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Captain Robert Gault
Commanding Officer
Manhattan 10th Precinct
NYC Police Department
230 West 20th Street
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Kim Y. Royster
Chief of Transportation
NYPD Traffic Division
1 Police Plaza
New York, NY 10038

Elizabeth Crotty
Commissioner and Chair
Business Integrity Commission
100 Church Street, 20th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Inspector Angel L. Figueroa, Jr.
Commanding Officer
NYC Police Department
13th Precinct
230 E. 21st Street
New York, NY 10010

Re: Truck Traffic on West 16th Street (between 6th – 7th Ave.)

Dear Commissioners Pincar and Crotty, Chief Royster, Captain Gault and Inspector Figueroa,

At its November 2, 2022, Full Board meeting, Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) voted with 42 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 1 present but not eligible¹, to request your coordinated assistance in resolving the illegal truck traffic on West 16th Street between Sixth and Seventh Avenues. There is already a “NO TRUCKS” sign, but it is being ignored.

¹ MCB4 Board Chair, Jeffrey LeFrancois, is Executive Director of the Meatpacking Business Improvement District and voted Present but not Eligible at MCB4’s November 2nd Full Board meeting.

Trucks run through this populated residential block at all hours of the day and night. Given the street's proximity to Google, Chelsea Market, Western Beef, and Union Square Market, and the influx of new businesses nearby, the volume of commercial traffic and commercial carting has multiplied exponentially. The noise, congestion and other disturbance has become unbearable for many residents.

MCB4 asks that the Department of Transportation (DOT) install a camera; the NYPD institute enforcement measures to prevent violation of existing regulations during the day and conduct enforcement operations at night when private carting services have been disrupting the residents' quality of life. We further request that the Business Integrity Commission reach out to these private carters to remind them to use only proper truck routes, and not illegal residential streets, such as West 16th Street (all trucks should immediately make their way to 14th Street, which is designed for truck traffic. They can do so by going down Ninth Avenue then east on 14th Street, or south on Seventh Avenue to 14th Street).

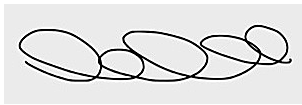
This is not the first time this issue has come before this committee. In 2019², MCB4 requested cameras to enforce truck compliance with signage. Now we reiterate that request, along with installing signage on Seventh Avenue to alert truck drivers that they may not make a left turn onto this street.

Thank you for your consideration of MCB4's position on this matter.

Sincerely,



Christine Berthet
Co-chair
Transportation Planning
Committee



Dale Corvino
Co-chair
Transportation Planning
Committee

Cc: Google
Chelsea Market
Western Beef
Meatpacking Business Improvement District

² <https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2020/02/15-TRANS-Letter-to-DOT-MTA-re-Proposed-M14-AD-SBS.pdf>