of stairs because of how my building is set up. I Would love to change that, but landmark rules will not allow me to do so.

And then, finally, I just want you

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all again to reconsider the way you process fines, both for this regulation and future regulations. As a homeowner, I'm constantly being fined by DSNY for things that other people do as they walk by my house at 3 in the morning.

Though, people come by; they steal my cans. They rifle through the bins; they even steal the trash cans. In one case, I caught somebody on video emptying my trash onto the street to steal the bag that the trash was in because he needed it for something else -- I don't know what.

But you know who got the fines in all those situations, it was me. Didn't matter that I had video evidence; didn't matter that I had photos. I sent them all in. Was told I still owe the \$100 fines. As a rent stabilized property owner, that's quite problematic. \$100 might seem a lot to you all, but that's, in some cases, more than 10 percent of the rent I'm allowed to collect.

So, you know, please rethink the way

1 you're implementing containerization and 2 please rethink the way that you're 3 implement -- you implement the fines 4 that you put on owners. We're not 5 looking for trash to be on the curb or in front of our homes. We do our best 6 7 to keep these places clean. But New 8 York is a high traffic City and people 9 do come by and do inappropriate things 10 to our trash. I can't sit around 24/7 11 monitoring them and guarding for that. 12 So, again, thank you and, you know, 13 please look for ways to reduce our 14 costs, not increase them. 15 MS. LIGUORI: Thank you, Mr. 16 Rabinovich. 17 The next up is Hannah Leshaw. MS. LESHAW: Hello. My name is 18 19 Hannah Leshaw. I am the owner of a 2.0 three-family home in the Bronx that I 21 also reside in and I am appearing today 22 to vigorously oppose these regulations. 23 They appear to have been drafted by 24 someone who has no familiarity with the 25 actual practicalities of New York City

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and -- and sort of what the logistics allow for in our small streets.

Specifically, I think of my home, which has a regularly small volume of garbage that can be maintained by two cans, but we have variations to that and there are these periods of a brief increase. That could be after a holiday; it could be at the changing of the tenant, but in this proposal, there is no mechanism to deal with those brief increases of volume.

I would still be required to put
everything out in cans, which would mean
that I would potentially have to have a
miscellaneous number of extra cans just
stored on my property in case.

Otherwise, I would have to store the bags on my property and slowly put them out over time. That is certainly not a better way to do things.

Additionally, putting things on the curb here makes no sense. We have narrow side streets when you take into account the freestanding mailboxes, the

hydrants, the treatments, and then still wanting to leave a path for walking. We have short frontage. These are small, you know, two, three-family homes in my area. We do not have the space for that.

Also, they're going to be stolen. I will tell you, my cans are regularly stolen from my current setup, which they are on my property, in my front yard, behind a gate. People come on and regularly steal the cans and I have reported this to the police in the past.

I can tell you, they laugh at me and will not take a report. So, the Mayor's idea that we will go to the police is really just quite laughable.

And then, finally, I would say that the plan that we are going to ultimately use some sort of a mechanical tipper, there's no way that's fitting on our street. Between the street where the truck will be and the cans on the curb will be this row of parked cars. I do not envision how this will work.

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There is no way for, logistically, these Sanitation workers to maneuver the cans between the parked cars to get to the truck, and if we're talking about eliminating parking, that is not a good idea. We have already lost a massive number of spots to various DOT initiatives. We cannot afford to lose anymore.

So, this is just -- this really just is from top to bottom poorly conceptualized. I would encourage you all to consider extending this current plan of the late put-out and the early pickup, so that we do, you know, 8 o'clock, and then shortly thereafter Sanitation comes around. That is really the best plan.

It would mean that there would just be a very small window where things would be on the curb. Key to that though is enforcement. I can tell you that a lot of people in my neighborhood in the Bronx do not comply with that and there has been no real effort, I think,

1	to get anyone on board with that.
2	So, those are my comments. Please,
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	that small property owners will be able
5	to handle either because of the
6	inconvenience and also because of the
7	costs involved in repeatedly replacing
8	these cans.
9	Thank you.
10	MS. LIGUORI: Thank you, Ms. Leshaw.
11	Next up to testify is Kelly Farrell
12	from the Rent Stabilization Association.
13	MS. FARRELL: Hi. Good afternoon.
14	Thank you good morning, Commissioner.
15	Appreciate your time.
16	My name is Kelly Farrell. I'm from
17	the Rent Stabilization Association, and
18	the RSA represents approximately 25,000
19	owners and managers of residential
20	property, the majority of whom are small
21	owners and would be impacted by the
22	rules proposed today.
23	I've submitted written testimony
24	that I know you've received and my
25	comments here today are to supplement

that submission.

