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Hon. Eric Adams
New York City Mayor
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Peggy Shepard
Board Chair
Mayor's Office of Climate & Environmental Justice
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Re: EV Charging Station Infrastructure

Dear Mayor Adams and Chair Shepard,

With the urgency to move away from fossil fuels and current industry transition, we expect the city to provide a comprehensive, electric charging infrastructure plan for public, private, and commercial vehicles.

By a Full Board vote of 42 in favor, 0 against, 4 abstentions and 0 present not eligible, Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) at its June 1st meeting, approved the following comments:

New York State passed legislation last year requiring all passenger cars and trucks sold here be zero-emission by 2035. Fully electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles made up 3.4 percent of all new passenger vehicle sales in New York City last year which lags far behind other cities like in San Francisco (22 percent of new sales) and Los Angeles (11.9 percent of new sales). New York City is even below the national average of 4.4 percent.¹

If the city expects to hit its own carbon-free goals by the 2050 deadline, we have to work indefatigably at installing the appropriate infrastructure to achieve that objective with a priority on accessibility.

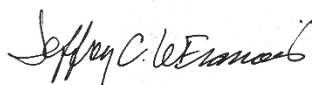
¹ <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/04/05/nyregion/nyc-electric-vehicle-evs.html>

At the May 12 Waterfront, Parks & Environment Committee meeting, the EV infrastructure company, Gravity, presented their public charging station lot project for the Mitchell-Lama rental building, Manhattan Plaza on West 43rd Street. This is the first public charging, no entry fee lot in our district and the plug-in power is at cost.

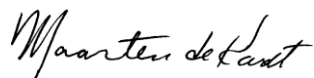
“Transportation is responsible for nearly 30 percent of the city’s greenhouse-gas emissions, and if the city was to achieve its most significant environmental objective...it would need an aggressive plan to incentivize the purchase of electric vehicles.”²

We respectfully request the city shares any plans, current, tentative or pilot, regarding EV charging infrastructure with our Board, regardless of district boundaries. We look forward to teaming with the city to implement forward-thinking, green energy projects for the inevitable electric vehicle transition.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey LeFrancois
Chair
Manhattan Community Board 4



Maarten deKadt
Co-chair
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Leslie Boghosian Murphy
Co-chair
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CC: Ed Pincar, Manhattan Borough Commissioner, NYC Department of Transportation

² <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/03/11/nyregion/electric-cars-nyc.html>