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Dear Candidate:

With Election Day fast approaching, handbills and posters promoting candidates are appearing in the city, covering lampposts, bus shelters, and other public street fixtures. Some of these handbills, posters and other printed material will eventually become litter.

So in this election season, I am asking you to ensure your campaign's compliance with the *Poster Law* (New York City Administrative Code §§10-119 - 10-121).

The *Poster Law* prohibits the posting of any handbill, poster, notice, sign, advertisement, sticker or other printed material upon city-owned property, such as trees, lampposts, telephone poles, public utility poles, public garbage bins, bus shelters, bridges, elevated train structures, highway fences, parking meters, mail boxes, traffic control devices, traffic signs (including poles), benches, hydrants, public pay telephones, etc.

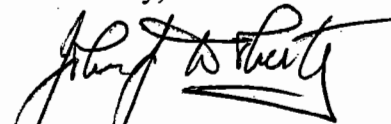
The law applies to all types of notices, including political posters. The law contains a rebuttable presumption that the person whose name, telephone number or other identifying information appearing on the poster is in violation of the law.

First violations are punishable by a fine of not less than \$75 and not more than \$150 per individual piece of printed material. Each subsequent violation within a twelve-month period is punishable by a fine of not less than \$150 and not more than \$250.

And remember: each posting constitutes a separate violation of the *Poster Law* (e.g., 10 posters equal 10 violations; 100 posters equal 100 violations, etc.). For more information, feel free to contact Director of Enforcement, Todd Kuznitz at (718) 714-2741.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



John J. Doherty

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