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I want to first note that these government regulations are felt more acutely around small owners because these are the people who run buildings directly, and on tight financial margins, and lack the scale to absorb the impact of such government mandates. And I think the 220 comments or so that were set forth -- you know, publicly available -- they clearly state the issues that these proposed rules raise.

Our written testimony sets forth concerns we have about the small property owners are not a monolith and really the only thing they have in common are that they are small, and that the rules fail to address that reality.

In crafting a garbage bag solution today, it appears the Department will be creating a garbage can problem and how this will play out depends on the surrounding community and the ability of owners to adapt to the logistical challenges this will present.

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Cost and theft are a legitimate concern for. All rent stabilized owners -- you know, as a six or eight-unit building, the average rent is \$1,500. You know, these are not staffed buildings. You may pay someone three times a week \$50 to come by and do your trash and some will be going up and down the block and handling some buildings, 600 a month for trash.

If you need someone to come back and handle cans, you might be literally devoting one unit's rent per month to trash alone and that's before you account for things like taxes, and maintenance, heat, oil, and everything else that needs to be done. So, this generally is a legitimate cost issue.

But logistics become a more acute challenge for some. Some buildings literally have no storage space.

The residence sits on top of commercial space -- a deli, a dry cleaner, smoke shop -- these days and -- on the ground level, and next to it is a

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residential entry -- double-door. It faces an avenue and Fire Department regulations don't allow strollers, bicycles, carts, or anything to be stored in this entry, if there is even space to do so. Where are the cans to be placed?

Beyond space, smaller buildings
don't have the staff, so now many owners
put these garbage out at night after
work. Now, getting cans back in will be
a problem, and they will need to be out
for hours, and the sidewalks will be
significantly impacted by this proposal.

In my neighborhood I live in, in

Manhattan, right along an avenue, and I

see the commercial establishments that

are already required to use containers,

while illegally affix them now to all

sorts of street furniture due to theft.

On my block alone, out of the eight

stores, three -- three stores attach

things -- chain them -- one to a fire

hydrant, one to a tree guard, and the

third is to one of the poles, and this

is what I fear is going to happen up and down the blocks is there -- they are chains until the -- until Sanitation comes and what -- we will see this everywhere going forward.

And, obviously, it's illegal, but it's a solution that's been born out of necessity.

So, before going forth with the citywide mandate, the Department really should undertake a borough-based pilot to provide -- and provide the owners -- receptacles to owners at no cost, and evaluate the impacts on the street-scape, the sidewalks, theft, pickup times, routes, and can placements, and look to establish furniture where into which these bins can be placed.

And after the pilot, the studies -and study the results and determine how
best this can be implemented beyond
these small pilot areas. And short of
doing that, I have to reiterate, that
the Department will soon be turning a

1	garbage can a garbage bag solution
2	into a garbage bag problem.
3	Thank you.
4	MS. LIGUORI: Thank you, Ms.
5	Farrell. The next person signed up to
6	testify is Isabel Reyes.
7	MS. REYES: Hi. How are you this
8	morning?
9	My father is an 82-year-old Hispanic
10	landlord of a small mom-and-pop rent
11	stabilized building in Brooklyn.
12	Although I help my father, it's not easy
13	to containerize trash from already
14	overcrowded apartments, which we have no
15	control over unfortunately, especially
16	when trash can size are now limited to
17	55 gallons.
18	We have 95 gallon containers, which
19	are already full when ready for disposal
20	every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
21	Now, instead of six large trash cans, I
22	assume we're gonna have to order 12
23	smaller trash cans where we don't have
24	enough space in front of the property.
25	Now, we're gonna have to store that

1	garbage inside of a private home
2	staircase and haul it back and forth.
3	Also, we weren't really included in
4	this process and this decisionmaking.
5	How will the bins be returned to the
6	property? I'm assuming they're going to
7	be times where the bags are going to be
8	stolen; trash Cans will be stolen. For
9	example, we have to chain ours to the
10	house, otherwise you're going to spend a
11	lot more money on trash cans than
12	needed.
13	Also, what can be implemented to
14	make this transition easier for small
15	homeowners? Please reconsider these new
16	guidelines and consider buildings and
17	homeowners alike.
18	Thank you.
19	MS. LIGUORI: Thank you, Ms. Reyes.
20	I'd now like to call Jim Wright from
21	AIANY Transportation & Infrastructure
22	Committee.
23	MR. WRIGHT: Good morning. My name
24	is Jim Wright, and for this hearing, I'm
25	representing myself.
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I'm an transportation architect, urban designer, and advocate for sustainable infrastructure and a world class public realm in all parts of the City. I support a coordinated approach to street and sidewalk management, which prioritizes pedestrians while balancing the needs of all uses.

