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Gloria Finkelman, Borough Director, Manhattan
NYC Housing Authority
Public Housing Developments Management
250 Broadway
New York, NY 10007

Dear Ms. Finkelman:

Manhattan Community Board 4 has recently been informed, at its Affordable Housing Task Force meeting, on September 21, 2006, of a serious concern regarding the disposal of garbage at the Elliot Chelsea Development on 9th and 10th Avenues between 25th and 26th Streets. This concern has serious repercussions for the neighboring community.

The garbage is disposed of and kept in a space between the residential parking lot, slated to be developed, on the northwest corner of 9th Avenue and 25th Street and the Heywood Condominium on southwest corner of 26th Street and 9th Avenue.

Representatives from the Heywood Condominium presented to the Board (see enclosed) pictures detailing the inadequate and unhealthy disposal and maintenance of household waste, broken furniture, et al. from the Elliot Chelsea. These pictures show the improper disposal and show the presence of rats due to the garbage.

In addition, staff from the Board's Office checked out the site recently and saw numerous sanitation violations related to disposal of waste (e.g., open containers, uncovered waste, mattresses and debris strewn any which way). Such inadequate disposal and maintenance procedures have probably led to an infestation of rats among other unsavory conditions in the neighboring area.

Although complaints have been placed by the condominium and the Board Office this problem still persists.

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Thus, the Board has resolved to write to you asking that action be taken to ensure that the proper disposal and maintenance of garbage at the Elliot Chelsea Development be quickly and significantly addressed.

This letter was passed unanimously at the October 4th, 2006 meeting of Manhattan Community Board No 4.

Sincerely yours,



J. Lee Compton
Chair, Manhattan Community Board No. 4

cc: Carmine Rivetti, Deputy Director-Office of Intergovernmental Relations, NYCHA
Heywood Condominium
Local Elected Officials