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Paul E. Lanot
Captain\Commanding Officer
10th Precinct
230 West 20th Street
New York, New York 10011

Duane Snell
Superintendent, District 4
650 West 57 Street
New York, New York 10019

Dear Captain Lanot and Superintendent Snell:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) writes to bring your attention to the growing concern in the district. We would like to respectfully request that your staff evaluate two tree pits located in front of 300 West 21st Street and 308 West 21st Street, in Chelsea. It has been brought to our attention that key lock boxes are being chained to the tree grates for the purposes of short term rentals such as Airbnb. The board has a long history advocating for the preservation of affordable housing, the right of tenants to live in safe housing, and the decluttering of congested sidewalks.

It is for these reasons we request the Department of Sanitation (DSNY) and New York Police Department (NYPD) inspect and removal of these key lock boxes as it is believed to be illegal to store personal belongings on street furniture and places the neighboring residents of these buildings at risk.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to hearing from your office.

Sincerely


Jesse Bodine

District Manager
Manhattan Community Board 4

cc: Henry A. Ehrhardt, Director, Bureau of Community Affairs, DSNY
William T. Morris, Chief of Manhattan South Precincts, NYPD
Hon. Corey Johnson, City Council
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