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Shareholders and Residents  
300 West 23<sup>rd</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10011

Re: COMPOSTING

Dear Shareholders and Residents:

### **Important Rules on Composting that Affects You**

New York City's mandatory curbside composting law requires residents to separate food and yard waste from trash. The law went into effect on October 7, 2024 for all residents in Brooklyn, Queens, and select areas of the Bronx and Manhattan, including our area.

### **What's included in the law affecting you?**

#### **What to compost?**

Food waste: Includes meat, dairy, bones, prepared foods, and food-soiled paper.

Yard waste: Includes leaves and other yard waste.

Food-soiled paper: Includes tea bags, coffee filters, napkins, and paper plates.

#### **How to get rid of your compost?**

Disposal: Place compostable materials **ONLY in a green compostable bag** and leave in the brown bin in the basement hall, outside of the Resident Manager's office near the compactor room.

**Putting compostable material in an ordinary plastic bag inside the brown bin is considered a violation.** To ease the transition to composting, the building has been providing small green bags for your use. **However, it is your responsibility going forward to acquire and use green compostable bags.** These bags come in varying sizes and thicknesses and are easily available at local stores and on-line.

#### **What happens to the compostable materials?**

The Department of Sanitation (DSNY) collects the materials and turns them into compost or renewable energy.

#### **What are the consequences for noncompliance?**

Warnings: Residents (at the building internal level) may receive warnings for not separating food waste from trash before April 1, 2025.

Fines: After the six-month conversion, the city can fine our building if it finds compostable materials and trash mixed. Initial fines start small, but it is expected they will grow over time.

**So please** acquire and use green compost bags to place food, yard, and soiled-stained paper in the basement brown bin. Fines for non-compliance are scheduled to start in Spring 2025.

Sincerely,  
Your Board of Directors

cc: Amelia Ahne Blume  
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