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Commissioner William Bratton
New York City Police Department
1 Police Plaza New York, NY 10038

Re: NYPD Crash Report Access

Dear Commissioner Bratton,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) requests the opportunity to review in a timely manner New York City Police Department (NYPD) Collisions Reports for collisions between pedestrians or cyclists and cars in which the pedestrian or cyclist have been killed or severely injured within Manhattan Community District 4 (MCD4).

As a first instance, CB4 would like the opportunity to review the NYPD collision report regarding the recent fatality which occurred on February 12, 2016 when a woman was killed on 11th Avenue, in the pedestrian crossing with the walk signal by a truck that ran her over while the driver was making a right (north) turn from 37th Street. During this interaction both the pedestrian and the truck had a green light, and the conflict between the two had tragic consequences.

CB4 regularly makes recommendations to city agencies to improve conditions in our district, and access to accurate data is vital to our process. Access to the police report on this fatality and other similar collisions within one month of the crash will assist us in our advisory role to the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the NYPD in our effort to make our streets safer for all and prevent future such incidents from occurring.

CB4 believes this information is especially important in our district because of the high rate of pedestrian injuries which occur. According to NYPD traffic data in January 2016 alone the precincts which cover CD4 reported 33 pedestrian and 5 cyclist injuries from crashes with cars, and now we can unfortunately add a fatality to these numbers.

CB4 is a strong proponent of Mayor De Blasio's Vision Zero and believes cost effective measures can be taken to improve the safety of our streets but we need timely access to more

information to make better recommendations. The opportunity to review NYPD reports in which a pedestrian or cyclist have been killed or severely injured within one month of the collision would help us become more proactive and recommend site specific safety measures that will improve the quality of life in our district and hopefully prevent future tragedies.


Sincerely,



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