Those of us who support a complete streets approach to public space management have long supported a well managed waste removal and recycling network that includes containerization for commercial and residential buildings to replace the chaotic and unsanitary bag system now in place. While I support the City's overall goal of waste containerization, the proposed implementation strategy falls short of best practices waste collection strategies in several areas.

One, many small residential buildings do not have indoor space to hold bins. These bins will often be stored between pickups on sidewalks

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within three feet of the building line, if they follow the rules, according to the proposed rules.

The storage location is inefficient operationally and produces unnecessary conflicts with other uses that share the sidewalk; a minimum eight-foot unobstructed lane for pedestrian circulation, as well as conflicts with sidewalk cafes, retail storefronts, displays, street trees, sidewalk hatches, and other sidewalk furniture.

Two, despite being covered, the bins will be unsightly and smelly in between pickups, particularly in hot temperatures which now run from May through September and beyond. It could be argued that this is no worse than the black bags now placed on the sidewalk at the curb. However, the goal should be to improve the public space, not just move the trash from one place to another on sidewalks.

Three, the proposed rules do not require that recycled materials be

1 placed in containers, so those materials 2 will still be bagged while waiting for 3 pickup, further clogging sidewalks. 4 Four, the proposed rules do not 5 address containerization for organic 6 waste, which is being phased in under 7 DSNY's compost -- composting program, 8 but is struggling to achieve its environmental goals. 9 10 Five, by rolling out the transition 11 in a piecemeal and inconsistent way, 12 DSNY is missing a real opportunity to 13 educate and train users for a new and

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system.

Fortunately, there's a straightforward solution to these problems, locating waste, recycling and composting containers in the street curb lane.

complete waste recycling, composting

The Center for Zero Waste Design has developed a realistic strategy for shared street containers at the curb line -- curb lane where they belong; the same type of containers, which are

1	proposed by DSNY for trash, from large
2	residential buildings. By removing the
3	bins entirely from sidewalks, this
4	system is not only more sanitary, but
5	it's easier and safer for pickup by
6	Sanitation workers.
7	I strongly urge DSNY and the City to
8	adopt a more innovative and consistent
9	approach at the beginning of the
10	transition to waste containerization to
11	assure that the program meets all of its
12	potential to contribute to a more
13	orderly, sanitary, and lively public
14	realm.
15	Thank you for the opportunity to
16	testify.
17	MS. LIGUORI: Thank you, Mr. Wright.
18	The next to testify is Ann Korchak.
19	I apologize if I butchered your last
20	name.
21	MS. KORCHAK: You were very close
22	Korchak. Thank you.
23	So, good morning. Thanks for the
24	opportunity to speak this morning.
25	I help manage two small apartment

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buildings on the Upper West Side that have been in my husband's family for decades. I also serve as the Board President of SPONI, the Small Property Owners of New York.

Our organization would have welcomed the opportunity to provide input to the Department of Sanitation prior to the City implementing this new trash container ation (sic) policy -- excuse me. We are precisely the individuals the agency should be consulting before you roll-out such a plan.

Since we were not given that opportunity, we cannot take an official position as an organization, so today I'm just speaking on behalf of my family.

As small building owners, we are directly engaged with the challenges of trash management on a daily basis. We are well acquainted with the difficulties of finding adequate space to store trash cans, the challenges of ensuring tenants adhere to sorting

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policy, the financial burden of Sanitation fines, and the stress of dealing with the rodent problem as we manage our daily trash waste.

Had we been consulted before this policy was finalized, we would have shared with you that each building and street in the City has its own unique challenges. For example, one of my buildings has adequate space for storing the trash cans, but limited curb space due to a tree planted by the City last year that removed two full slabs of concrete. This significantly restricts the number of cans I can place out to the curb for pickup.

15 the number of cans I can place out to 16 the curb for pickup. 17 At another building, we invested in 18 a custom-built steel trash container 19 designed to house our existing trash 2.0 The dimensions of this bin do not cans. 21 accommodate the new cans mandated by the 22 City, forcing us to undertake an 23 expensive removal and replacement 24 process; resources we would prefer to 25 allocate to other building maintenance

needs.

Have officials considered the expense and difficulty small property owners will face complying with these new regulations? I anticipate that my cans will be stolen, leading to additional costs for replacements.

While waiting for these replacements, I risk receiving Sanitation fines for using noncompliant cans or plastic bags.

While I commend the City's goal with combating rats, I suggest initiating pilot programs in various areas to address potential issues before the citywide implementation. Additionally, I recommend returning to a more frequent collection schedule.

Historically, my husband's grandfather managed our buildings and trash was set out five days a week.

