Brooklyn Community Boards 1 and 4

Re: Safer Streets Forums in Bushwick, Williamsburg and Greenpoint

Dear Community Boards 1 and 4,

We write to request your support for a public forum on improving street safety in Bushwick, Williamsburg and Greenpoint.

The residential populations of these neighborhoods have skyrocketed in recent decades, but improvements for safer streets have not kept pace. Elderly citizens, families with young children, and bicyclists of all ages are uneasily sharing the roads with ever-expanding volumes of private automotive and truck traffic. This has resulted in dozens of serious crashes and fatalities over the past few years alone.

We call on you to convene a street safety forum within Community Boards 1 and 4. This forum will bring together a wide range of community members and groups to identify the best ways - including infrastructure improvements, changes in enforcement, and informational campaigns - to create safer streets for all. The goal of this forum is to make our neighborhoods safer, build more inviting streetscapes, and boost local businesses with a multi-modal customer base.

We look forward to working with you to convene this forum and improve safety and quality of life for all citizens of Bushwick, Williamsburg and Greenpoint.
Sincerely,

Council Member-Elect Antonio Reynoso
Council Member Stephen Levin
Assembly Member Joseph Lentol
State Senator Daniel Squadron
Eric Fraser, Interim Acting Principal, JHS 071 Juan Morel Campos School
Grand Street Business Improvement District
Esosa Ogbahon, Principal, Beginning With Children Charter School 2
Teresa Delpriore, Principal, AHRC, Francis of Paula LEC
Vernon Edwards, Director, Graham Child Care
Melissa Cardenas, MSN, Director, JASA Williamsburg Senior Center
John Pelle, Director, Swinging Sixties Senior Center
East Williamsburg Industrial Development Corporation
Rhonda Webb, Educational Director, Stagg Street Center for Children
Ira Ching, Educational Director, Williamsburg Early Childhood Development Center
Johnson Ave. Community Daycare Center
St. Francis Early Childhood Center
Bushwick United Head Start, 152 Manhattan Avenue
Bushwick United Head Start, 153 Johnson Avenue
Bushwick United Head Start, 178 Leonard Street
FC Select Soccer Club
Transportation Alternatives

Supporting Businesses

Curry Heaven, 513 Grand Street
Naturally Healthy, 594 Grand Street
Huckleberry Bar, 588 Grand Street
Marci Park, 462 Union Avenue
Manna Cafe, 572 Grand Street
Sweetleaf Coffee Shop, 135 Kent Avenue
Seven Stars Salon, 576 Grand Street
Second Chance Saloon, 659 Grand Street
Gimmee! Coffee, 694 Metropolitan Avenue
Your Spoiled Pets, 624 Grand Street
Affinity Cycles, 616 Grand Street
Bushwick Bike Shop, 1345 Dekalb Avenue
Grand Street Bakery, 602 Grand Street
Post Bike Shop, 257 Varet Street
To the World Farm, 655 Grand Street
Ride Brooklyn Bike Shop, 24 North 7th Street
Chi Beauty Inc., 529 Grand Street
United Pharmacy, 527 Grand Street
Bike Smith, 667 Grand Street
Zukkies Bicycle Shop, 279 Bushwick Avenue
Ishimo, 244 Irving Avenue
Tony’s Pizza, 443 Knickerbocker Avenue
MIIM NY, 431 Knickerbocker Avenue
Petra, 427 Knickerbocker Avenue
Eddie’s Ink Tattoo, 383 Knickerbocker Avenue
Party Dreams, 369 Knickerbocker Avenue
Turbo Shop, 369 Knickerbocker Avenue
Brooklyn Furniture, 329 Knickerbocker Avenue
Green Streets Salad, 67 Irving Avenue
Fortunata, 305 Knickerbocker Avenue
El Nuevo Castillo De Oro, 459 Knickerbocker Avenue
Pauline Produce Inc.
Kid Stop, 440 Knickerbocker Avenue
La Moda, 402 Knickerbocker Avenue
El Chilito, 276 Knickerbocker Avenue
Tambru Furi Market, 272 Knickerbocker Avenue
La Orquioda, 268 Knickerbocker Avenue
Loncheria, 70 Wyckoff Avenue
Hudson Valley Fruit, 5 Marlborough Rd
Pavia Fami Farm, Knickerbocker Farmers Market
Lily Thai, 615 Grand Street