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## SANITATION COMMISSIONER GARCIA JOINS SENATOR GOLDEN AT ANTI-LITTER SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST KICK-OFF

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Brooklyn – New York City Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia today joined State Senator Martin J. Golden (R-C-I, Brooklyn), at a school assembly at Public School 127, to kick-off an anti-litter essay contest for elementary school students.

The essay contest, billed as “Don’t Drop It”, developed by Senator Golden and local community leaders, officially launched today in schools in Senator Golden’s district. Students of grades 3, 4 and 5 have been invited to write their ideas to help stop litter, so to

boost awareness and help keep our neighborhood and City cleaner. The first, second and third place winners will be awarded a monetary prize and a pizza party for their class.

Public School 127 Principal Agatha Alicandro was joined by representatives of various participating schools, as well as Community Education Council District 20 President Laurie Windsor, at the school assembly this morning.

Senator Marty Golden stated, "Thank you to Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia for her enthusiastic support of this writing competition created to make our streets cleaner for all of us. It is our goal to make a difference and to do something that will have a long term effect on making our streets, parks and schools cleaner. The many students who will write essays will make sure that the message that is littering is wrong, and destroys our quality of life, will be heard throughout the community."

"I am please to be with you today to kick off the "Don't Drop It" anti-litter essay contest designed to remind everyone of the importance of keeping our neighborhoods clean and litter free," said Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia. "By participating in the essay contest you can draw attention to the fact that litter has a negative effect on our communities. I encourage you to put on your thinking caps and tell your family and friends how we can work together to keep our neighborhoods and City clean."

Laurie Windsor, President of Community Education Council District 20 stated, "Thank you to Senator Golden and the Department of Sanitation for supporting this litter essay contest, as it is very important for our young people to take pride in their community. As tomorrow's future leaders, it's never too early to instill in our students the need to take an active role in helping and preserving our neighborhoods."

The essays are to be returned to Senator Golden's office by Friday, November 13, 2015, and the finalists selected will be part of a contest ceremony to be held on December 3rd. For

more information on this program, please contact Senator Golden's office at (718) 238-6044.