Given the volume of waste produced by my tenants, more frequent pickups could significantly aid in tracking -- in tackling the City's rat problem and thank you for considering our

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1	perspective.
2	MS. LIGUORI: Thank you very much
3	for your testimony.
4	The next up is Liz Picarazzi from
5	CITIBIN.
6	MS. PICARAZZI: Good morning,
7	everybody. I'm Liz Picarazzi, the
8	founder and CEO of CITIBIN.
9	CITIBIN is a Brooklyn-based
10	manufacturer of trash enclosures. Since
11	our start in 2012, we've installed
12	thousands of bins in all five boroughs.
13	In that capacity, we have surveyed
14	hundreds of properties, both single and
15	multi-family. With every client, we
16	look at the number of bags and the
17	available space to determine which size
18	works best for them.
19	Many are space challenged whether or
20	not they have a CITIBIN and have asked
21	if there will be an exception process
22	for the new NYC bin rules. Their
23	concerns are in two areas.
24	The first, multi-family buildings
25	with two to nine units that use 65 and

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96 gallon wheelie-bins and would be downgrading capacity by using the 45 gallon NYC bins. Superintendents in those buildings will be taking twice as many wheelie-bins to the curb at night and bringing them back in the morning. They might be better suited in four shared stationary street containers.

The second is residents who don't have space for the new NYC bins. This can happen with properties using 45-gallon Brute cans, the most common cans used by NYC single-family and small multi-family buildings, which is considerably shorter than the NYC bin. It can also happen when trash cans are corralled in a gated area with permanent iron work.

In my testimony -- written

testimony, I have some pictures and

descriptions attached. I'm testifying

to share these user scenarios with DSNY

as you develop an exception process.

Attached are pictures of properties that fit into the aforementioned areas

1	and I will point out just one.
2	(Indicating.)
3	So, this is in my neighborhood in
4	South Slope a nine-unit new condo in
5	South Slope, Brooklyn. They're using 11
6	65-gallon wheelie-bins, which is 715
7	gallons. The new rule would require
8	them to get 16 45-gallon NYC bins,
9	taking up more wall and curb space with
10	the five additional bins. The property
11	managers, supers, and condo owners all
12	want to keep using the 65-gallon
13	wheelie-bins.
14	And then I also have a little bit of
15	my written testimony some feedback
16	from some of my clients who are property
17	managers and superintendents that
18	suggest that the stationary street
19	containers would work better for them.
20	Thanks so much for your
21	consideration.
22	MS. LIGUORI: Thank you very much.
23	Next to testify, Anna Humphrey for
24	the Center for Independence of the
25	Disabled.

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MS. HUMPHREY: Hi. Good morning.

My name is Anna Humphrey. I'm the transportation community organizer for Center for Independence of the Disabled New York. I'm here to express CIDNY's concerns about this proposed mandate for trash collection.

This proposal poses significant challenges for people with disabilities. Many buildings with ground floor storefronts or limited interior space will have no choice but to place these bins on sidewalks. This presents several issues for individuals with disabilities.

For people who use wheelchairs, walkers, or other mobility aids, bins placed on sidewalks create significant obstacles.

Navigating around these objects is not easy and often forces individuals into tight spaces or even onto the street, which can be dangerous. The already crowded nature of New York City sidewalks, which are often filled with

construction barriers and high foot traffic exacerbates the problem.

For those with vision disabilities, the presence of additional obstacles on the sidewalks makes navigating City streets even more challenging. The unexpected placement of trash bins can lead to accidents or injuries.

Sidewalks are crucial public spaces that enable people with disabilities to engage in social and community life.

Accessible sidewalks are essential for them to visit friends, access businesses, and participate in the community.

Given these concerns, I strongly urge the Department of Sanitation to reconsider this policy and explore alternatives that maintain accessibility for disabled people, such as the use of shared permanent containers in the street similar to those proposed for larger buildings. This would keep sidewalks clear and ensure safe unobstructed pathways for all

1	pedestrians.
2	It's crucial that the needs of all
3	New Yorkers are considered when making
4	decisions that affect public spaces.
5	Accessible sidewalks are not a luxury;
6	they're a necessity for ensuring that
7	everyone, including people with
8	disabilities, can move freely and safely
9	in our City.
10	Thank you for your attention to this
11	important issue.
12	MS. LIGUORI: Thank you very much.
13	The next to testify is Matt Choi
14	from Open Places (sic).
15	MR. CHOI: Hello. Thank you for
16	being here and thank you for the
17	opportunity to testify. My name is
18	Matt. I'm representing today Open
19	Plans.
20	Open Plans is a nonprofit devoted to
21	livable streets. I would say, in
22	general, we are incredibly appreciative
23	of DSNY's work, especially around
24	containerization, which we are generally
25	supportive of. However, as has been

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pointed out already on this call, we do have some substantial concerns about this specific rule.

So, overall, I'd like to focus today on the experience of the sidewalk. It's our belief that the sidewalk is our greatest public asset. It's where neighbors meet; it's where children get to and from school. It really is the thing that is under appreciated that makes New York what it is.

