



September 14, 2017

Commissioner Nivardo Lopez
Bronx Department of Transportation
1400 Williamsbridge Road
Bronx, NY 10461

RE: Lighting Study at Endor Gardens

Dear Commissioner Lopez:

We are writing to you today on behalf of the Endor Gardens community. After September 11, 2001, neighbors and park volunteers dedicated a homemade memorial in Endor Community Garden to those in the Riverdale community who lost their lives during the 9/11 attacks. Recently, a memorial plaque was stolen from the Gardens in the dead of night. After the theft, attempts to honor the memorial by laying American flags on the wooden pillar where the plaque once rested were thwarted of five separate occasions, as those flags, too, were stolen. Plans are now underway to replace the memorial with a vandal-proof version.

By way of this correspondence, we respectfully request that the Department of Transportation (DOT) perform a lighting survey of the Endor Gardens area. The theft of this memorial is the paramount of disrespect to those who lost their lives serving our city on 9/11. The area currently lacks lighting, and neighbors fear that this nighttime darkness contributes the continued thefts in the garden. Installing lights may help alleviate this problem for the future memorial and would allow for the continued remembrance of these heroes.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and I look forward to hearing from you shortly. Should you require any additional information, please contact Cristina Lang at Senator Klein's District Office at (718) 822-2049, Brendan Fitzpatrick at Assemblyman Dinowitz's office at (718) 796-5345 or Joshua Stephenson at Councilmember Andy Cohen's office at (718) 549-7300.

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