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Ms. Fatmire Perezaj
SL Green Management LLC
420 Lexington Avenue, #1800
New York, NY 10170

Mr. Steven Kaufman
Kaufman Organization
450 Seventh Avenue
New York, NY 10123

Dear Ms. Perezaj and Mr. Kaufman,

This letter serves as a follow-up to complaints brought before Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) during its July 14th, 2014 Quality of Life Committee meeting.

It is our understanding that Ms. Perezaj is managing agent of a property located at 641 6th Avenue, and that Mr. Kaufman is the managing agent of a property located at 110 West 20th Street, both of which are located on an increasingly residential block in Chelsea.

We write to you on behalf of community complainants with the hope that a solution can be found, expediently, to resolve an ongoing noise nuisance stemming from IESI NY Corporation's carting of multiple metal garbage dumpsters that are picked-up every weeknight between the hours of 11:30 PM-4 AM, sometimes more than once per night.

As you have been repeatedly informed by nearby residents, the rattling, slamming and engine noise created during the removal process creates so much noise that New York City noise codes are clearly and consistently exceeded. (The DEP and residents have measured sound up to 90 decibels from just the sidewalk. The noise code's limit is 80 db. measured from 30 feet away.)

Residents have a record of over forty 311 noise complaints going back to late 2012. The DEP issued IESI at least one violation after monitoring the noise. And yet, nothing has been enacted to ameliorate the problem.

It is our understanding that IESI's Mr. Larry Colangelo, who handles your accounts, noted that the earliest possible pickup would be approximately 10:30 PM, based on the shift starting at 9:30 PM from the Bronx. Thus, we request that you work with Mr. Colangelo

to arrange for IESI to make yours' the first stop on its route, or, too consider working with another carrier that can accommodate an earlier pickup time.

As you may be aware, there are many waste collection trucks serving West 20th Street, both private and municipal. Only IESI has engendered this many complaints due its use of metal dumpsters, in addition to the pick-up time. We therefore request that you consider replacing the dumpster system with something no louder than the garbage bag collection system used by the city.

These are but two suggestions, that if implemented together, may result in a permanent solution to this ongoing problem. However, as experts in your field, we expect that you will research all available options to find one that accommodates you and your community's needs.

We ask that you both appear at MCB4's September 2014 Quality of Life Committee meeting to provide a status update on your efforts to permanently resolve this issue.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Christine Berthet
Chair

[Signed 7/23/14]
Tina DiFeliciantonio
Co-Chair
Quality of Life Committee

Cc: Larry Colangelo, Account Manager, IESI
Cc: Detective Ray Dorrian, 13th Precinct Community Affairs