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NYC Department of Transportation
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Re: Parking of Traffic Enforcement Vehicles alongside Hudson Boulevard Park

Dear Commissioner O'Neill, Chief Chan and Commissioner Pincar,

At its May 1st Full Board meeting, Manhattan Community Board 4(CB4) voted, by a vote of 35 in favor, 0 against, 4 abstaining and 0 present but not eligible to vote, to request that the Traffic Enforcement vehicles, which are currently monopolizing the parking spaces alongside the newly built Hudson Boulevard Park between West 35th and West 36th Streets, be moved to the block of West 36th Street between Tenth and Eleventh Avenues. As has been previously reported, the concentrated presence of this fleet at Hudson Boulevard Park obstructs many activities that are programmed on this stretch and at times present serious safety issues when the vehicles arrive and depart during school events.

The development of this site as green space has been a hard-fought process, enlisting various stakeholders—the City Planning department, Manhattan Community Board 4, elected officials, and area developers—to build consensus and reach the common goal of developing a much-

needed open space. The continuous presence of a large fleet of traffic enforcement vehicles gives the park the appearance of an occupied zone.

We understand the challenge of finding parking in this area. With that in mind, the Hudson Yards/Hell's Kitchen (HYHK) Alliance has surveyed the area and developed a number of alternative locations. At an earlier meeting on this topic with the office of City Council Speaker Corey Johnson and your staff, it seemed that the aforementioned block of West 36th Street between Tenth and Eleventh Avenues is the best alternative (except at the Bolt bus stop and the SIR Equipment Rentals at 501 W. 36th Street) We further suggest that the fleet use the full array of alternative locations presented below so as to avoid the concentration of vehicles seen today:

- West side of Tenth Avenue between West 39th and West 40th Streets
- South side of West 40th Street, east of Tenth Avenue
- South side of West 39th Street, east of Eleventh Avenue
- North side of West 39th Street, west of Tenth Avenue
- North side of West 38th Street, east of Eleventh Avenue
- South side of West 38th Street, on bridge east of Eleventh Avenue
- North and south sides of West 37th Street, on bridge east of Eleventh Avenue
- North and south side of West 36th Street, east of Eleventh Avenue
- North side of West 28th Street, west of Ninth Avenue

CB4 would appreciate a prompt resolution to this long-standing issue. As the warm season is upon us, the number of visitors to the park has grown considerably since the opening of Hudson Yards plaza. There are a number of events programmed on these streets and the safety of these visitors is our utmost concern.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,



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Chair
Manhattan Community Board 4



Christine Berthet
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CC: Hon. Brad Hoylman, New York State Senate

Hon. Richard Gottfried, New York State Assembly
Hon. Corey Johnson, Speaker of the City Council
Hon. Gale A. Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Robert Benfatto, President, HYHK Alliance