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District Manager

June 27, 2023

CHEKPEDS  
348 W.38<sup>th</sup> Street, 12B  
New York, NY 10018

Re: W.45<sup>th</sup> Street Block Association Trash containerization update

Dear CHEKPEDS Leadership,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) at its regularly scheduled meeting on June 7, 2023, voted, by a vote of 34 to approve, 0 to reject, 2 abstaining, and 4 present but not eligible<sup>1</sup>, to support the ongoing pilot project on W.45<sup>th</sup> Street between 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenues and urges the NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY) to continue its funding of the project as well as expanding the program to other locations in District 4. Chana Widawski, a member of Chekpeds and the 45<sup>th</sup> Block Association, updated the Arts, Culture, Education & Street Life (ACES) committee at its meeting on April 10, 2023 following up on the committee's August 1, 2019 support letter (see attached.)

Currently, metal containers for trash storage are provided by City Bin and are located at several sites along the north and south sides of West 45<sup>th</sup> Street. City funding for this project, started in November 2022, is scheduled to end in the fall of 2023 with no plan for its renewal as DSNY is currently reviewing the findings of a trash removal report from McKinsey Consulting. MCB4 requests that DSNY support the 45<sup>th</sup> Street site as a location for the next generation pilot program.

We support the continued funding of this project because of the following reasons: positive feedback from building employees as well as residents of the block; cleaner street; and more accessible pedestrian access on sidewalks.

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<sup>1</sup> Christine Berthet, Matt Green, Allen Oster, and David Warren are on the board of CHEKPEDS and voted present but not eligible.

Committee members also provided suggestions to improve the project which included modifying the containers for more efficient use and studying the use of mechanical container pickup.

We look forward to working to maintain and continuing this project and request that DSNY include Community District 4 for any new pilot programs that may be suggested by the McKinsey report.

Sincerely,



Jeffery LeFrancois  
Chair  
Community Board 4



Allen Oster  
Co-Chair  
ACES Committee



Josephine Ishmon  
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CC: Hon. Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough Presidents office  
Hon. Erik Bottcher, City Council