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July 22, 2016

Margaret Forgione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 35th Floor
New York, NY 10038

Dear Commissioner Forgiane:

At its Full Board meeting July 21, 2016, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution requesting speed humps on Charles St. bet. Washington and West Sts.

Whereas Charles St. bet. Washington and West Sts. has experienced greatly increased vehicular traffic in recent years, with motorists traveling at high speeds, racing to overtake the green light and turn into West St., a situation that endangers the many pedestrians there; and

Whereas with the very welcome recent repaving of Charles St. in this location, the situation unfortunately has worsened as the smooth street surface facilitates the speeding; and

Whereas this block and its surrounding area are heavily used by pedestrians, including hundreds of children walking to and leaving the Village Community School every day, more children going to the Mandel Pre-School in the Archive Building and to the Morton St. School plus those who will soon be coming to the new school at St. Luke's, many families with children, a large senior population, tourists, and a large residential walking population which is now being heavily increased by the new residential project at 150 Charles St., all greatly endangered by this speeding traffic; and

Whereas the Board Secretary for West Village Houses, representing over 2,000 shareholders, has reported that in the last few weeks several close calls have occurred with trucks sideswiping cars, cars almost hitting pedestrians and cars scratching cars, and has asked for a speed hump installation on Charles St. bet. Washington and West Sts., to slow down this racing, out-of-control traffic and make drivers more aware of the street conditions rather than focusing on getting to West St. as soon as possible; and

Whereas speed humps have been shown to be effective in slowing down traffic and promoting pedestrian safety where they've been placed in the Community Board 2, Manhattan (CB2) area (for example, on Leroy St. bet. Varick and Hudson Sts.); and

Whereas examples in other cities as well as NYC show that installing two speed humps on a block helps sustain a steady slow speed in motor vehicles that otherwise surge full speed ahead after going over a single speed hump;

Therefore be it resolved that CB2 requests that two speed humps be installed at appropriate intervals on Charles St. bet. Washington and West Sts.

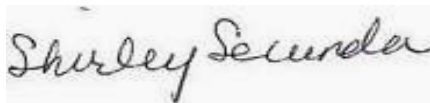
Vote: Unanimous, with 38 Board Members in favor.

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

Sincerely,



Tobi Bergman, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan



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

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Dear Commissioner Forgiane:

At its Full Board meeting July 21, 2016, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution requesting speed humps or speed cushions on W. 10th St. bet. Washington and West Sts.

Whereas W. 10th St. bet. Washington and West Sts. has experienced greatly increased vehicular traffic in recent years, with motorists traveling at high speeds, racing to reach the green light on Washington St., a situation that endangers the many pedestrians there; and

Whereas with the very welcome recent repaving of W. 10th St. in this location, the situation unfortunately has worsened as the smooth street surface facilitates the speeding; and

Whereas this block and its surrounding area are heavily used by pedestrians, including hundreds of children walking to and leaving the Village Community School every day, more children going to the Mandel Pre-School in the Archive Building and to the Morton St. School plus those who will soon be coming to the new school at St. Luke's, many families with children, a large senior population, tourists, and a large residential walking population which is now being heavily increased by the new residential project at 150 Charles St., all greatly endangered by this speeding traffic; and

Whereas the Board Secretary for West Village Houses, representing over 2,000 shareholders, has reported that in the last few weeks several close calls have occurred with trucks sideswiping cars, cars almost hitting pedestrians and cars scratching cars, and has asked for a speed hump installation on W. 10th St. bet. Washington and West Sts., to slow down this racing, out-of-control traffic and make drivers more aware of the surrounding street conditions; and

Whereas speed humps have been shown to be effective in slowing down traffic and promoting pedestrian safety where they've been placed in the Community Board 2, Manhattan (CB2) area (for example, on Leroy St. bet. Varick and Hudson Sts.); and

Whereas examples in other cities as well as NYC show that installing two speed humps on a block helps sustain a steady slow speed in motor vehicles that otherwise surge full speed ahead after going over a single speed hump; and

Whereas the M8 bus traverses W. 10th St. bet. Washington and West Sts., as it travels eastbound, and speed humps might hinder its movement; and

Whereas speed cushions (that are smaller than lane width and rectangular or square in shape) allow for a large vehicle to straddle the cushion while remaining in its respective lane and/or include cutouts to accommodate the larger vehicle's wheels passing through;

Therefore be it resolved that CB2 requests that two speed humps be installed at appropriate intervals on W. 10th St. bet. Washington and West Sts., or if this will interfere with the M8's passage, that two speed cushions be installed on that block.

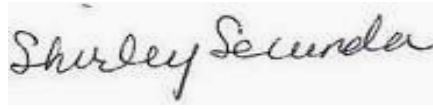
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