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Hon. Erik Bottcher
New York City Council
224 West 30th Street
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New York, NY 10001

Re: Support for discretionary funding for The Litter Legion

Dear Council Member Bottcher,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4), at its October 6th Full Board Meeting, voted with 34 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining and 2 present but not eligible to vote, in support of funding for The Litter Legion, a non-profit focused on creating a cleaner Hell's Kitchen neighborhood.

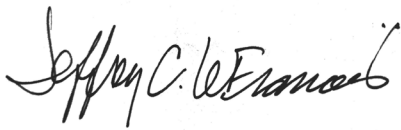
The Litter Legion was founded in June 2020 by Hell's Kitchen resident Catie Savage in response to seeing her neighborhood littered with trash on sidewalks and in overflowing trash bins. During this time the Department of Sanitation's basket truck services were reduced by 67% due to pandemic-induced budget cuts. Catie rallied community members to help clean up their streets by volunteering to pick up litter, empty overflowing corner baskets, and sort recyclables that would otherwise end up in the landfill. They have hosted over 70 group clean ups with over 600 participants, including at least 200 unique volunteers. In 2021, they collected 70 bags of recycling and 2,287 lbs of loose litter. They have also created cleanup kits for those who are unable to attend group events, which include two garbage bags, two pairs of disposable gloves, and a best practices guide. These are available at various Hell's Kitchen businesses. They have distributed over 1,000 cleanup kits.

Since its founding, Catie has been a frequent visitor to Community Board 4 meetings to share updates on her work and information with the community. Community Board 4

recognizes the positive impact that The Litter Legion has had on our local community and is supportive of their continued work. The Litter Legion has been funded solely by community donations to cover all supply costs but is now a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization. This designation allows for The Litter Legion to apply for discretionary funding from City Councilman Erik Bottcher. This funding would allow The Litter Legion to continue its work, which includes programming and educational events, and fund additional supplies for cleaning.

Community Board 4 encourages Council Member Bottcher to approve this funding request and looks forward to continuing to work with The Litter Legion to improve the sanitation of our community.

Sincerely,



Jeffery LeFrancois
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cc: Hon. Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President