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Hon. Corey Johnson  
Office of Councilmember Corey Johnson  
224 West 30th Street, Suite 1206  
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**Re: Request for high-end baskets in CB4**

Dear Councilman Johnson,

At the most recent meeting of the Waterfront, Parks and Environment Committee of Manhattan Community Board 4 Thursday November 13, 2014 we had a discussion with Iggy Terranova about the state of trash in our community. As a result of this meeting, we would like to ask you for help in obtaining High End Baskets to better capture street corner trash in our community.

Ours is a diverse community that attracts a large number of people who pass through on a daily basis. We are home to the High Line, an internationally renowned park; The Intrepid, an internationally renowned navel and space museum; the largest concentration of art galleries in the city; numerous night clubs, cabarets and other night life; an active cruise ship terminal; other new transportation hubs; and rapidly growing density of commercial and residential space.

Each of these attracts visitors and with visitors (as well as our high density residential complexes) there is an issue of street trash. We propose to inform our block associations, our board members, and just anyone who might listen that an effective way of reporting overflowing corner trash containers and getting the situation remedied is to call 311. However, we have also identified a number of corners that require the persistent attention of the Department of Sanitation. These are corner containers that require more frequent pickup by the Department and should not necessitate using the 311 system. We believe a number of street corners will benefit from the High End Baskets; at a minimum, the corner of West 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

The committee was pleased to learn that the Department of Sanitation is proceeding with the instillation of recycling containers on selected street corners. Our district is a particularly good area for this type of instillation not only because they are an effective way of collecting source separated recyclable waste, but also because it is an effective way of educating the public, both residents of this community district and our daily visitors about the importance of recycling as a method of diverting materials out of the waste stream..

The High End Baskets we are requesting will also assist in keeping our neighborhood clean.

As usual, we thank you for your consideration and feedback about this issue.

Sincerely,



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