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Hon. Bill de Blasio
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Immediate Attention Required

Dear Mayor de Blasio:

You have got to be kidding. Do you really think I would feel that your staff's late Sunday email invitation to your Town Hall meeting tonight was sincere?

You should remember, I worked for former Mayor Ed Koch. One of my duties was to help set up his town hall meetings in Queens. We would always invite all the elected officials who represented that area even if we did not have the best relationship.

Your strategy, however, seems to be to invite only your supporters and those you can intimidate.

Obviously this town hall was prepared weeks in advance and formal invites were sent out, which listed both Council Member Paul Vallone and State Assembly Member Braunstein. Clearly no attempt was made to reach out to me.

The purpose of these town halls is to transcend politics and work together for the betterment of our community. I find your actions to have worked against that end and have lowered the integrity of the office which you hold.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Avella', written in a cursive style.

Tony Avella
Senator
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