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July 15, 2009

Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor Bloomberg:

At its regular board meeting held on July 14, 2009, the members of Community Board No. 1 voted unanimously to send this letter.

We are writing to ask you to make truck traffic management a priority for our district and communicate that priority to all City agencies. The impacts from truck traffic are multifold and manifest in unbearable levels of noise, air pollution, pedestrian safety, and a sorely diminished quality of life.

Between the waste transfer trucks – CB1 handles about 40% of NYC's trash – and other long-haul and delivery trucks, Brooklyn Community Board #1 is overwhelmed by truck traffic. CB1 takes more than its share of the city's waste, and will for some years to come. We are clearly the community district with the highest truck traffic volumes and trips in the City, our truck traffic management and enforcement are not proportionate. We truly recognize and support the reality that trucks must deliver goods and services; we are simply asking for better truck enforcement and more comprehensive truck traffic calming, district-wide.

We deeply appreciate how extraordinarily positive and responsive the Brooklyn Borough Commissioner and his staff are to our requests. Likewise, the 90<sup>th</sup> and 94<sup>th</sup> Precincts are also doing their level best to cope with the onslaught, and while it is remarkable what they are able to accomplish with limited resources, it does not even approach an adequate, consistent level of truck traffic enforcement. Our truck traffic

problem goes far beyond the scope of any one agency, and certainly far beyond the borough office – and far beyond the scope of DOT alone.

When the Solid Waste Management Plan was passed, a DSNY-led waste transfer truck study commenced. Not surprisingly, it's gained little ground because it is clear to us that without enforcement and collaboration between agencies, no one suggestion or plan will offer any relief.


In the late 20<sup>th</sup> century, the NYC Department of Transportation undertook a \$1.3 million study to figure out how to improve the movement of trucks through the five boroughs and to enhance the safety of pedestrians and the quality of life in residential communities. Results were promised by 2004, then by the end of 2005. In February 2006 the agency released a preliminary study and promised the complete study in April. The final report was released in March 2007.

To date, none of the recommended solutions has materialized on our streets.

We need you, Mayor Bloomberg, to direct all city agencies to collaborate on a consistent, permanent, comprehensive response. We urge you to direct all city agencies to work in concert and prioritize the impacts of truck traffic in Brooklyn Community Board #1.

We hope that you will take the necessary steps to help us. We look forward to your response. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Christopher H. Olechowski  
Chairman

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