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October 12, 2023

Honorable Eric L. Adams
Mayor, City of New York
City Hall
New York, New York 10007

Commissioner Ydanis Rodriguez
NYC Department of Transportation
55 Water Street
New York, New York 10041

RE: Intersection Daylighting

Dear Mayor Adams and Commissioner Rodriguez:

We're writing to inform you that we, **Brooklyn Community Board 6**, during our October Full Board meeting, approved a motion **recommending that New York City implement intersection daylighting** and opt back into New York State law prohibiting parking within 20 feet of an intersection. Implementation of such policy has been proven to improve pedestrian safety where it's been done in New York City and across the country.

To ensure increased pedestrian safety, we believe that this should be done at **all possible intersections** and should be **implemented with physical barriers** so as not to rely solely on parking enforcement and signage. Additionally, our motion **supports the City Council's intersection daylighting bill (854-A)** which is co-sponsored by all three council members (Avilés, Hanif, Restler) representing Brooklyn Community Board 6.

Our support for these positions was overwhelming, with **thirty-three** members voting **in favor, three opposed, and two abstaining**.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Eric McClure
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January 16, 2024

Dear Commissioner Rodriguez,

We are writing in support of recent community-led efforts for universal daylighting at intersections across New York City. There have been far too many tragic crash fatalities and serious injuries from turning vehicles at intersections. We ask that the Department of Transportation take immediate action to improve safety at intersections across the city through universal daylighting with hardened materials such as boulders, planters, and bike corrals.

On October 11th, 2023, Brooklyn Community Board 6's full board passed a resolution calling for universal daylighting of intersections with physical barriers. Similar motions have been passed in full by Queens CB 1, Queens CB 6, Manhattan CB 6, Manhattan CB 8, as well as Brooklyn CB 1's Transportation Committees. Daylighting removes blind spots so that turning vehicles have more lead time and a broader view to spot pedestrians at corners and crosswalks and allows people walking and biking to see oncoming turning traffic sooner, increasing safety for all. Several daylighting projects in our communities have been well received and have allowed for the space to be repurposed for public realm improvements with physical barriers such as planters and stormwater retention green infrastructure. Daylighting is a simple and effective method for improving safety at dangerous intersections and quality of life. Just across the river, Hoboken has daylighting at every intersection and saw a 30% decrease in pedestrian injuries caused by vehicles.

In light of the Brooklyn CB 6 resolution and the Mayor's announcement to daylight 1,000 intersections in 2024, we ask the NYC Department of Transportation to begin implementing daylighting at intersections immediately. This action is also supported by both Local Law 66 of 2023, which calls on NYC DOT to begin investigating and implementing daylighting at 100 intersections per year by 2025, and by New York State law which currently prohibits parking within twenty feet of a crosswalk at an intersection. In a city where the Vision Zero initiative is in place, we should be leading the way forward to safer streets for every community, not continuing to exempt ourselves from common sense state legislation and ignoring dangerous intersections. To that end, New York City should exercise all efforts to maximize funds through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), which established the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program providing \$5 billion in funding over a five-year period to fund regional and local initiatives to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso

State Senator Zellnor Myrie

Assembly Member Marcela Mitaynes

Assembly Member Jo Anne Simon

Assembly Member Robert Carroll