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Ed Pincar  
Manhattan Borough Commissioner  
NYC Department of Transportation  
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor  
New York, NY 10038

**Re: Condition of Ramps in CD4/Disability Pride**

Dear Borough Commissioner Pincar,

In light of the recent settlement of the 2014 lawsuit brought forth by Disability Rights Advocates and others, we are pleased that the Department of Transportation (DOT) will begin assessing sidewalk ramp conditions and making repairs as necessary throughout the city. We request an update on progress to date—when will the ramps in our district be surveyed? And what is the anticipated schedule of repairs? In particular, when will the city fulfill its 2009 commitment to install ADA compliant ramps at the following intersections:

- Dyer Avenue and West 34<sup>th</sup> Street (south side)
- West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and Dyer Avenue (north side)

We would also like to recommend that persons with disabilities are employed by the DOT in order to undertake this survey.

This inquiry and recommendation were prompted by one of our residents, Mike LeDonne, the President and Founder of Disability Pride NYC (DPNYC) whose non-profit organized the first annual Disability Pride NYC Parade in 2015, in conjunction with the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD). Mr. LeDonne is eager to coordinate with the DOT in directing qualified candidates to the Department. Manhattan Community Board 4 voted on this letter at its October 6<sup>th</sup> Full Board meeting by 43 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote.

Sincerely,



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