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July 26, 2010

Margaret Forgione  
Manhattan Borough Commissioner  
NYC Department of Transportation  
59 Maiden Lane, 35<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10038

Dear Manhattan Borough Commissioner Forgione:

At its Full Board meeting July 22, 2010, Community Board #2, Manhattan, adopted the following resolution:

**Resolution requesting the removal of right turn on red light sign at the corner of Broome & Crosby Sts.**

**Whereas** the right turn on red light sign at the corner of Broome & Crosby Sts. is the only one of its kind in Manhattan; and

**Whereas** this sign serves no useful purpose, since exceedingly heavy traffic congestion prevents right turns on red from occurring; and

**Whereas** in this area of increasing pedestrian and tourist activity, motor traffic forging ahead for the turn severely endangers pedestrians who, being unaware of the sign, cross the street expecting that traffic will stop and get caught up trying to dodge the traffic, being forced to weave in and out of the vehicular onslaught, a situation that is further compounded by the absence of visible crosswalk markings; and

**Whereas** Community Board 2 Manhattan (CB2) requested that this sign be removed several years ago, and the NYC Dept. of Transportation (DOT) honored this request and removed the sign, but subsequently restored it a few years ago, without notifying CB2 of this action and despite the increased congestion at that location;

**Therefore Be It Resolved** that CB2 urges DOT to permanently remove the right turn on red light sign at the corner of Broome & Crosby Sts. as quickly as possible; and

**Be it further resolved** that CB2 requests that DOT install highly visible crosswalk markings at this dangerous location.

**Vote:** Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

Sincerely,



Jo Hamilton, Chair  
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Shirley Secunda, Chair  
Traffic & Transportation Committee  
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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cc: Hon. Jerrold L. Nadler, Congressman  
Hon. Thomas K. Duane, NY State Senator  
Hon. Daniel L. Squadron, NY State Senator  
Hon. Sheldon Silver, Assembly Speaker  
Hon. Deborah J. Glick, Assembly Member  
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John Doherty, Commissioner  
NYC Department of Sanitation  
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New York, New York 10013

Margaret Forgione  
Manhattan Borough Commissioner  
NYC Department of Transportation  
59 Maiden Lane, 35<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10038

Dear Commissioner Doherty, and Manhattan Borough Commissioner:

At its Full Board meeting July 22, 2010, Community Board #2, Manhattan, adopted the following resolution:

### **Resolution in support of proposed NYC Dept. of Sanitation rules regarding derelict bicycles, with modifications to clarify.**

**Whereas** in June 2010 the New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY) issued a proposal for rules regarding the removal and disposal of derelict bicycles; and,

**Whereas** there is general approval for the issuance of such rules from inside and outside the cycling community, as such rules may serve to improve pedestrian safety and access, remove unsightly damaged bicycles that might encourage further vandalism and theft of bicycles, and make available suitable bicycle parking locations that currently are occupied by abandoned bicycles; and,

**Whereas** an outcry regarding the proposed rules' impact on ghost bikes, memorials to killed cyclists to which the DSNY refers as "ghost riders," resulted in public statements from DSNY indicating that in general ghost bikes would not be removed and disposed of, however the DSNY's amended text of the proposal did not change the questionable language; and,

**Whereas** the specific concern about this proposal's effect on ghost bike memorials is that ghost bikes could be considered to meet the DSNY definition of "derelict" from the moment they are installed, whether or not they are in a cared-for, respectful condition for a memorial; and,

**Whereas** there are additional concerns regarding this rule's application to derelict bikes in general, outside of ghost bikes, including bikes stored in piles on sidewalks;

**Therefore be it resolved** that Community Board 2, Manhattan (CB2), requests that the final rule issuance regarding the removal and disposal of derelict bicycles specifically address:

- i. the form of the notice to be affixed to the derelict bicycle and how DOS will ensure that such notice is not removed by persons other than the owner of the bicycle,

- ii. the steps an owner of a bicycle receiving said notice must take to prevent the removal of that bicycle and whether this information will be stated on the notice,
- iii. whether there is any possibility to reclaim a bicycle removed under these rules,
- iv. the application of these rules to piles of bicycles stored on public sidewalks, some or all of which might meet the criteria of a derelict bicycle; and,

**Be it further resolved** that CB2 asks that language regarding ghost bikes be removed from this proposal altogether, and should it be deemed that further rulemaking is necessary with respect to ghost bikes, such rules should reflect that ghost bikes will not be summarily disposed of without special outreach procedures, to include the families of victims and the New York Street Memorial Project.

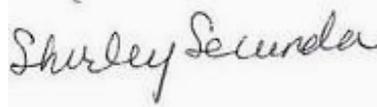
**Vote:** Passed, with 36 Board members in favor, and 1 against-(Johnson)

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

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