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The Honorable Darrell Clarke City Council President City Hall, Room 490 Philadelphia, PA 19107

Dear Council President Clarke:

This letter is in response to questions raised at the April 1, 2014 hearing before the Committee of the Whole on the Fiscal Year 2015 budget for the Finance Department. The questions were recorded as follows:

From Councilman Henon:

1. Can you provide information on the number of CVNs that were written before the trash set out time was adjusted for daylight savings and how many CVNs were written under the new time?

The Philadelphia Code Chapter 10-726 provides that residents may set out trash on the day before the scheduled trash pickup day after 5:00 pm from October 1st through March 31st and after 7:00 pm from April 1st through September 30th. The provision allowing for the earlier trash set out after 5:00 pm during the late fall and winter months was enacted to begin in October 2013. Prior to that, the year-round set out requirement was after 7:00 pm, with the exception of certain areas that were part of a pilot project earlier in 2013. The chart below shows the number of Code Violation Notices issued for early trash set outs during the period when the time was changed to 5:00 pm and during the same period in the previous year when the set out time was still 7:00 pm.

Summary of Early Set Out Violations		
Time Period	# of Tickets	# of Warnings
Oct 2013 - Mar 2014	2,475	377
Set Out before 5 pm		
Oct 2012 - Mar 2013	5,103	956
Set out before 7 pm		

2. Can you share with me the FTI Consulting report?

Rebecca Rhynhart hand delivered a copy of the FTI Consulting report to Councilman Henon.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have about the information provided in this response.

Sincerely,

Rob Dubow

Director of Finance

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