



July 24, 2014

Margaret Forgione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
New York City Department of Transportation
55 Water Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10041

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

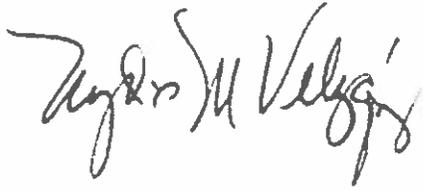
A number of our constituents who reside at Jacob A. Riis Houses on Avenue D between 6th and 13th Streets have expressed concern about speeding vehicles on 10th Street between Avenue D and the FDR Drive, particularly the traffic circle located in the middle of the block. We respectfully request that DOT provide us with available data on vehicle crashes at this location and initiate a study of the street and implement appropriate traffic calming or other safety measures, in keeping with the city's commendable commitment to pedestrian safety expressed in the Vision Zero campaign.

Residents report that at 10th Street, which is the sole connector between Avenue D and the FDR Drive within the complex, vehicles frequently speed across the block and around the traffic circle, apparently in a rush to get onto the Drive. Our constituents report that a significant number of children, seniors and other residents cut across the traffic circle as the central connector between the north and south sides of the complex. There are currently no clearly marked pedestrian crosswalks or traffic signage. These factors create a high risk of accidents.

We appreciate your consideration of our request for crash data, a traffic study and appropriate mitigations to protect residents of Riis Houses and others who use this thoroughfare.

Should you have any questions, please contact any of us directly or Maya Kurien at Senator Hoylman's office at 212-633-8052. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Nydia Velázquez
Member of Congress



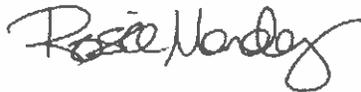
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