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Maggie Peck Community Initiatives Planner Midtown Community Court 314 West 54th Street New York, NY 10019

Re: Project Nightlight

Dear Ms. Peck,

Thank you for your presentation on October 20 to the Quality of Life, Schools, Libraries, and Cultural Affairs Committee on Midtown Community Court's new initiative, Project Nightlight.

The initiative seeks to counter street prostitution and low level crime on the residential streets of the West 40s by insuring that the sidewalks and streets in the area are well lit at night. The Court will first attempt to contact all landlords and building owners in the area to remind them to keep outside lights on from dusk to dawn as required by Administrative Code 27-2040.

We understand that a second phase of the initiative will be to work with the Department of Transportation to test and ensure that all street lights in the project area are properly working.

The area of the project is from West 44th Street to West 49th Street, between 9th and 10th Avenues. If the initiative is successful it may be expanded to other parts of our district.

The initiative has the support of the Midtown North Police Precinct, the Midtown South Police Precinct, the West 44th Street Better Block Association, the West 46th Street Block Association, and the West 47th/48th Streets Block Association.

Manhattan Community Board No. 4 wholeheartedly endorses Project Nightlight and greatly appreciates Midtown Community Court's continuing efforts to address quality of life issues in our area.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Compton

Chair

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cc: Criminal Justice Coordinator, local police precincts, local block associations, Midtown Community Court