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Dear Dear Community Leaders and Residents of Southwest Philadelphia:

We are writing to provide you with an update on our collective efforts to improve litter conditions and quality of life in Southwest Philadelphia. For the past two years, the City of Philadelphia's Zero Waste and Litter Cabinet has been working with partners across the city on a comprehensive plan to address systemic issues and create sustained change for a litter problem that affects all of us.

As part of initiative, the City and SEPTA have teamed up to focus intensive efforts on issues impacting the Southwest Philadelphia neighborhoods. Efforts include:

- A neighborhood litter control plan – available at cleanphl.org
- Philly Spring Clean-up signature site at Ezekiel Baptist Church
- Focus on block captain recruitment and vacant lot beautification
- A SEPTA investment in 6.1 miles of Airport Line trash clean-up, vegetation removal and fencing repairs
- Formation of an Environmental Crimes Unit in the Police Department to specifically investigate reports of illegal dumping

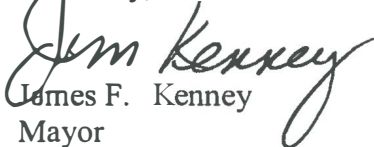
The City and SEPTA understand that illegal dumping is a serious problem in Philadelphia, and particularly in Southwest Philadelphia. The Zero Waste & Litter Cabinet was created to address this problem. Data collected by this committee suggests that neighbors are keeping their own blocks clean for the most part, while significant illegal dumping is occurring in vacant lots and along rail rights of way.

- If you see illegal dumping in the act, please call 9-1-1 to report
- If you need a clean-up, please call 3-1-1 to report
- If you have evidence of illegal dumping, please send evidence to cleanphl@phila.gov

More information is available in the enclosed flyer. Additionally, if you become aware of an illegal dumping and/or fencing issue specifically impacting the SEPTA rail lines, please report the issue to 215-580-7800 or via comment form at septa.org/cs/contact.

Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping our neighborhoods clean.

Sincerely,


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