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MEMO

To: City Council Members
From: Theresa Castellano, First Ward Councilwoman
Re: Cell Phone Ordinance

Dear Fellow Council Member:

Enclosed please find the most recent information regarding "Cell Phone Bans". While you might wrestle with all the statistics and opinions, please keep your focus on some of the following comments.

Cell phones are a great asset to our society and have been an integral part of our daily life. In an emergency, cell phones can save a life and tragically the opposite happens when they are used in an improper fashion. We have all witnessed the idle "Chit Chat" that has become much too familiar.

We have been given the privilege to govern this great City. A privilege that largely encompasses public safety. As you make your decision keep in mind what type of environment we aspire to achieve.

In reality passing this Ordinance can save a life. Not passing the Ordinance can take a life. I know this sounds dramatic, but drama enters into cases of life and death. It really boils down to a common sense choice.

Given the recent World Trade Center tragedy we have been painfully reminded how precious and elusive our lives can be. I thank you for giving me this opportunity to address you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Very truly yours,
Theresa