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Dear Ms. Ludorf:

As we begin to recruit lifeguard candidates for our 2013 summer season, I am writing to ask for your assistance in encouraging your constituents and other New Yorkers to try out for the Municipal Lifeguard Training Program. These are great jobs in public service that pay well and allow people to work outdoors and stay fit.

As a result of last year's recruitment efforts, the City was able to open more areas of beach to the public and offer more programming at pools than in previous years. To build on that success, we are again expanding our efforts to hire lifeguards. The qualifying test for entry into the program is will be offered this month at locations around the City. A complete list of testing sites is available on our website: www.nyc.gov/parks.

Parks lifeguards play a critical role in the operation of our 8 beaches and 55 outdoor pools. Working as a lifeguard provides young people with the chance to be part of a large, public organization committed to public safety. The minimum qualifications to enter the course are that participants:

- be at least 16 years of age at the time of employment
- have eyesight no worse than 20/30 in one eye and 20/40 in the other
- be able to swim 50 yards in 35 seconds with proper form

Those who qualify will enter our training program consisting of swimming and rescue techniques, first-aid and CPR. The **program is free**; in fact, candidates who successfully complete the course will be paid for their time spent in training once they begin working as a lifeguard. First-year lifeguards will earn at least \$13.57 an hour, and most lifeguards work a 6-day week, for a weekly salary of at least \$651.36.

We want to reach as many qualified people as possible and are asking for your help. We have enclosed recruitment posters for our Lifeguard Training Program, and we would appreciate your distributing these materials to organizations with potentially interested members (e.g., swim teams and youth groups). Please feel free to make your own copies or to contact us if you need additional posters and brochures. PDF versions of the poster and brochure are also available.

We hope you will join us in helping to create another summer of safe fun at our beaches and pools. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact us at lifeguard@parks.nyc.gov.

Sincerely,

Veronica M. White