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Matthew Bernardo
President
Housing Works
57 Willoughby St., 2nd Floor
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Re: Syringe Disposal Kiosk on Dyer Avenue

Dear Mr. Berndardo,

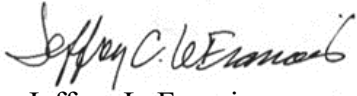
On the recommendation of its Housing, Health and Human Services (HHHS) committee, Manhattan Community Board 4's (MCB4) Full Board at its regularly scheduled meeting on June 1, 2022, voted 35 in favor, 6 opposed, 5 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote, not to support a syringe disposal kiosk on Dyer Avenue.

On January 20, 2022, at the HHHS monthly committee meeting, Richard Perkins from Housing Works, Positive Health Project (PHP), proposed the installation of a Sharps Disposal Kiosk along Dyer Avenue between West 35th and West 36th Streets be considered given the number of used needles discarded on the sidewalks in the West 30's. He described the variety of ways in which Housing Works has strived to safely reduce the number of sharps littering the sidewalks and streets of our community. He also stressed that PHP was open to different strategies to address the disposal of sharps in our community.

After an informative Q&A between Mr. Perkins and members of both HHHS and the public, it was clear that currently, there was little interest for the installation of a new Sharps Disposal Kiosk at the Dyer Avenue and West 36th Street location. It was further noted syringe disposal kiosks are not on public sidewalks under NYC Department Transportation regulations.

However, it was very helpful to be informed on the resources the Positive Health Project can offer to the community, such as the free gloves and sharps-disposal containers. MCB4 appreciates Housing Works' Positive Health Project and supports its willingness to explore partnering with other local public and private organizations in the disposal of sharps.

Sincerely,



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