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Re: Collisions Investigations

To Whom It May Concern,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) is committed to reducing the number of traffic fatalities and injuries as mandated by the Vision Zero program. The progress we have achieved would not have been possible without your vigilance. In order to pursue further reductions, it is critical we all understand what the causes and full circumstances of each crash are.

At MCB4's October 3rd Full Board meeting, the Board voted to request the following by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote to ask that in each crash that causes an injury or a fatality, your officers be directed to immediately request the intervention of the collision investigations unit, so that circumstances of the crash can be evaluated by the experts and yield all the information necessary to prevent such in the future.

On September 13th, the Chief of the Vehicular Crimes Unit for the District Attorney's Office presented to the Transportation Planning Committee and we learned that the first responders to a crash have a very important role to play in mobilizing the proper personnel to make sure the requisite information is collected, and illegal behavior - if any- can be sanctioned.

We thank you in advance for your help in this very important matter.

Sincerely,



Burt Lazarin
Chair
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Christine Berthet
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cc: Jill Hoexter, Chief of the Vehicular Crimes Unit, District Attorney's Office