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Bill de Blasio  
Mayor  
New York City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

**Re: Siting of FDNY EMS Station #7 at West 29<sup>th</sup> Street**

Dear Mayor de Blasio,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) has long requested that the Fire Department of New York (FDNY) Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Station #7, which has been temporarily located at 512 West 23<sup>rd</sup> Street since 2011, be moved to a more suitable, permanent location (see MCB4's [2012](#), [2014](#), [March 2018](#), and [June 2018](#) letters). The current unenclosed "temporary" station has been located at 512 West 23<sup>rd</sup> Street for ten years and is unsuitable for a residential block. MCB4 requests for the Mayor's Office to assist in starting the ULURP for site selection of the new EMS Station #7. This EMS station serves a district beyond the borders of Manhattan Community District 4, from approximately West 12<sup>th</sup> to West 62<sup>nd</sup> Streets, between 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the Hudson River (see Appendix A). MCB4, at its July 28<sup>th</sup> Full Board meeting, by a vote of 34 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote, voted to approve this letter.

**Background**

In 2015, MCB4 identified a portion of the Douglaston development site on West 29<sup>th</sup> Street (601-613 West 29<sup>th</sup> Street, Block 6) as a permanent location for Station #7, after the Department of City Planning came to MCB4 with a framework on redeveloping the block. This site was identified as an ideal location for the replacement EMS facility, as it is one block from the West Side Highway and would provide quick north and south access and more space for vehicles. This location is considered acceptable by the FDNY, the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS), and the community.

On February 14, 2018, ULURP #180128(A) ZRM and #180129 (A) ZSM applications were filed in order to permit the exemption from floor area of the proposed EMS facility, and an increase in the maximum number of accessory parking spaces for EMS

employees. The Block 675 East Final Environmental Impact Statement<sup>1</sup> was completed in April 2018. Resolution 0449-2018 was passed by the City Council on June 28, 2018 to approve the decision of the City Planning Commission on this ULURP, which includes a commitment to relocate the EMS Station #7.<sup>2</sup>

**No Action, No ULURP**

However, by July 2021, we passed the third anniversary of that approval and there has been no action on this commitment by DCAS or FDNY. The site has been made available to DCAS by the project developer, as the residential building nears completion. Why has public action not started on this critical piece of City infrastructure to provide a permanent location for EMS Station #7? The ULURP for site selection should have been a priority and proceeded concurrently with the building's construction to ensure a construction start after the residential building's completion. With the lack of a ULURP, three years have been added on to the implementation of this process.

MCB4 requests the Mayor's Office, immediately work with DCAS, FDNY, Council Land Use, and MCB4 to ensure certification of this site selection ULURP prior to the end of 2021, to fulfill its commitment to this critical piece of city infrastructure. MCB4 requests with the above agencies to discuss the timing to start this process.

MCB4 looks forward to working with you to move forward the ULURP for the relocation of the new EMS Station #7—one which will ensure adequate coverage for Manhattan Community District 4 and the broader geographic area from approximately West 12th to West 62nd Streets, between 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the Hudson River.

Sincerely,



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cc: Hon. Corey Johnson, Speaker, City Council  
Hon. Gale A. Brewer, Manhattan Borough President  
Hon. Helen Rosenthal, City Council  
Hon. Jerry Nadler, U.S. Congress  
Hon. Brad Hoylman, New York State Senate  
Hon. Robert Jackson, New York State Senate  
Hon. Richard Gottfried, New York State Assembly  
Hon. Linda B. Rosenthal, New York State Assembly

