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Hon. Christine Quinn, Speaker  
New York City Council  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

Hon. Michael McMahon, Chair  
Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management  
New York City Council  
250 Broadway, 18th Floor  
New York, NY 10007

**Re: Request for a hearing on SWMP alternatives to the proposed Gansevoort and Pier 99 facilities**

Dear Speaker Quinn and Chair McMahon:

We write on behalf of Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) to request that the City Council, through the Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management or otherwise, hold a hearing on alternatives to the solid waste management plan which currently includes a new solid waste transfer station at the Gansevoort Peninsula and the conversion of Pier 99 to a commercial waste transfer facility. We believe it is important that the Council hear directly from CB4, the Coalition to Protect Our Parks (CPOP), Friends of the Hudson River Park (FoHRP), and others about viable alternatives to this plan, including a plan to use Pier 76, previously endorsed by CB4, to consolidate the West Side waste transfer operations from Gansevoort and Pier 99 onto a single pier, freeing up both Gansevoort and Pier 99 for park use.

CPOP and FoHRP are prepared to present a team of experts from several engineering firms to describe their feasibility reports and the advantages of the Pier 76 alternative, and to answer any questions the Council may wish to pose. In addition, there are at least two different rail alternatives that have not been fully explored.

As the Community District that would be most impacted from these decisions, CB4 urges the Council to schedule a hearing on this important subject as soon as possible and we thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jean-Daniel Noland, Chair Manhattan Community Board 4



Capt. John Doswell, Co-Chair  
Waterfronts & Parks Committee



John D. Lamb, Co-Chair  
Waterfront & Parks Committee

Cc: Mayor Bloomberg  
Connie Fishman, President/CEO HRPT  
Local city & state elected officials:  
Quinn, Gottfried, Glick, Rosenthal, Duane, Stringer, Nadler  
Friends of Hudson River Park  
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