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May 5, 2014

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 8th, 2014 hearing before the Committee of the Whole on the Fiscal Year 2015 budget for the Department of Licenses and Inspections. The questions were recorded as follows:

From Council President Clarke:

- 1. Can you provide more information on the CLIP program including the total number of CLIP employees?**

The Community Life Improvement Program (CLIP) is run by the Managing Director's Office and consists of several programs and agencies dedicated to improving the appearance of neighborhoods throughout the City of Philadelphia through the eradication of blight.

In support of this program, the Department of Licenses and Inspections (L&I) employs a total of fifteen (15) employees on its budget. Seven (7) of the employees are Equipment/Abatement Operators detailed to CLIP's Citywide Vacant Lot Program. The remaining eight (8) employees are Code Enforcement Inspectors that are detailed to the CLIP Program.

From Councilwoman Bass:

- 2. Can you provide to the Chair the number of contractors you have gotten complaints for, the frequency of complaints and how often does L&I go through the bond process? Also, do we flag those contractors that do not follow through on their work?**

During FY14 to date, L&I has received a total of 125 demolition related complaints. During this fiscal year, L&I has not needed to file claims against the bonds of any demolition contractors. Upon receipt of a complaint, L&I will investigate to see if there are contractor performance issues. L&I has the authority to either suspend the contractor's license and/or bar the contractor from bidding on any future

demolition work if they perform sub-standard work. Filing claims against a contractor's bond is only necessary if a contractor abandons the job.

3. Can you provide your performance measures by Council District?

L&I Performance Measures for Fiscal Year 2013 and Fiscal Year 2014 to date by council district are provided in Attachment 1.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carlton Williams" followed by a stylized monogram.

Carlton Williams
Commissioner

cc: Everett Gillison, Chief of Staff
Rob Dubow, Director of Finance
Rebecca Rhyhart, Budget Director
Fiona Greig, Deputy Budget Director

ATTACHMENT 1

Total # of Operations Division Inspections

District	FY13	District	FY14 to Date
1	8,522	1	6,449
2	9,521	2	7,038
3	9,297	3	8,118
4	7,243	4	6,306
5	9,299	5	7,757
6	5,216	6	3,546
7	10,336	7	6,964
8	10,014	8	8,098
9	4,893	9	4,209
10	1,696	10	1,482

Total # of Demolitions

District	FY13	District	FY14 to Date
1	17	1	10
2	25	2	27
3	60	3	114
4	25	4	35
5	163	5	203
6	4	6	0
7	61	7	73
8	70	8	47
9	4	9	5
10	0	10	1

Total # of Building Inspections

District	FY13	District	FY14 to Date
1	18,250	1	15,839
2	16,273	2	12,583
3	9,805	3	7,858
4	6,782	4	5,886
5	18,064	5	14,815
6	4,163	6	2,584
7	4,946	7	3,188
8	5,444	8	4,183
9	3,784	9	2,184
10	5,982	10	3,898

Total # of Building Permits Issued

District	FY13	District	FY14 to Date
1	3,084	1	2,871
2	2,658	2	2,232
3	1,653	3	1,325
4	1,306	4	928
5	3,430	5	2,740
6	788	6	468
7	909	7	567
8	1,127	8	894
9	644	9	463
10	1,097	10	634