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January 2, 2013

Margaret Forgione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 35th Floor
New York, NY 10038

Dear Manhattan Borough Commissioner Forgione:

At its Full Board meeting December 20, 2012, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution in support of changing parking regulations and signage on the west side of Lafayette St. bet. Kenmare and Broome Sts. to No Standing Anytime for the entirety of the block and on the east side of that street to No Parking Anytime.

Whereas current parking regulations on the west side of Lafayette St. bet. Kenmare and Broome Sts. are split between No Parking 8 am – 6 pm weekdays on the northern third of that side of the block and No Standing Anytime on the southern section, while the eastern side of this block has No Parking 8 am to 6 pm except Sunday and a bike lane; and

Whereas this configuration produces a very narrow passage for vehicles turning from Kenmare south onto Lafayette St. and for vehicular traffic coming from the north on Lafayette and merging with the other southbound vehicles, including a great deal of truck traffic, causing excessive congestion and backing up, accompanied by a great deal of horn honking, chaos and danger to pedestrians, a situation that lasts well into nighttime hours, exacerbated by huge luxury vehicles standing there and sometimes double-parking; and

Whereas removal of parking on that stretch of Lafayette St., in effect widening the street there, would provide the street space that is greatly needed to facilitate the turn from Kenmare on to Lafayette and to accommodate the large buildup of combined traffic turning from the east and coming from the north, as well as providing the space needed to turn west from Lafayette on to Broome St.;

Therefore be it resolved that Community Board No. 2, Manhattan (CB2) fully supports and urges changing parking regulations and signage on the west side of Lafayette St. bet. Kenmare and Broome Sts. to No Standing Anytime for the entirety of that side of the block and on the east side of that stretch to No Parking Anytime.

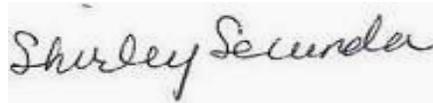
Vote: Unanimous with 37 Board members in favor.

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

Sincerely,



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Community Board #2, Manhattan



Shirley Secunda, Chair
Traffic & Transportation Committee
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Dear Manhattan Borough Commissioner Forgione:

At its Full Board meeting December 20, 2012, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution requesting the NYC Department of Transportation to study resequencing traffic signals along Prince St. from Bowery to Lafayette St. and from Broadway to Sixth Ave. for a slow, even "Green Wave" signal progression.

Whereas in 2007, the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) installed the Prince St. bicycle lane as part of a network of safer streets; and

Whereas currently the traffic signals on Prince St. have irregular sequencing, with vehicular traffic moving at a slow, uneven pace, stopping and starting at erratic intervals, resulting in pedestrian confusion and danger crossing the street and excessive emissions, while leading many cyclists to disregard the signals; and

Whereas other cities, such as San Francisco, have implemented "Green Waves" in which signal progressions are timed with green lights set to have traffic move in a steady pace at roughly 10-15 mph (average bicycle speed and approximately the speed of stop-and-start traffic on Prince St. now), producing a more efficient flow of bicycle and vehicular traffic and increasing pedestrian safety; and

Whereas DOT indicated at the time of initial consideration of the Prince St. lane and several times thereafter that it would be possible to implement a "Green Wave" there, regulating cycling as well as vehicular speeds for a more consistent traffic flow, with the expectation there would need to be breaks at the major cross streets of Lafayette and Broadway; however to date no program has actually been installed; and

Whereas with such a "Green Wave," pedestrians benefit from the diminished rate of light-running by cyclists as well as from traffic moving in a slow, but even and predictable manner, and drivers benefit from a smooth, steady driving pace at neighborhood-friendly speeds; and

Whereas some signage would be necessary to alert drivers and cyclists of the "Green Wave" light timing, however, an overload of signage needs to be avoided in this historic neighborhood;

Therefore be it resolved that Community Board 2, Manhattan (CB2) requests that DOT study resequencing traffic signals for a "Green Wave" signal progression on Prince St. from the Bowery to Sixth Ave., assessing suitable timing considering the slope of the street and in keeping with both reasonable cycling speeds and a smooth pedestrian-friendly flow of vehicular traffic, with the understanding that there may be interruptions necessary for major cross streets (e.g. Lafayette, Broadway); and

Be it further resolved that CB2 asks that once this study is done, that DOT report back to CB2 with its findings and recommendations; and

Be it further resolved that CB2 asks that should a "Green Wave" be determined to be feasible at this location, DOT install signage in limited locations, so as to alert drivers and cyclists of the "Green Wave" light timing in order to maximize the benefits of the program, while avoiding sign clutter in this historic neighborhood.

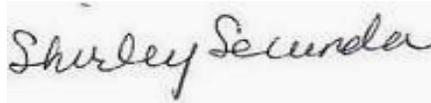
Vote: Passed, with 19 Board members in favor and 16 in opposition-(Bergman T.; B. Carter; Brandt A.; Consagra P.; Dawson C.; Passanante M.; Goldberg R.; Gruber D.; Hearn, A.; Kiely J.;Kriemelman, A.; Landesman D.; Riccobono B.; Sanz R.; Sweeney S; Wittenberg S;

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Raymond Kelly, Commissioner
NYC Police Department
One Police Plaza
New York, NY 10038

Dear Manhattan Borough Commissioner Forgione and Commissioner Kelly:

At its Full Board meeting December 20, 2012, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution denying request for No Parking 8 am to 6 pm weekdays on south side of Barrow St. bet. Bleecker and Bedford Sts. and for speed humps, but supporting enforcement and setting aside two to three spaces for commercial parking.