We all know that piles of smelly and leaky trash bags have degraded this experience for too long and we applaud the shift to containers. However, they don't, to us, solve a fundamental issue, which is space on the sidewalk.

For too long, New Yorkers have been forced to navigate narrow sidewalks crowded with mountains of trash bags.

In the neighborhoods with narrow streets, this renders entire sidewalks un-walkable on collection days.

Sidewalk bins may be rat proof, but they won't solve that fundamental issue of

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obstructing sidewalk space, and as has been pointed out, many buildings lack the indoor storage; meaning, that these rows of bins will live on the sidewalk, even outside of collection days.

As has just been pointed out, this creates accessibility issues, as well as more quality of life concerns like visually blighting the facades and entryways of businesses and homes. We think that there is actually a better way.

To keep sidewalks beautiful and accessible, we would advocate for putting the trash in the curb, which is already being considered for larger sized buildings. For trash containerization and collection, instead of free parking, we think that putting this in the curb lane -- containers in the curb lane will benefit the entire City. It will also, we believe, make life easier for DSNY workers.

Anyone who knows a DSNY worker knows that this job is incredibly physical and

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oftentimes dangerous. Putting bins into the curb lane that can be accessed easily by truck or by the mechanical arms of the new trucks that DSNY has been purchasing will mean that DSNY workers no longer have to break their backs.

The Department's own pilot projects have already shown that containers placed in the curb lane are an effective and efficient use of public space.

Other cities have tackled this problem by putting bins in this very place. We encourage DSNY to expand the opportunities for curb lane disposal for smaller buildings, potentially bundling different buildings together with one collection point, but overall increasing this is an option for all sorts of buildings to use, rather than ones over a certain unit size.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.

MS. LIGUORI: Thank you very much.

The next up is Lacey Tauber from the

Brooklyn -- from Brooklyn Borough 1 2 President Antonio Reynoso's office. 3 Lacev? 4 MS. TAUBER: Good morning. Thank 5 you to DSNY for holding this hearing 6 today. 7 As you said, my name is Lacey. I am 8 here representing Brooklyn Borough 9 President Antonio Reynoso. 10 Borough President Reynoso agrees that containerization is a smart and 11 12 necessary policy and has been advocating 13 for it since he was Chair of the Council 14 Sanitation Committee. However, he feels 15 that this proposal, in particular, is 16 too broad, was rolled out too quickly, 17 and has the potential for unintended 18 consequences that will impact our 19 street-scapes and quality of life. 2.0 In April of last year, DSNY released 21 its Future of Trash report prepared by 22 consultancy McKinsey. The report stated 23 that containerization is not a one size 24 fits all solution. It reported that 50 25 percent of the City is appropriate for

individual bins, particularly lower density areas such as Staten Island, eastern Queens, and southern Brooklyn.

The report recommended a block by block approach to determining the appropriate method of containerization considering elements such as available curb space, anticipated waste output, and street width, yet the proposed rules will apply based on building size rather than geography, and do not take the suggested considerations into account.

To be clear, everyone agrees that the current situation is a mess.

However, nearly 20 percent of one to nine unit buildings have storefronts on the ground floor according to the Center for Zero Waste Design. They simply have nowhere to store the bins and the accompanying commercial businesses, which are also required to use the bins, often do not either. This means the bins will become permanent fixtures on our sidewalks, blocking storefronts and ground floor windows while obstructing

pedestrian walkways.

Instead, DSNY should reconsider
these rules and take a geographic
approach, as suggested in the report.
In low density areas where bin storage
is available, the bins are an
appropriate solution. Outside of those
areas, DSNY should fast track the
rollout of stationary on-street shared
containers, which the report called the
only path to high density residential
containerization at scale.

This is the right solution for dense parts of the City, for both residential and commercial waste, and DSNY should not shy away from removing free public parking spaces for what we all agree is a public good, making our streets cleaner and getting rid of rats.

The new containerization programs should also include recycling and organics. As designed, these rules do not incentivize recycling. Failing to include shared containers for recycling and organics in the future program won't

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either. A smart containerization plan would be tied to a Save as you Throw model based on a bin or bag size to help increase our diversion rates and meet our zero waste goals.

Additionally, it is wasteful to have homeowners buy bins now only to give them access to shared containers later and rolling out new and different policies in a short time can be confusing. This will dis-incentivize the use of shared containers if and when they come.

