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Council Member Corey Johnson
224 West 30th Street, Suite 1206
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Re: Vision Zero High Priority Intersections

Dear Council Member Johnson:

Thank you for speaking forcefully at the council Hearings on the Department of Transportation (DOT) FY 2106 Budget.

Per your request, here are the four intersections we would like the DOT to address in priority based on the most dangerous intersections from 2009 to 2013, as reported in the Vision Zero Pedestrian Safety Action Plan for the Borough of Manhattan:

- W 42 Street and 8 Avenue - 5 pedestrians Killed or Seriously Injured (KSI)
- W 40 Street and 8 Avenue - 7 pedestrians KSI
- W 57 Street and 10 Avenue - 6 pedestrian KSI
- 7 Avenue and W 14 Street - 4 pedestrian KSI

West 42nd Street and West 40th Street and 8th Avenue

The two intersections at 42nd Street and 40th Street and 8th Avenue work in tandem, these high volume intersections provide pedestrian commuters access to the Port Authority. CB4 is on record for requesting the installation of a Barnes' dance pedestrian crossing system, which would stop all vehicular traffic and allow pedestrians to cross in all directions. This system would alleviate the pedestrian congestion at the corners, which causes pedestrians to step in the street.

West 57 Street and 10th Avenue

The west 57 Street Corridor has seen an explosion in residential development that has not been matched by Transportation investments to make the corridor safer for pedestrians. The 57th street intersections at 11th Avenue, 9th Avenue, and 8th Avenue are also quite dangerous, as indicated in the Vision Zero Pedestrian Safety Action Plan for the Borough of Manhattan.

7th Avenue and West 14th Street

A resolution supported by CB4 along with a petition by a coalition of residents recommended the conversion of the 7th Avenue corridor to a complete street. The

conversion of 7th Avenue into a complete street would significantly improve the pedestrian safety environment at this dangerous intersection.

In accordance with the Mayor's Vision Zero initiative and to help our community reach the goal of zero pedestrian fatalities or injuries, CB4 urges your office to support these traffic safety improvements, and requests your assistance in urging the Department of Transportation to implement these recommendations before another pedestrian is killed or seriously injured at one of these dangerous intersections.

Thank you again for your help in making the streets of our community a safer walking environment for all.

Sincerely,



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