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Mr. Luis Sanchez, Borough Commissioner
Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor
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Dear Commissioner Sanchez,

At its October 2016 monthly meeting, Community Board 3 passed the following resolution:

VOTE: Community Board 3 opposed to Weekend Walks on bus route streets

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation partners with community groups to present Weekend Walks – multi-block neighborhood events on commercial streets temporarily closed to vehicles and opened to walking and other activities; and

WHEREAS, business improvement districts, cultural organizations, local merchants' associations and community groups host Weekend Walks as a fun way to highlight local businesses and neighborhood resources; and

WHEREAS, Weekend Walks promote local businesses and create high-quality public space; and

WHEREAS, many residents must utilize Saturdays for the many personal activities that cannot be accomplished during the work week, such as medical appointments, shopping, recreation, etc, that must be accessed by buses; and

WHEREAS, Weekend Walks can be planned for streets that are not on bus routes so that residents and businesses can profit from the events without having necessary activities disrupted by lack of public transportation, which would be a benefit to those participating in the event as well as residents who must access buses in addition to enjoying the Weekend Walks; so

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 3 acknowledges the benefit of Weekend Walks but supports these events only on streets that are not used for buses.

If you have any questions, please contact the community board office.

Sincerely,



Jamie Rogers, Chair
Community Board 3



Trever Holland, Chair
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