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Re: Shorepower Pilot Program at EMS Station #7

Dear Mr. Harney,

Thank you for appearing before Manhattan Community Board 4's (MCB4) July 7th, 2015 Quality of Life Committee. As a follow-up to our discussion regarding FDNY's Shorepower Alternative Energy Pilot Program, we would like to reiterate our request that your office, which is responsible for the planning and implementation of the pilot program, select EMS Station #7 (located at 512 West 23rd Street, New York, NY 10011) as one of your first test sites.

MCB4 lauds EMS Station #7's efforts to provide excellent, much needed emergency services to the west side of Manhattan. However, as has been discussed at numerous MCB4 meetings over the past three years and in multiple letters to you and various other city agencies, MCB4 has made an extraordinary effort to specify the issues at hand and to work with you, DCAS Commissioner Cumberbatch and other FDNY senior officials, in an attempt to find an appropriate permanent home for EMS Station #7. While this may be a longer-term goal, MCB4 remains committed to resolving a number of serious health and quality of life issues that have resulted, in part, because the current temporary location is unenclosed.

High on the list of resident complaints is the continuous, though at this time, technically necessary engine idling of EMS vehicles, which has resulted in an unprecedented level of unhealthy air pollution in this dense, highly populated area of West Chelsea. Since the Shorepower Alternative Energy Pilot Program could potentially replace diesel fuel with an electrified power source, MCB4, Councilmember Corey Johnson, State Senator Brad Hoylman and other elected officials urge your office to prioritize utilizing EMS Station #7 to field test the Shorepower Alternative Energy Pilot Program.

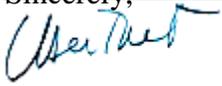
MCB4 is hopeful that this pilot program will be implemented in the near future and that the results will not only significantly reduce diesel fuel consumption but also ameliorate

quality of life concerns for residents due to the anticipated reduction in noise and diesel fumes.

MCB4 hopes to hear an update of the plans for this pilot program as soon as they become available. As always, we look forward to working with you to ensure EMS Station #7 can operate at its fullest capacity, while at the same time ameliorating the quality of life and health issues that have been plaguing the neighborhood residents.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



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