Whereas Barrow St. bet. Bleecker and Bedford Sts. is a very narrow street, with one vehicular travel lane and one parking lane, cleaned Tuesday and Friday, and is heavily trafficked, particularly with trucks that flagrantly ignore the sign restricting truck traffic on that block to local deliveries; and

Whereas a request was presented to remove parking 8 am to 6 pm weekdays on the south side of this block, because of the frequent blockage of the streets by trucks stopping to pick up and drop off, plus a glut of trucks going through, backing up traffic, accompanied by cars driving up on the sidewalk, noise, and danger to pedestrians; and

Whereas speed humps were also suggested as a way to slow down and divert the non-delivering trucks that are illegally on that street; and

Whereas many local community people were present and others sent letters objecting to the request to remove parking, because they were concerned that, in addition to their reluctance to lose parking spaces, the resulting widening of the street would attract more traffic, including tour buses and limousines (which are common in the neighborhood), would facilitate speeding and would compromise safety, while also inviting illegal standing, although most did not object to speed humps; and

Whereas the Bedford/Barrow/Commerce Block Association, which represents the area in question, indicated their opposition to speed humps because of the excessive and disturbing noise they create; and

Whereas the Committee disclosed that many blocks where speed humps were installed upon request have sent in complaints about the noise they produce and their inefficiency in slowing down traffic; and

Whereas a loading zone for commercial drop offs and pickups was suggested as a way to remove trucks and other delivery vehicles from blocking the street;

Therefore be it resolved that Community Board No. 2, Manhattan (CB2) does not support regulations for No Parking 8 am to 6 pm weekdays on the south side of Barrow St. bet. Bleecker and Bedford Sts.; and

Be it further resolved that CB2 recommends removing two to three parking spaces on the southeast side of Barrow St. bet. Bleecker and Bedford Sts. (i.e., the 7th Ave. S. end) and setting them aside for commercial parking with signage indicating No Parking 8 am to 6 pm on Weekdays Except for Deliveries; and

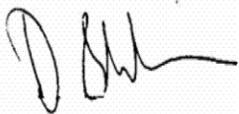
Be it further resolved that CB2 urges that NYPD deploy traffic agents at the entry to Barrow St. at 7th Ave. S./Bleecker St. to enforce the prohibition of through truck traffic on that block; and

Be it finally resolved that CB2 does not support installation of speed humps on Barrow St. bet. Bleecker and Bedford Sts. at this time, but suggests waiting to see how the recommended commercial parking spaces and the requested enforcement work in alleviating conditions.

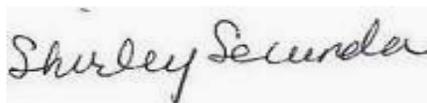
Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

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Raymond Kelly, Commissioner
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One Police Plaza
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Dear Commissioner Kelly:

At its Full Board meeting December 20, 2012, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution in support of restoring Traffic Enforcement Agents on Kenmare St. at Cleveland Pl. and Lafayette St. during late afternoon and evening hours and morning rush hours.

Whereas the intersections of Kenmare St. at Cleveland Pl. and Lafayette St. are among the Kenmare corridor's most overburdened, Cleveland Pl. being heavily impacted by the squeezing of traffic in the small space approaching Lafayette St., and Lafayette St. being heavily impacted by traffic turning south from Kenmare and merging with more traffic coming from the north, resulting in serious backups, blocked crosswalks, impassable and highly dangerous crossings for pedestrians, and heavy horn honking, especially at morning peak hours during the week, and at late afternoon and evening rush hours and beyond (3 pm to 9 pm) both during the week and on weekends; and

Whereas Traffic Enforcement Agents were stationed on Kenmare St. bet. Cleveland Pl. and Lafayette St. previously, and, as reported by the surrounding community, they were vastly helpful in directing and enforcing the movement of traffic, but they are no longer there, and conditions have worsened since their absence; and

Whereas because of the heavily backed up, blocked, noisy, confusing and unsafe traffic conditions at these two intersections, where two lanes go in different directions, and traffic heads south and east and west, an enforcing presence is very much needed to direct and unsnarl traffic, making sure it runs smoothly, and that pedestrian safety and access is safeguarded, especially at the peak hours cited above;

Therefore be it resolved that Community Board No. 2, Manhattan strongly urges that traffic enforcement activities be restored on a permanent basis by NYPD on Kenmare St. bet. Cleveland Pl. and Lafayette St. with Traffic Enforcement Agents stationed at both Cleveland Pl. and Lafayette St. on Kenmare at morning peak hours during the week, and at 3 pm to 9 pm both during the week and on weekends.

Vote: Unanimous with 37 Board members in favor.

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