



December 29, 2015

The Honorable Bill de Blasio
Mayor, City of New York
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor de Blasio:

Thank you for your commitment to ending Veteran homelessness. Your leadership—and that of your colleagues in the City of New York—has been instrumental as we work together to ensure that every Veteran in our country has a home.

The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Department of Veterans Affairs are pleased to confirm that the City of New York has achieved the milestone of effectively ending chronic homelessness among Veterans. We are confident that the infrastructure and systems you have built will ensure that any Veteran experiencing chronic homelessness in the City of New York will get the support they need to quickly obtain a permanent home. We also appreciate your continued focus on ending homelessness for all Veterans in New York City.

On behalf of USICH and our Federal partners, thank you for answering the First Lady's call to action through the Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness. We recognize and appreciate your extraordinary team, and look forward to continuing our collaboration as we work to end homelessness for all Americans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew Doherty".

Matthew Doherty
Executive Director

Cc: Ann Marie Oliva, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs, HUD
Lisa M. Pape, Executive Director, VHA Homeless Programs, VA