

May 6, 2002

The Honorable John Doherty  
Commissioner  
NYC Department of Sanitation  
125 Worth Street  
New York, NY 10013

**Re: 14<sup>th</sup> Street Sanitation Problems**

Dear Commissioner Doherty:


Congratulations on your reappointment as Commissioner of the New York City Department of Sanitation.

Several years ago, Manhattan Community Boards Nos. 2 and 4 formed a joint committee to address the concerns that businesses and residents have along our common border, West 14<sup>th</sup> Street. One concern that has been gaining popularity recently is the amount of garbage being disposed of along this street. As both Greenwich Village and Chelsea have experienced significant growth in tourism over the years, the garbage collection seems not to have kept pace.

Recently we learned that your agency has been replacing missing garbage cans along West 14<sup>th</sup> Street, between Ninth Avenue and the West Side Highway, only to have them disappear. This, coupled with the overflowing conditions of those cans that have not disappeared, leads us to request that your agency help us find a resolution to this garbage saturation issue. Specifically, we ask that a survey be done along West 14<sup>th</sup> Street between Sixth Avenue and the West Side Highway and along the adjoining avenues to determine what can be done to alleviate this situation.

Thank you for your assistance. We look forward to working with you to resolve this matter.

Sincerely,



Simone Sindin  
Chair  
Manhattan Community Board No. 4

Thomas Lunke  
Chair  
14<sup>th</sup> Street Special Committee

This letter was approved at Manhattan Community Board No. 4's May 1, 2002 full board meeting.

cc: Local Elected Officials  
Carol Yankay, Manhattan Community Board No. 4