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And First Class Mail
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Re: Community Arts Advocates

Dear Mr. Cotter,

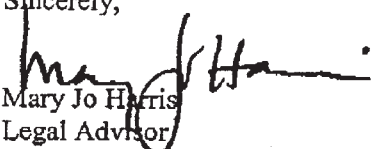
I write in response to your letter of June 23 and your voice mail of this date.

A determination has been made not to pursue the enactment of a City ordinance. Since the regulatory authority for this function is vested in the Office of the Police Commissioner, the existing Rule 75 will be rescinded and replaced with a rule that will adequately address the regulatory interests of the City while acknowledging the first amendment rights of the musicians. We are drafting this revised rule, and will share it with you prior to its issuance.

I understand that you have concerns about the various enforcement agencies throughout the City that have allegedly attempted to use Rule 75 to threaten itinerant musicians with sanction. Please be advised that all City departments are informed that the Rule is currently not to be enforced, pending its re-issuance.

I trust that we will be able to resolve these issues to the satisfaction of all parties.

Sincerely,



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