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Dear Mr. Rosen:

Please accept this letter in response to questions raised by members of the Assembly Budget Committee during the April 3, 2008 budget hearing:

**Please provide from the 2006 shut down of State government, the number of essential employees, by division, in the Department.**

During the 2006 State government shut down, "essential" was defined as staff needed to maintain the most basic functions of government during the first week in July. Seventy one (71) employees were identified as essential including thirty nine (39) in the Division of Codes and Standards; six (6) in Division of Administration; two (2) in Information Technology; one (1) in the Division on Women; seventeen (17) in the Division of Fire Safety; two (2) in the Division of Housing; three (3) in the Division of Community Resources; and one (1) in the Division of Local Government Services.

There would have been severe consequences had the shut down lasted longer than five business days. For example, Section 8 field offices were closed, during which time, no leases, inspections or applications could be completed. Millions of federal dollars would have been lost if the program had not been able to meet its monthly leasing quota. Also, only a small contingent of building inspectors and fire officials were deemed essential, risking the possibility of a major fire or other catastrophic event in a facility that had not been inspected.

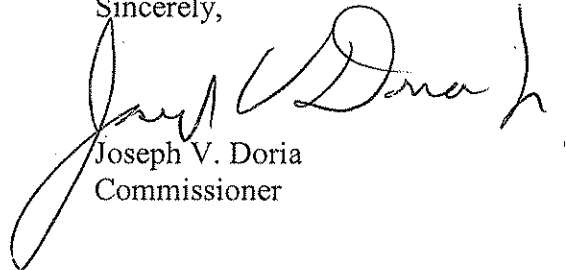


**Please provide the number of directors, assistant directors, and secretaries, by division, in the Department.**

The DCA has one (1) Commissioner and one (1) Deputy Commissioner. Additionally, there are eleven (11) division or agency directors in the Department. Only three directors, Local Government Services, Codes and Standards, and Smart Growth have an assistant director. Each director's office has one secretary, with the exception of the largest divisions, Codes and Standards, Housing, and Fire Safety, which have two secretaries each.

Thank you for the opportunity to reply to the concerns of the committee members. If I can be of further assistance, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph V. Doria". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

Joseph V. Doria  
Commissioner

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