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Commissioner Emily Lloyd  
NYC Department of Environmental Protection  
59-17 Junction Boulevard  
Flushing, NY 11373

Re: Fire hydrant West 28<sup>th</sup> Street between Tenth and Eleventh Avenues

Dear Commissioner Lloyd:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) remains frustrated by the lack of progress in our over three year effort to fix the problem that causes near-constant pooling of water around the fire hydrant on the north side of the street, mid-block between Tenth and Eleventh Avenues. CB4 has held two meetings with city representatives at the site and has been requesting improvements since 2004.

We understand and appreciate that this past fall NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) repaired some leaky pipes under the fire hydrant and NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) gave the business owner a violation for failing to repair the uneven sidewalk. However, the large puddle of water that collects within a foot of the hydrant remains a nuisance and a hazard.

We have requested that the city agencies and the business owner come together to properly diagnose and most importantly repair this long-standing problem. This block has a residential building further to the east, several businesses and active pedestrian use for several bars and clubs and a large annual street fair. While we understand that problems such as this are difficult to diagnose and remedy – well over three years feels like a very long time and we would appreciate your active involvement in finding a solution.

Sincerely,

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