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New York Police Department
Police Commissioner William J. Bratton
1 Police Plaza, Room 102
New York, NY 10038

Dear Honorable Commissioner Bratton:

The Quality of Life Committee of Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) would like to thank you for your commitment to ensure the safety and well-being of our neighborhoods.

We write to request police ride-alongs to perform additional spot inspections of liquor serving establishments due to an overabundance of complaints within our borders.

MCB4 has surveyed the types of businesses located on the most commercial avenue blocks in the district and has found that many avenue blocks have an over-concentration of alcohol-serving establishments; on some blocks, these establishments exceed 50% of the street footage of all lots on the block.

As a result, MCB4 hears an increasing number of complaints and concerns from community residents regarding disruptions to reasonable quality of life caused by the increasingly heavy concentration of alcohol-serving establishments, as well as their presence on predominantly residential small side streets. These problems include increased noise and sidewalk congestion when their patrons enter and leave, often in groups, and when they smoke on sidewalks outside these establishments; increased traffic as their patrons drive into and out of the neighborhood and circle the streets seeking parking; and disruption to the sleep of community residents from the noise accompanying these establishments because they commonly operate with late night hours.

We look forward to hearing back from you soon. Please let us know if we can assist you in any way regarding our request for additional ride-alongs. Should you desire, we provide you with the stipulations for establishments that are of particular concern.

Thank you once again for working with the community to resolve these quality of life issues. It is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,



Christine Berthet
Chair

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Tina DiFeliciano
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