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Honorable Kaz Daughtry, Honorable Jeffrey D. Roth and Honorable Jessica Tisch:

The Executive Committee of Community Board 2 Manhattan adopted the following resolution at its Committee meeting on August 19, 2025:

Resolution in Opposition to Criminal Summons for Cyclists for Traffic Violations

Whereas:

1. On April 28, 2025, the New York Police Department (NYPD) began a new policy of issuing criminal summonses to cyclists for infractions such as cycling through a red light, failing to stop at a stop sign, or riding on the sidewalk, replacing the previous policy of a traffic ticket that could be paid or contested online;
2. Drivers of motor vehicles continue to receive civil violations for traffic infractions, which result in a contradictory message about how we prioritize public safety on our streets; motor vehicle infractions are treated civilly and not criminally despite causing considerable numbers of deaths and injuries;
3. A criminal summons requires appearing in criminal court, which could lead to a criminal record or jail and those who fail to appear will have a warrant for their arrest issued;

4. For cyclists who are not citizens of the United States, which is the case for many delivery workers, encounters with the criminal justice system are highly dangerous, potentially resulting in detention and deportation without any due process. Additionally, an encounter with the criminal justice system could jeopardize an application for asylum seeker status;
5. A criminal summons creates a criminal case which is public information and may facilitate the operations of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) despite New York City being a "sanctuary city;"
6. According to news reports since the policy change, cyclists have received criminal summonses for proceeding at the Leading Pedestrian Interval, which has been legal for cyclists to do in New York City since 2019;
7. CB2 agrees that there is a need to address the lack of compliance with regulations by some cyclists; and,
8. The most recent publicly available "[Summary Listing of Bicycle Laws, Rules & Regulations](#)," published by the NYC Department of Transportation, is several years old and may not reflect current policies or enforcement practices, and NYC DOT has indicated it will confirm whether a more up-to-date version exists.

Therefore be it Resolved that Manhattan Community Board 2 calls on the NY Police Department (NYPD) to immediately end the policy of issuing criminal court summonses to cyclists for traffic violations and continue to use existing laws to mitigate lack of compliance with regulations.

Vote: Unanimous, with 13 Board members in favor.

We respectfully request that your agency take action consistent with the positions expressed in the above.

Sincerely,



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Jeannine Kiely, Chair
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