In conclusion, Borough President Reynoso calls upon DSNY to rethink these rules and to take a more fine tuned approach that fast tracks shared stationary on-street containers as the preferred option for dense areas and prioritizes waste diversion and sustainability in addition to

just want to also add one thing based on what we've heard today. have been a couple of people who have

1	mentioned keeping the bins indoors and I
2	think that's really concerning from a
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	tenant accessibility and safety fire
4	safety perspective.
5	That's something that should be
6	considered as well. If they're keeping
7	them in, you know, shared hallways or
8	places that people need for
9	accessibility and fire egress.
10	So, finally, according to the
11	report, the vast majority of major
12	cities surveyed internationally are
13	using shared stationary containers.
14	It's time for New York to join them.
15	Thank you.
16	MS. LIGUORI: Thank you, Lacey.
17	The next that is signed up to
18	testify is Miley Wong.
19	Miley?
20	MS. WONG: Hi. Can you hear me?
21	MS. LIGUORI: Yes.
22	MS. WONG: Okay. Good morning,
23	everyone. I'm a I own a small
24	six-family property in Sunnyside, and,
25	you know, I've heard a lot of good

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reasons right now why this new policy
may not work and I wanted to make sure
that you share all our concerns with the
Commissioner.

It may sound good, but in practice, it's not very practical. On my block, it's aligned with similar six-family homes. It is a very congested block with very limited parking, so there's no space between cars. So, I imagine what a Sanitation worker needs to do is to get these cans from the sidewalk to the truck, he needs to lift them past parked cars or roll the cans a distance to a hydrant -- that is if there's no car parked there -- and move the trash that way.

It's going to cause a pile up of cans in that hydrant area and we expect -- and will you expect the worker to roll the cans back to its original spot?

All I can say is this is going to decrease productivity and will cost DSNY and ultimately the taxpayer. Also, it

will cause additional wear and tear on 1 the cans and it will increase the chance 2 3 of my cans being stolen or lost. 4 who -- so, ultimately, I'm going to have 5 to pay for that too. 6 Right now, as a small property 7 owner, I have to wait 6 -- wait until 6 8 or 8 to bring out my garbage, then come 9 back the next day to take the cans back 10 in and do this twice a week. It's inconvenient, but I have to do it as I 11 12 cannot afford to hire someone else to do 13 it. 14 If you want to control the rat 15 population, Sanitation and DOH need to 16 work with other agencies also. We need 17 to work together to figure out another 18 way to do this. If you think it 19 through, you know that it will not work. 2.0 Thank you. 21 MS. LIGUORI: Thank you very much. 22 The next one is Leslie Leong. 23 Leslie? 24 MR. LEONG: Yes, thank you for 25 letting me testify here.

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The Sanitation Department, with this issue, has a really well intentioned, but very, very poorly thought out solution to this problem. It just -- and it's poorly thought out because it doesn't represent the ground truth that many of us who manage small properties face. In particular, I'm talking about the management of nearly 100-year-old building in Chinatown.

Many of you will see what I'm talking about. They understand the narrow streets, the buildings that abut each other, no alleyway to store the cans. I just don't see how I can comply, and, frankly, my experience with the Department of Sanitation is that you don't really care because you'll just slap me with fines no matter what and it seems a burden of proof.

I, like a previous person who testified, Mr. Rabinovich, said that he had video of a situation where he got fined and they didn't care. I did the same thing. The burden of proof seems

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to be totally, unequivocally proof, not a reasonable doubt. But, anyway, I digress.

I just don't understand how I can implement your rules. I have no place to put the cans. The -- you know how narrow the streets are in Chinatown.

You can't leave the can on there because that would block half the sidewalk and then I would get from some other department a fine for obstructing the sidewalk. It's a lose/lose situation.

I just -- you know, my basic question, how am I supposed to implement your rule? I have no place to store the cans. It's an old building without extra space. It's a crazy situation. You clearly don't understand the ground truth.

And in addition, why doesn't the Department of Sanitation own these cans? Then when they get stolen or damaged and everything, the Department of Sanitation has skin in the game. You stick us with the cost of the cans. You don't care if

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1	they're damaged or stolen because we
2	have to buy new ones. So, get the
3	you know, if you implement this rule,
4	get the Sanitation Department some skin
5	in the game.
6	So, sorry for this inarticulate,
7	rambling testimony, but just explain to
8	me how you expect me to comply with
9	these new rules given the ground truth
10	of a Chinatown sidewalk.
11	Thank you.
12	MS. LIGUORI: Thank you.
13	I'm up to the last person that so
14	far has signed up to testify. So, if
15	anyone else would like to testify,
16	please indicate so in the chat.
17	The next person I have is Sally
18	Wang.
19	Sally?
20	MS. WANG: Yes, I'm here.
21	Good morning. My name is Sally Wang
22	and I would like it on record that I am
23	opposed to this new containerization
24	program.
25	This is another burden on property

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owners who are already struggling with a constant stream of new rules and regulation. However, I believe DSNY will still move forward with this program, so I am submitting the following requests:

On DSNY's website, they need to add a separate section so that the public can understand what is coming. As you can hear, many people testifying have no idea, except speculation, as to how it's going to work, but, you know, nobody really understands the detailed plan of how it's going to work.