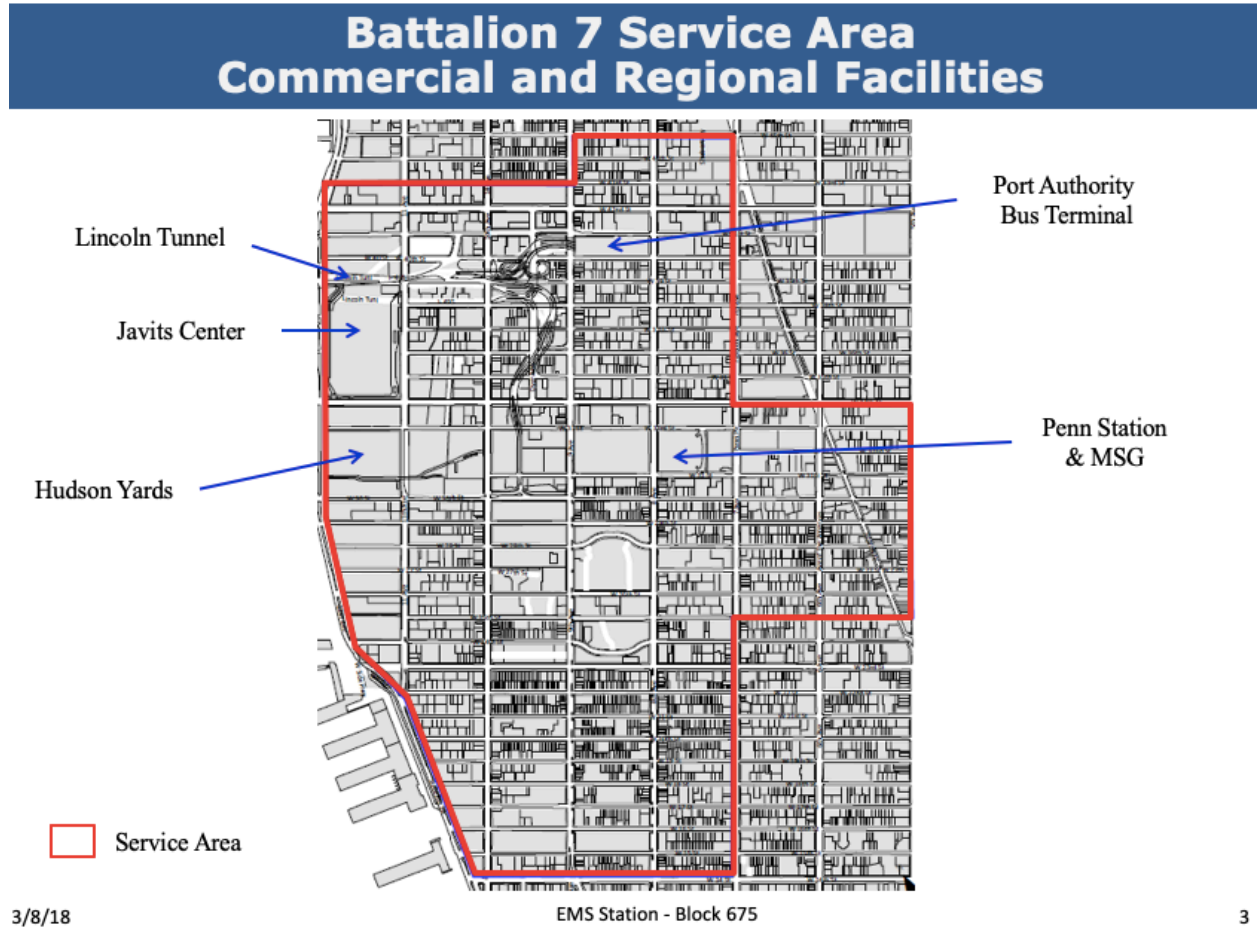
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<sup>1</sup> [Block 675 East - Final Environmental Impact Statement](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Res 0449-2018 LU 91 - Zoning, 601 West 29th Street \(Block 675-Site A\), Manhattan \(C 180129\(A\) ZSM\)](#)

## Appendix

### Appendix A. Battalion 7 Service Area



Source: [Harborview Development Plan \(2018\)](#)