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September 9, 2020

Dermot F. Shea
NYPD Commissioner
One Police Plaza Path
New York, NY 10038

Re: NYPD use of Facial Recognition Software

Dear Commissioner Shea,

In view of the attempted arrest of Derrick Ingram on August 7, Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) would like to request a presentation from you or an NYPD representative on the use of facial recognition software as an investigative tool by the NYPD at the next meeting of our Social Justice Working Group on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 5:30 pm¹. Specifically, we would like to learn what approved written policies/protocols exist at the NYPD regarding when/how facial recognition software is used, how data is collected and the number of times it has been used in the past. As you can imagine, this issue has sparked the community's concern and interest in the matter in our District after the NYPD confirmed to a journalist that facial-recognition software was used during the attempted arrest of a Black Lives Matter activist in CB4. If you are unable to identify anyone within the NYPD, please let us know how we may obtain the requested vital information for our community members.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Lowell Kern
Chair
Manhattan Community Board 4

[Signed 9/9/20]
Katy Stokes
Co-Chair
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cc: Hon. Corey Johnson, Speaker, City Council
Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President

¹ Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) at its duly noticed Full Board meeting on September 2, 2020, voted, by a vote of 30 in favor, 6 opposed, 1 abstaining, and 0 present not eligible to vote, in support of this request.