



Legislation Text

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Res. No. 889

Resolution calling upon the Sanitation Department to sponsor a Tool Loan Program that stores tools year-round in the offices of participating elected officials, community boards, and community organizations that are loaned for short periods to residents and groups as part of an ongoing campaign to keep our neighborhoods clean and beautiful.

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Whereas, The Sanitation Department sponsors a “Partners in a Cleaner New York” program where the Sanitation Department partners with elected officials, community boards, community groups, and volunteer residents by making short-term tool loans as part of an ongoing campaign to keep our neighborhoods clean and beautiful; and

Whereas, The Department of Sanitation sponsored a kickoff on May 1, 2004, of the Bronx “Team up to Clean Up” campaign where the Sanitation Department partnered in a beautification campaign with the Bronx Borough President’s office and other elected officials, community boards, community groups, churches, business and academic leaders that involved hundreds of volunteer residents in over fifty clean ups; and

Whereas, Sanitation Commissioner John Doherty announced that “throughout the year, the twelve Bronx community planning boards will serve as neighborhood bases where volunteers can obtain trash bags and gloves, as well as borrow cleaning tools, provided through short-term loans by the Department of Sanitation”; and

Whereas, making this program permanent and city-wide will help the city achieve Sanitation Commissioner John Doherty’s stated belief that “Cleanliness is the result of the combined efforts of the Department, together with those of concerned residents, civic associations, businesses, volunteer groups, and

dedicated local leaders,” as well as codify Commissioner Doherty’s promise that “it’s important to remember for communities anywhere in the city that if they are planning a clean up, the only thing they need is volunteers; the Department will loan the necessary cleaning tools and will provide gloves and trash bags for volunteers”; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the Department of Sanitation to sponsor a Tool Loan Program that stores tools year-round in the offices of participating elected officials, community boards, and community organizations that are then loaned for short periods to residents and groups as part of an ongoing campaign to keep our neighborhoods clean and beautiful.

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