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Jill Hoexter
Chief of the Vehicular Crimes Unit
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Re: District Attorney's Office on Vehicular Crashes in Manhattan

Dear Chief Hoexter,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) thanks the District Attorney's Office (DA) for their presentation at the September Transportation Committee meeting detailing the realities of investigating and statistically classifying vehicular crashes that result in fatalities or injuries in Manhattan. It was clarifying to understand the legal thresholds for misdemeanor, negligence, criminal negligence, recklessness, and depraved indifference.

The committee now has a fuller understanding of the prosecutorial constraints on vehicular crashes leading to injury or death under current legislation. We agree that there is a pressing need for greater public education and awareness of the lawful process for classifying and prosecuting vehicular crashes that result in fatalities or injuries.

The MCB4 Transportation Committee appreciates the Vehicular Crimes Unit's work and the time taken to make us aware of legislative constraints. In light of these learnings we would like to offer our assistance as a partner to the Manhattan District Attorney's Office in organizing public outreach and education to better inform and protect our community. This letter was voted on at our October 3rd Full Board meeting with 37 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote.

We look forward to working together on this important issue.

Sincerely,



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