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Dear Mr. Terranova:

Thank you for visiting with the Waterfront, Parks and Environment Committee of Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) Thursday November 13, 2014. Your presentation was comprehensive and informative. We look forward to further interactions with you and to taking the community walking tour you suggested for next spring.

Ours is a diverse community that attracts a large number of people who pass through on a daily basis. We are home to the High Line, an internationally renowned park; The Intrepid, an internationally renowned navel and space museum; the largest concentration of art galleries in the city; numerous night clubs, cabarets and other night life; an active cruise ship terminal; other new transportation hubs; and rapidly growing density of commercial and residential space. In addition to these world-class attractions, the neighborhoods within MCB4 are also home to long-established, evolving and diverse residential communities.

Each of these attracts visitors and with visitors there is an issue of street trash. Your recommendation was that every time a citizen sees a corner trash can overflowing they should report the eyesore to 311. We propose to inform our block associations, our board members, and just anyone who might listen that an effective way of reporting overflowing corner trash containers and getting the situation remedied is to call 311. However, we have also identified a number of corners that require the persistent attention of the Department of Sanitation. These are corner containers that require more frequent pickup by the Department and should not necessitate using the 311 system. We hope your Department will pay consistent attention to the containers on the corners of: West 23rd Street and 10th Avenue as well as many of the ones on 10th Avenue from 43rd to 56th Streets – especially on Sunday mornings (see images below).

The committee was pleased to learn that the Department of Sanitation is proceeding with the instillation of recycling containers on selected street corners. Our district is a particularly good area for this type of instillation not only because they are an effective way of collecting source separated recyclable waste, but also because it is an effective way of educating the public, both residents of this community district and our daily visitors about the importance of recycling as a method of diverting materials out of the waste stream. We look forward to learning from you when and where these recycling street corner containers will be installed.

We were interested to hear that the Gansevoort Peninsula is still scheduled to become Manhattan's recycling transfer station. You reaffirmed that the planned facility will be a state of the art recycling

center replete with classrooms and that it will be astatically pleasing thus fitting in will with the Hudson River Park. During the discussion of this planned facility, a committee member asked for information about the feasibility of switching the location of this facility with space on Hudson River Park's pier 40 as that pier is already enclosed. Such a switch would permit the already narrow Gansevoort Peninsula to be all parkland. We look forward to your feedback about this suggestion.

Finally, we look forward to receiving periodic reports from you about the success of the use of street corner trash containers, the pickup schedules for the busiest corners, and receiving periodic reports of the state of recycling in our community. We were particularly pleased to learn that our district has a relatively high (as compared to other city neighborhoods) recycling diversion rate of 20 percent. However, after so many years of recycling and recycling education in our city we felt 20 percent to be disappointingly low.

Again, thank you for visiting with us on November 13. We look forward to continued informative interactions with you.

Sincerely,



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Chair



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Daytime Sunday Morning (11/23/2014)
S/E Corner West 51st Street and 10th Avenue



Thursday night (11/20/2014)
West 47th Street and 10th Avenue

cc: Steve Simon, City of New York Parks & Recreation
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