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TO:

Melissa Mark-Viverito, Speaker of the City Council

Loree Sutton, Commissioner of the Mayor's Office of Veterans' Affairs

Todd Haskins, Chair of the Veterans' Advisory Board

FROM:

Mindy Tarlow

DATE:

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SUBJECT: Veterans Services Report for 2014

Local Law 23 of 2015 requires that specified agencies report annually to the City Council, the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs and the Veterans Advisory Bureau on the numbers of targeted veterans preferences applied for and provided by those agencies. The goal is to determine the degree to which veterans avail themselves of existing services designed to help them secure income and housing and to identify areas where City government should strengthen or modify services to meet the needs of the approximately 200,000 veterans living in the City. The Mayor's Office of Operations was designated to receive the agency reports and prepare the final report.

Attached please find the Veterans Services Report for calendar 2014. The figures are provided by agency and by the category of benefit. This first report reflects the year prior to enactment of the legislation in March 2015 and provides data in the aggregate for each category. In succeeding years, agencies will be directed to provide the information by the veteran's borough of residence wherever available.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Guenevere Knowles at <u>GKnowles@cityhall.nyc.gov</u> or 212-788-1460.

Attachment

Veterans Services Calendar Year 2014 **Indicator Name** CY2014 **Agency** Applications for general vending licenses submitted by veterans DCA 570 General vending licenses issued to veterans DCA 447 Civil service examination applications received from applicants claiming veterans' DCAS 3,475 credit Fee-exempt mobile food vending licenses issued to veterans DOHMH 95 Food vending permits issued to veterans DOHMH 65 Mitchell-Lama housing applications received from veterans, or their surviving spouses, who have identified themselves as heads of household on their applications HPD 71 Approved Mitchell-Lama applications for veterans, or their surviving spouses, who have identified themselves as heads of household HPD 66 Veterans residing in housing operated by NYCHA using US Department of Housing and Urban Development/US Department of Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing **NYCHA** 2,268 (HUD-VASH) vouchers