Mayor Bill de Blasio  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

May 1, 2019

Dear Mayor de Blasio,

In a city of over eight million, our central agencies address large-scale problems and city-wide initiatives, such as the redesign of major avenues, snow removal and post-parade cleanup. Unfortunately, these agencies do not have the time or resources to address the small offenses that pile up on our streets and sidewalks and degrade day-to-day life: the mounds of garbage, the double-parked trucks blocking the flow of traffic, the lack of open play space. When we, as individuals, associations or business groups, try to make change, it can take years to do something as simple as get a bike rack or a loading zone.

We, the undersigned, support the Neighborhood Empowerment Project's initiative to create a framework that harnesses local knowledge, energy and creativity and engages and empowers stakeholders to take ownership of and solve their problems at the local level. This framework will include a neighborhood team that is funded by the city, housed in the local district and authorized and trained by the relevant city agencies to facilitate, approve, implement and maintain changes. As part of this initiative, the city will create a transparent process by identifying everyday problems, specifying the appropriate and available solutions and providing clear criteria that, once met, lead to expedited implementation. By delegating small changes to a local body, the city agencies will be free to focus on large scale changes, and NYC residents will actively participate in improving life at their front door.

Sincerely,

Neighborhood Empowerment Project  
Bicycle Utopia

CHEKPEDS  
Green Map NYC

TrafficCalmer  
75th Street Block Association
cc: Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer
    Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams
    Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.
    Queens Borough President Melinda Katz
    Staten Island Borough President James Oddo
    City Council Speaker Corey Johnson
    Public Advocate Jumaane Williams
    NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer
    DOT Commissioner Polly Trottenberg
    DOT Manhattan Borough Commissioner Ed Pincar
    DOT Brooklyn Borough Commissioner Keith Bray
    DOT Bronx Borough Commissioner Nivardo Lopez
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