

**NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATION
INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL**

To: File

Date: October 24, 2013

From: Laura Bowman
Special Investigator

Re: DOI # 13-03179

CLOSING MEMORANDUM

The following is a summary only of information pertaining to this investigation and may not contain each and every fact learned during the course of the investigation.

ORIGIN AND NATURE OF ALLEGATION:

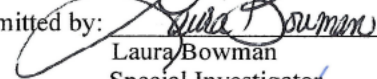
On December 3, 2012, Assistant Commissioner Michael Carroll and Special Investigator Laura Bowman met with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] from the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) as well as Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED] regarding [REDACTED] in Brooklyn. According to an anonymous letter received by their office, a local councilmember, Vito Lopez, had been receiving bribe money, which was being shared with NYC Department of Buildings (DOB) [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to lift Stop Work Orders (SWO) at the site. Although DOI had received the same letter in September of 2012 and not substantiated the allegation, DOL requested that DOI join them in reexamining the allegations in the letter and to conduct related interviews. Subsequently, DOI agreed to assist and this case was opened.

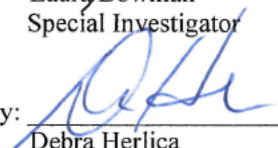
RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION:

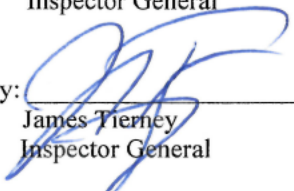
While gathering information on [REDACTED] it was noted that the property had been inspected by numerous DOB personnel including [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was subsequently identified in a separate investigation (DOI Case # 12-12649), as a subject in a bribery scheme in Brooklyn. Due to similarities in both investigations it was decided that moving forward with the DOL requested interviews at this juncture would jeopardize the progress made in DOI case # 12-12649.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION:

Based on the aforementioned information, DOI has decided to close this case with the following actions to be taken: The information provided within the anonymous letter will be monitored in the current DOB case (12-12649) which continues to develop new leads and subjects. Additionally, the substance of this anonymous allegation will be investigated contemporaneously under 12-12649 and this case will be reopened if evidence develops to support the anonymous complaint.

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