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Hon. Polly Trottenberg, Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation (DOT)
55 Water Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10041-0004

Dear Commissioner Trottenberg:

At its January 2015 monthly meeting, Community Board 3 passed the following resolution:

VOTE: Community Board 3 Resolution Supporting Traffic Calming Measures on Clinton Street

WHEREAS, residents of Seward Park Housing Corporation are concerned about pedestrian safety on Clinton Street, between East Broadway and Grand Street. This segment of Clinton Street is bordered by the buildings that comprise Seward Park Housing and there are 2 midblock entrances facing Clinton Street; and

WHEREAS, both pedestrian and vehicular volumes were observed to be high along Clinton Street. Pedestrian traffic is heavy because this site is a local shopping destination with a supermarket, Post Office, bank and other commercial facilities. Vehicular traffic has increased since the right turn from Clinton Street onto the Williamsburg Bridge is now permitted, and

WHEREAS, Seward Park Housing is known to be a "NORC" (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community) with a high concentration of older adults that presumably have limited mobility, and

WHEREAS, Seward Park Housing Corporation was built on "superblocks" that eliminated streets from the grid but were designed with midblock entrances at those locations. A superblock is a large city block that has been created by combining blocks and eliminating through streets from the City Map. Each building within the Co-op has common grounds and amenities that are shared by all residents and at any time of day pedestrians, including older adults and children, can be seen crossing the street midblock in order to use those common grounds and amenities. This activity will not cease because the buildings and superblocks were designed in a way that encourages this pedestrian behavior; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that CB 3 requests that DOT work with Seward Park Housing to increase pedestrian safety on Clinton Street by implementing appropriate traffic calming measures.

If you have any questions, please contact the community board office.

Sincerely,



Gigi Li, Chair
Community Board 3



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