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Government Parking Permit Abuse Campaign Shifts into High Gear

What: Campaign Q & A and photo shoot for www.uncivilservants.org

Where: North East corner of City Hall Park – Centre St. and Chambers St.

When: Thursday, March 15th, 11am

On Thursday, March 15th at 11am, Transportation Alternatives and community groups from around the city will hold a brief Q & A regarding a new three-part campaign to combat permit parking abuse in New York City. After the Q & A, the group will head to areas with high rates of illegal permit parking to photograph permit abuse and post the photos online at www.uncivilservants.org.

The campaign:

- **Public Launch of www.uncivilservants.org**
 - This website will allow New Yorkers to post photos of vehicles abusing parking permits.
- **FOIL Inquiry Process**
 - For each agency employing parking permit abusers, a legal team will use the New York Freedom of Information Law ("FOIL") to find out how permits are issued, which permits are valid, when permits may be properly used, who supervises the permit abusers and whether there is a formal complaint procedure.
- **Parking Placard Information Bill**
 - Good governance legislation (Intro 504) introduced in the City Council that would require the Mayor's Management Report to detail the number of parking placards issued by the City.

"Government permit abuse continues to be an epidemic in New York City, and now anyone with a camera and computer access can help stop this law-breaking," said Matthew Roth, an official with Transportation Alternatives. "Every agency's leadership must take responsibility for those in their employ. Mayor Bloomberg and Police Commissioner Kelly, this problem is yours to solve and this campaign and website are encouragement for you to do so."

"The Boerum Hill Association calls on the city and the NYPD to combat permit parking abuse," said Sue Wolfe President of the Boerum Hill Association. "Boerum Hill and Atlantic Avenue's merchants and residents have suffered this disrespect to our neighborhood too long. It is time that the City enforces the law."

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