

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