We need transparency as this is a major change to all households. The public needs to see a detailed plan. How is this going to work? How is parking going to be impacted?

We need to test a pilot program in several neighborhoods with street videos of this program uploaded to the DSNY site so that the public can understand how this would work in their neighborhood.

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The public should understand the additional cost of this program. What are the savings, if any, on this change?

Households should only be required to adhere to the new rules after

Sanitation trucks have been retrofitted or purchased and a viable plan is in place. If competitor -- if competitors have these same required cans for a lower price than the authorized dealers, households should be able to buy from these companies if they are the same size, have the tight-fitting lids and wheels. We should have a choice on where to purchase our trash bins.

Homeowners should be given a property tax credit as we would need to buy multiple cans for regular garbage and recyclables, probably a few times during the year, as they will be stolen.

We should change the current trash container put-out time from 6 to 4 p.m. That really should be made now. There's no reason why we should not be able to put out garbage at 4 o'clock if they are

1	in the trash containers.
2	DSNY needs to clarify the
3	requirement on tight-fitting lids prior
4	to 2026. Can we use for our current
5	cans, can we use steel bungee cords or
6	prior to 2026 will we need to buy these
7	tight-fit tight-lidded cans?
8	Many households already have round
9	cans. Why can't we put a steel bungee
10	band around it and use it as
11	tight-fitting lids before 2026?
12	In closing, we need more information
13	on this change, more public outreach for
14	awareness of what is coming, and more
15	public hearings.
16	Thank you very much.
17	MS. LIGUORI: Thank you very much.
18	The next person I have is Sheila
19	with IMK Partners LLC.
20	(No response.)
21	MS. LIGUORI: Sheila?
22	(No response.)
23	MS. LIGUORI: Sheila?
24	(No response.)
25	MS. LIGUORI: Okay. I will skip

1	Sheila and I will go to the next person
2	that has indicated they would like to
3	speak and that would be Sharon
4	Silverman.
5	Sharon?
6	UNKNOWN SPEAKER: She's having
7	trouble un-muting.
8	MS. SHEILA: Hi. This is Sheila.
9	Is am I taking up space for Sharon or
10	could I speak now?
11	MS. LIGUORI: Okay. Sharon, would
12	it be okay if Sheila goes and then you
13	can go right after her?
14	(No response.)
15	MS. LIGUORI: Okay. Sheila, Go
16	ahead.
17	MS. SHEILA: Great. Thank you.
18	We're landlords of a small
19	eight-unit, 137-year-old building on the
20	Upper West Side and though I commend the
21	City and their desire to address the rat
22	problem, this mandatory trash receptacle
23	bin proposal for small buildings fails
24	to address and even scoffs at the space
25	and the cost issues that are real

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hindrances to small buildings to provide affordable housing.

If the City is truly interested in combating the rat issue and working to keep housing costs down, then these trash receptacles and all replacements should be free to housing units and no fine should be imposed upon landlords for failing to place and remove these receptacles at a designated hour. To do anything else is being disingenuous to the citizens of New York, claiming on the one hand to be working to lower housing costs, while with the other hand adding to the cost with onerous fine regulations.

By freely providing these receptacles, the City would be fulfilling its obligation to combat the rat issue and its public health implications, while simultaneously fulfilling its obligation to keep housing affordable. Make them free and un-fined.

In addition, after listening to the

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testimony presented today, I agree with the testimony of Claire Miller (sic) of Zero Waste Design and of all the other participants. There is a slew of problems and issues that have been presented here that are being seemingly ignored or trivialized.

We have had our cans stolen and have them chained up. To tell us we need to report these thefts to the police, as someone else said, is laughable. When I had vandalism to our building, we filed a report and it went nowhere. The police force do not have the resources to track stolen bins.

I also agree with the egress problems raised here today that are ruled by the FDNY and other City agencies that need to be addressed.

This proposal for the bill -- bins is ill-conceived and the DSNY needs to rethink this rollout in order to address the realistic challenges facing small building owners, and the residents, and pedestrians before implementation.

1	I hope you are committed to
2	listening to the testimony today and use
3	the testimony to actually address the
4	real problems brought up by all the
5	participants that the DSNY rollout has
6	overlooked in their haste to combat the
7	rat problem.
8	Thank you for having this this
9	testimony and I hope that we get to a
10	point where we can actually find a
11	solution that helps all New Yorkers.
12	Thank you.
13	MS. LIGUORI: Thank you.
14	Sharon Silverman?
15	(No response.)
16	MS. LIGUORI: Sharon, can you
17	un-mute yourself? I know you had
18	trouble before too.
19	(No response.)
20	MS. LIGUORI: Sharon, I don't see
21	anything that allows me to un-mute you.
22	(No response.)
23	MS. LIGUORI: Sharon, I can't
24	un-mute you. You have to un-mute
25	yourself.

