



**THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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April 19th, 2024

Hon. Ydanis Rodriguez
Commissioner
NY Dept. Of Transportation,
55 Water Street, FL – 9
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Hon. Edgar Pincar Jr.
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NY Dept. Of Transportation,
59 Maiden Lane, FL - 37
New York City, New York 10038

Dear Hon. Commissioner Rodriguez and Hon. Borough Commissioner Pinar,

At its regularly scheduled General Board Meeting held in hybrid, on Thursday, April 18th, 2024. Manhattan Community Board No. 9 passed the following Reso RE: **The Installation of “No Idling” Signs in Truck Loading Commercial Zones within Community Board 9** by unanimous consent with 28 members present.

WHEREAS, The residents of Community Board 9 are exposed to elevated levels of environmental pollution due to the continuous idling of engines by commercial vehicles and trucks in truck loading zones, contributing to poor air quality and adverse health effects; and

WHEREAS, Manhattan Community Board 9 has been identified as having one of the highest incidences of respiratory and cardiovascular diseases in Manhattan, a situation exacerbated by the harmful emissions from idling vehicles; and

WHEREAS, The detrimental health impacts of vehicular emissions disproportionately affect communities of color within Community Board 9, highlighting a critical environmental justice issue that aligns with broader Social Determinants of Health (SDOH); and

WHEREAS, The New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) possesses the authority to install traffic control devices, including signage that prohibits vehicle idling, to protect public health and improve environmental conditions; and

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RESOLVED, That the New York City Department of Transportation and the New York City Police Department work in close coordination to enforce anti-idling regulations effectively, thereby enhancing the health and well-being of the residents of Community Board 9; be it further

RESOLVED, That Community Board 9 commits to engaging with local businesses, truck drivers, and the wider community to raise awareness about the health and environmental impacts of idling, and to promote compliance with the new signage; be it further

RESOLVED, That Community Board 9 shall engage large landlords, businesses, and recipients of cargo within the community to advocate for and support the enforcement of no-idling regulations, recognizing their significant role in the supply chain and their potential to influence truck idling behaviors positively. This engagement will include educational outreach, collaboration on enforcement strategies, and encouragement of sustainable practices that contribute to the reduction of idling and improvement of air quality and public health within Community Board 9; be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be disseminated to relevant city officials, departments, and agencies to underscore the critical need for immediate action to address the pressing health and environmental issues associated with vehicle idling in Community Board 9.

If you have any questions and/or further information is needed, please do not hesitate contacting me or District Manager, Eutha Prince, at the board office (212) 864-6200.

Sincerely,

Victor Edwards



Chair

cc: Hon. Eric Adams, Mayor
Hon. Brad Lander, New York City Comptroller
Hon. Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Cordell Cleare, New York State Senator
Hon. Daniel J. O'Donnell, Assembly Member
Hon. Inez Dickens, Assembly Member
Hon. Al Taylor, Assembly Member
Hon. Shaun Abreu, City Council Member
Hon. Yusef Salaam, City Council Member
Mr. Zead Ramadan, Executive Director, West Harlem Development Corporation



April 26th, 2024

Hon. Adriano Espaillat Congress
Member
13th District of New York,
163 West 125th Street
#508 Harlem State Office Building New
York City, NY 10027

Dear Hon. Congress Member Espaillat,

At its regularly scheduled General Board Meeting held in hybrid, on Thursday, April 18th, 2024, Manhattan Community Board No. 9 passed the following Reso re: **Calling for the Immediate Withdrawal of American Financial and Military support of Israel in Its Gaza Bombardment** by a vote of 22 in favor, 2 opposed, and 6 abstentions with 38 members present.

Whereas, The International Court of Justice (ICJ) has handed down a ruling in a case brought by the Republic of South Africa accusing Israel of genocide; and

Whereas, The ICJ has ordered that Israel must “ensure with immediate effect that its military does not commit any acts described” in the United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide”; and

Whereas, between late December 2023 and January 21st of this year, the Israeli Defense force (IDF), Israel’s armed force, has killed approximately 25,000 Palestinians in the Gaza Strip; predominantly non-combatants; and

Whereas, Israel has blocked shipments of crucial food and fuel to the 25-mile-long Gaza Strip, resulting in the starvation of 70% of its population; the highest number the United Nations Secretary says that has ever been recorded; and

Whereas, the IDF has repeatedly killed or injured civilians fleeing to, or taking shelter in areas they have advertised as “Safe Zones”; and

Whereas, the IDF has razed the homes, offices, schools, temples and hospitals of Gaza; and

Whereas, Due to the destruction of hospitals, noncombatants--mainly woman and children --injured in the Israeli attacks, who need medical attention have had to endure surgery, such as amputation without anesthesia; and



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April 29th, 2024

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Hon. Rohit T. Aggarwala
Commissioner
NY Dept. Of Environmental Protection 59-17
Junction Blvd.
Corona , New York 11373

Dear Hon. Police Commissioner Cadan, Commissioner Rodriguez , Hon. Borough Commissioner Pincar
and Hon. Commissioner Aggarwala,

At its regularly scheduled General Board Meeting held in hybrid, on Thursday, April 18th, 2024,
Manhattan Community Board No. 9 passed the following Reso re: **Alleviating Illegal Parking and Its
Implications for Public Safety and Health on 145th Street and St. Nicholas Avenue** by unanimous
consent with 38 members present.

WHEREAS, the proliferation of these hazardous conditions on 145th Street and St. Nicholas Avenue is a neglect of the fundamental right of the community to public safety;

WHEREAS, the accountability for maintaining clear passage for emergency services is a shared responsibility between the city agencies and the community;

WHEREAS, Manhattan Community Board 9 recognizes the urgent need to address these issues proactively, to prevent the escalation of preventable tragedies;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. Immediate corrective action is demanded to end the hazardous practice of illegal parking that creates a single-lane bottleneck on multi-lane streets.
2. The NYPD and other relevant authorities enforce zero-tolerance policies on parking in front of fire hydrants and ensure unobstructed access for emergency vehicles.
3. The DOT is tasked with implementing new traffic patterns that ensure bus stops are kept clear of obstructions, thus maintaining unimpeded access for public transit users.
4. Public health officials are directed to conduct a study on the health impacts of traffic-related pollution, with results guiding public health policy and community education.
5. Community Board 9 calls for the deployment of additional traffic enforcement officers to manage illegal parking, particularly during peak traffic periods.
6. Regular patrolling by law enforcement is to be intensified to prevent the recurrence of such illegal activities and to maintain clear roadways for emergency access.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

1. Manhattan Community Board 9 recommends the establishment of a **Task Force** to monitor the situation, engage with stakeholders, and ensure the implementation of this resolution's directives.
2. An annual report shall be produced by the Task Force, detailing the impacts of enforcement measures on traffic flow including bike lanes, environmental quality, and public health including unobstructed accessibility of emergency vehicles.

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