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Dear Neighbor:

Last week, the City Council held a hearing on the Community Organics and Recycling Empowerment (CORE) Act, legislation I am sponsoring to reinstate composting across the city. Mayor de Blasio's budget proposes to eliminate the composting program entirely, which leaves thousands of New Yorkers stranded.

Scores of New Yorkers committed to composting testified at the hearing, sharing the importance of composting in their lives, with many calling for funding to be reinstated and the program to be expanded.

The CORE Act would allow for the recycling of organic and inorganic materials at mandated disposal sites within our communities. Earlier this year, the City disbanded its community composting program, which included curbside pickup and drop-off sites, as a COVID-19 cost-saving measure. Introduction 1942 calls for the more affordable portion of the program to continue, and creates permanent community composting sites.

How You Can Help Save Composting in NYC:

- <u>Sign our petition requesting the legislation be passed</u>
- Share your support on social media with the below <u>image</u> or draft post: "I support the CORE Act by @KeithPowersNYC and @ReynosoBrooklyn to restore composting this year!"

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Community Organics and Recycling Empowerment Act



Reinstate—and expand community composting



Create equitable access to recycling



Address climate change and waste inequity

Visit bit.ly/CouncilCOREAct to join me



New Yorkers want to do their part to make our city—and world—a better place. Even before this unprecedented crisis, we faced the compounding crisis of climate change. We have to prioritize the future of our city, and composting counts.

Please reach out to me at <u>kpowers@council.nyc.gov</u> or call 212-818-0580 with any needs and questions. As always, we are here to help.

Regards,

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