**Jeannine Kiely**, *Chair*
**Susan Kent**, *First Vice Chair*
**Valerie De La Rosa**, *Second Chair*
**Bob Gormley**, *District Manager*

**Antony Wong**, *Treasurer*
**Eugene Yoo**, *Secretary*
**Ritu Chattree**, *Assistant Secretary*

# COMMUNITY OARD NO. 2, MANHATTAN

3 WASHINGTON SQUARE VILLAGE
NEW YORK, NY 10012-1899
**www.cb2manhattan.org**
**P**: 212-979-2272 **F**: 212-254-5102 **E:** info@cb2manhattan.org
Greenwich Village ❖ Little Italy ❖ SoHo ❖ NoHo ❖ Hudson Square ❖ Chinatown ❖ Gansevoort Market

September 27, 2021

Edward Pincar Jr.
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane
New York, NY 10038

Dear Commissioner Pincar:

At its Full Board meeting September 23, 2021, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

**Resolution requesting a change in commercial loading zone regulations and signage to "One Hour Truck Loading and Unloading" at 130 Bleecker St.**

**Whereas** current parking regulations and signage at the truck loading zone in front of the Morton Williams Supermarket at 130 Bleecker St. call for "Truck Loading Only, Monday - Friday, 8am - 6pm"; and

**Whereas** the signage for these loading regulations does not define any limit in the duration of time during which trucks are allowed to load and unload; and

**Whereas** Morton Williams customarily receives approximately 50 deliveries a day of the products they carry to serve neighborhood grocery needs from vendors who need to unload their goods from their trucks. These vendors arrive in both small and large trucks that require no more than an hour to complete their unloading; and

**Whereas** Morton Williams has reported that these essential vendors are now being denied access for their deliveries in the loading zone by Amazon, which occupies the loading zone to conduct its warehousing activities, very often all day long; and

**Whereas** prevented from using the truck loading zone by these continuous warehousing activities, the trucks delivering their products to Morton Williams are forced to double park, backing up traffic and causing congestion and pollution, which are further exacerbated by the trucks having to circle around before any space is found to unload; and

**Whereas** additional pollution is caused by the Amazon trucks idling for many hours in the one place, a serious community concern, particularly in view of the destructive impact on the nearby community garden; and

**Whereas** Morton Williams has been serving and welcome by our community for 20 years and is valued as an essential, family- and locally-owned business that should be provided relief from e- commerce companies like Amazon, that have been abusing parking requirements; and

**Whereas** the Traffic Rules of the NYC Dept. of Transportation (DOT**)** specify that "Where a posted sign reads "No Standing Except Trucks Loading and Unloading," no vehicle except a commercial vehicle, or a service vehicle may stand or park in that area, for the purpose of *expeditiously making* pickups, deliveries or service calls," i.e., within a very short time (as opposed to all day occupation);

**Therefore be it resolved** that Community Board 2 Manhattan requests that DOT change the commercial loading zone regulations and signage in front of 130 Bleecker St. to "One Hour Truck Loading and Unloading Only, Mon. to Fri., 8 am to 6 pm."

**Vote:** Unanimous, with 42 Board Members in favor.

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

Sincerely,

Jeannine Kiely, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan

Shirley Secunda, Chair
Traffic & Transportation Committee
Community Board #2, Manhattan

JK/EM

c: Hon. Jerrold L. Nadler, Congressman
Hon. Brian Kavanagh, NY State Senator
Hon. Deborah J. Glick, NY Assembly Member
Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Margaret Chin, Council Member