1	MS. SILVERMAN: Oh, I think I found
2	it. Okay Great.
3	MS. LIGUORI: Okay.
4	MS. SILVERMAN: Thank you very much
5	for Ms. Liguori for allowing me to
6	speak late in this.
7	I'm here well, I logged-in as
8	part of the Manhattan Solid Waste
9	Advisory Board, but I'm also a homeowner
10	and so, I won't speak again for the
11	Solid Waste Advisory Board. I will
12	speak for me as a small homeowner.
13	I happen to know a little too much
14	information because of what I do for the
15	SWAB and have done over the past three
16	years.
17	We speak a lot about organics in the
18	City. Organics is somewhere around 43
19	percent by weight of New York City's
20	municipal solid waste stream, and we
21	haven't even rolled out citywide organic
22	collection, and there has been very poor
23	education for the public, which is
24	necessary when you are recycling a new
25	category.

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Many people I speak to on a regular basis -- regular citizens -- do not understand still what needs to go into organics. Our contracts with land-filling and incineration are very long-term and are based on a weight that includes all of the weight of organics. If you remove 43 percent of that, you will have much smaller land-filling and incineration fees, plus you will have eliminated the food that the rats eat.

I can't get over that you haven't -Sanitation hasn't led composting work
before reassessing what our trash needs
are.

I appreciate so many of the comments that so many people today have made -- Chinatown small sidewalks, parking -- it seems like it wasn't considered and that this was announced willy-nilly without public debate that we are -- we are debating here now -- but you're already ready to sell people bins, and you're not sure the program was going to work, and you're spending \$400,000 on new

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trucks per truck. How many trucks Sanitation owns, I don't know.

Somebody else talked about retrofitting. What is the cost to that? We really need to take the budget because obviously Sanitation claimed that they didn't have the budget for community composting earlier in the year and we went on a very long debate about restoring that budget.

So, I feel like in doing the containerization project, which would -- which would make the blight of the look of plastic bags hopefully go away, but no one has the space.

Why would you target one to nine-unit buildings first rather than large apartment buildings that represent the bulk of the City, which is where you're going to see the largest impact and benefit from any of these programs, but you have enough money to spend on all of this versus community composting, versus the education that you need -- cause you need years to educate New York

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City residents as to how to separate trash and composting.

You'll need -- if you can remove close to 40 percent of our municipal solid waste stream, you won't need as many trash pickups. The bins will be lighter. But you need to figure out where you get in a couple of years, and you need, in the meantime, to spend the money on getting composting to work because composting, even returns to the City, a financial benefit that can be used in parks, and playgrounds, and gardens.

It doesn't make sense to let it go to waste and to pay an incineration or land-filling fee to put all of that great compostable (sic) material into a system that doesn't benefit from what composting can do.

I think I've said most of what I want to right here right now, but I do live in the South Slope near the CITIBIN folks and it's a very small street.

There's parking on both sides. That

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parking in the City has obviously been greatly reduced, so I don't know how implementing these bins is going to work around the parking situation.

I don't know if having a unified bin for an entire block -- or every half a block, a third of a block -- but a permanently installed trash bin. There are a lot of these situations and issues that need to be addressed and I'm not sure why the City spent 6 million dollars to hire McKinsey and then not to follow the recommendations it sounds like from what somebody else was saying.

So, I implore sanitation to reach out, work with us at the SWABs. We study a lot of this at our own freewill or have degrees and careers that are in sanitation and waste. I know I do. I think this could be better thought out with a longer runway period.

I agree with many of the people's ideas that there should be a pilot, but really develop your compost system first because doing that will impact the

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             amount of garbage the City needs to
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             collect from every building, and see
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             where you are at that point, and then
             develop bins with lots of public input.
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                 Thank you.
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                 MS. LIGUORI: Thank you.
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                 If anyone else wishes to testify,
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             you can either use the "raise hand"
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             so in the chat.
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                 You may also continue to submit
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             testimony until close of business today
             via email at nycrules@dsny.nyc.gov or
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             via the City's website at
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             rules.cityofnewyork.us.
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                 Would anyone like to testify that
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             has not already testified?
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                 (No response.)
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                 MS. LIGUORI: Hearing none, I'm
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             going to call this hearing to a close.
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                 Thank you for everyone's
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             participation and have a great day.
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                 Thank you.
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14	to the best of my ability.
15	I further certify that I am not
16	related to any of the parties to this action by
17	blood or marriage; and that I am in no way
18	interested in the outcome of this matter.
19	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
20	set my hand this 8th day of August, 2024.
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