



May 31, 2013

Janette Sadik-Khan
Commissioner
Department of Transportation
55 Water Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10041

Dear Commissioner Sadik-Khan:

We are writing in support of the Tompkins Square Park & Playground Parents' Association's application for a Tompkins Square/Alphabet City Slow Zone (TSACSZ.) As elected officials representing the district, we believe this area is a prime candidate for DOT's community-based program.

As Manhattan Community Board 3 stated in its unanimously adopted resolution supporting the TSACSZ, the area is home to a high density of children and senior citizens—a population particularly vulnerable to speeding traffic—with 16 K-12 schools, 14 pre-schools, 13 daycare centers, 38 parks and 3 senior centers. By the Department of Transportation's (DOT) own estimates, reducing the speed limit from 30 mph to 20 mph in the proposed zone would reduce the likelihood that a pedestrian who is struck by a motor vehicle will be seriously injured or killed from 45 percent to 5 percent. In other areas, this speed limit reduction has yielded a 67 percent drop in the number of child pedestrians and cyclists struck by motor vehicles.

Under your leadership, DOT has overseen a historic reduction in traffic casualties—both to drivers and pedestrians. Traffic-related fatalities are down 35 percent since 2001, in no small part due to the many efforts of your Department and partnerships between City government and local community organizations. Nevertheless, given the recent increase in fatalities for both drivers and pedestrians in FY 2012, we must redouble our efforts to institute innovative, community-oriented systems that ensure our pedestrian-oriented city is safe for all.

To that end, we applaud DOT's efforts to expand Neighborhood Slow Zones throughout the five boroughs and we wholeheartedly endorse the application for the proposed Slow Zone in

Tompkins Square/Alphabet City. Additionally, the TSACSZ application adheres to the Neighborhood Slow Zone guidelines set forth by DOT and has ample community support.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. Please contact any of our offices should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Brad Hoylman
State Senator



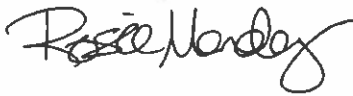
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