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Margaret Forgione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor
New York, NY 10038

Re: Speed Bumps on West 26th Street

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) requests the installation of speed bumps and other appropriate traffic calming measures on West 26th Street between 9th and 10th Avenues.

Since 1969, residents of Elliott Chelsea Houses have complained of the lack of safety for pedestrians on W26th Street between 9th and 10th Avenues.

Elliott Chelsea is a residential complex managed by New York City Housing Authority. It houses 2,400 residents in buildings spread on both sides of the street. On this same block, one can find P.S. 33 School and Hudson Guild with a senior and support center and a children center.

This long block (800 ft.) with no pedestrian crossing in the middle, functions more like a center alley for the residential complex since many of the shared services are located across the street for half of the residents. As a result, everyone, including seniors and children, crosses outside of the pedestrian crossings located at each end of the street.

This configuration is similar to the one at W. 17th Street between Ninth and Tenth Avenues, where the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) installed speed bumps after a speeding automobile killed a young boy.

To make matters worse, approximately 300 ft. West of Ninth Avenue, there is a non-signalized intersection with a walking path on a "NYCHA owned street" going from 26th to the equivalent of W. 27th Street and Tenth Avenue

CB4 supports the residents' request to install speed bumps on the block, similar to those on W. 17th Street. We also request that DOT survey the block with the community to identify and install additional traffic calming measures like a crossing light, pedestrian crossings with stop signs or a 20 m.p.h. slow zone, if appropriate.

We appreciate DOT's concern with our residents' safety and hope we can address these concerns as soon as possible.

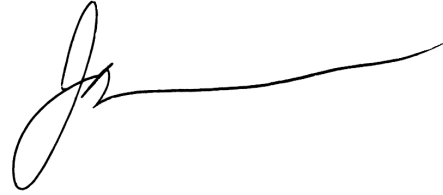
Sincerely,



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