# Letter of Introduction to Local Government Office

**MR JOHN SMITH  
NEW YORK LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE**NEW YORK, 10010-4046  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Dear Mayor

My name is Peter Craig and am the president of the Charleston resident welfare association. I am writing to congratulate you for taking up the office of Mayor of New York and to express our concerns on the recent developments in our neighbourhood. I have noticed that you have introduced city cultural festivals to entertain and educate the residents about our historical background. I wanted to express my gratitude for making sure that the music system’s volume and other activities are well managed. Residents of our area, especially the students have benefited a lot from these festivals.

On the other hand, we want to bring to your attention that in the past two years, the number of homeless people has significantly increased in the Charleston area of New York. You will often see both children and adults sleeping in the community playgrounds and making noise till late at night. People of our area have talked to them for the disturbance we are facing but it has not helped us.

We understand that they need a place to sleep, nevertheless, it is exam time for our kids. Loud noise at night that begins at 7 pm till 4 am is frustrating to the families residing in our area. We have nothing against homeless people that are living in the community playgrounds. We completely respect their decision to use this area but we cannot compromise on our kids’ studies and this kind of disturbance cannot be tolerated anymore.

Recently, the situation has gone out of hand because the number of homeless people keeps on increasing. On a given night, you are bound to see 20 to 30 homeless individuals sleeping on the playground benches or even on the ground. To make the situation worse, the restrooms are locked at night, and these people have no available toilet to use. The noise at night and the hygiene of the community playground have left people with no choice but to bring their grievances to you. We are sure that this situation can be handled in the right way for the benefit of all stakeholders.

Given this situation, I want to present to you a petition that has been signed by 250 residents of Charleston area of New York requesting the city to help them find shelter. Also, it is requested for the city to find these homeless people jobs and ensure that the restrooms are not locked at night.

Without a doubt, this is a huge problem for our city with homeless people. Finding them jobs or shelter will surely lessen individuals sleeping in the community playgrounds as they will have homes, which will reduce the noise being made at night.

I am sure that you will find this request to be appropriate, and we believe that this can be addressed until we can find the permanent solution that can be implemented accordingly.

Respectfully  
Peter Craig