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Hon. Bill de Blasio  
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Dear Mayor de Blasio:

We are writing on behalf of the entire Council and the Budget Negotiating Team to advise you of our findings regarding identifying meaningful savings for the City of New York. Previously, we asked that you require every agency to engage in a serious exercise to identify meaningful agency savings. According to the revenue estimate that you previously produced pursuant to the Charter requirement, the gap for Fiscal 2020 and Fiscal 2021 has grown by another \$1.6 billion since the Executive Plan, for a total gap of \$9 billion. This information combined with the knowledge that federal stimulus money did not arrive before we adopted a budget in June, the State has imposed additional cuts. In order to fund significant programs and services which were previously funded on a one-year basis, the City must renew our focus on agency savings. Therefore, a comprehensive inquiry of funding in various agency budgets to ensure that we have done everything we can to balance the budget without resorting to borrowing that will have significant long-term implications for New York City's future, leads us to the ultimate decision to terminate and furlough New York City Employees for more savings.

To date, the savings and actions identified as part of the Program to Eliminate the Gap that you have put forward are not equitable and do not represent the values that we all hold dear. They also do not support the conclusion that every agency has engaged in the difficult process of identifying true savings with the same degree of effort. This problem is clearly demonstrated by the comparison between the 32 percent proposed cut at the Department of Youth and Community Development and the less than one percent cut proposed by the New York Police Department. This is not the only example. The proposed agency cuts are as follows:

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| • NYC Dept of Buildings | - | 250 | employees |
| • NYC Dept of Planning  | - | 100 | employees |
| • NYC Dept of Finance   | - | 100 | employees |

• NYC Dept of Health	-	100	employees
• NYCHA	-	1,000	employees
• NYC DOC (Unif. Officers)	-	500	employees
• NYC DOC (Civilian)	-	200	employees
• NYC Fire Dept (Unif. EMS)	-	400	employees
• NYC Fire Dept (Unif. Fire)	-	1,000	employees
• NYC Fire Dept (Civilian)	-	200	employees
• NYC Police Dept (Civilian)	-	3,900	employees
• NYC Police Dept (Unif. Officers)	-	4,100	employees
• NYC Parks Dept	-	450	employees
• NYC DOT	-	5,000	employees
• NYC Dept of Sanitation	-	2,300	employees
• NYC DEP	-	350	employees
• NYC Board of Ed.	-	600	employees
• NYC Office Of Info Tech	-	100	employees
• CUNY	-	300	employees
• NYC DCAS	-	250	employees
• NYC OEM	-	250	employees
• NYC Dept of Finance	-	150	employees
• NYC Dept of Homeless Services	-	100	employees
• NYC TLC	-	100	employees
• NYC Community Affairs	-	100	employees
• NYC Dept of Consumer Affairs	-	100	employees

Our focus on these personnel savings were based on probationary employees who have been employed by their respective agencies and employees with a tenure under 60 months. Additional agency savings will be considered under the Program to Eliminate the Gap.

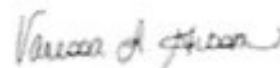
On behalf of the Budget Negotiating Team and the entire Council, we thank you for your time. These are extraordinary times. But New York City is an extraordinary place. Together we will rise to the challenge and do what is right for the millions of people depending on us.



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