



July 30, 2013

Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly
New York City Police Department
1 Police Plaza
New York, NY 10038

RE: World Trade Center Campus Security Plan

Dear Commissioner Kelly,

We are writing to you regarding the New York City Police Department World Trade Center Campus Security Plan. We understand that because of the unique threat posed by the history of this site, a comprehensive security plan is both prudent and necessary. At the same time, we would like to call to your attention to the needs and concerns of the residents and businesses that will be impacted.

Many residents of this area endured not only the horror of the 9/11 attack and its immediate aftermath, but years of construction, enhanced security and other quality-of-life challenges. It is crucial that as we move forward and as you finalize this plan, you take additional meaningful steps to mitigate as much as possible the inconveniences and hardship the security plan will likely cause.

As part of the public comment period prior to the release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), Community Board 1 raised a number of specific concerns. Among those was the implementation of the "Trusted Access Plan (TAP)." While residents and businesses would be able to qualify for expedited vehicular access through the security zone, questions remain over whether this trusted access would apply to residents traveling by taxi, as well as to pick-ups and deliveries of goods both for residents and businesses. We ask that the NYPD consider expanding TAP so that it covers these scenarios.

The DEIS also envisions changes to traffic and pedestrian flow. Because this area has become a more residential community than ever before, with many young families moving here, it is important that we compensate for lost pedestrian space and consider the needs of parents with strollers and those with wheelchairs and walkers.

This is in addition to the several other specific concerns outlined in the multiple testimonies submitted by Community Board 1 members both in March 2012 and this past April. On April 1 of this year, we received the final scope of work. Ten days later, we received the DEIS. We would like to thank the NYPD for extending the public comment period. However, we feel that we were not given enough time to properly review both the final scope of work and the DEIS. We would like to know the timeline both for the release of the Final Environmental Impact Statement and the planned implementation of the Security Plan.

In addition, we ask for the NYPD's response to statements at the public hearing on the DEIS and that all documents submitted to NYPD after the public hearing was closed be made public.

There has been a great deal of public engagement throughout the planning process for the World Trade Center site since 9/11. We believe it is essential for the community to be similarly involved in this process to ensure that the appropriate balance is struck between security and quality of life. With a cooperative effort, we are confident that critical security needs can be met without imposing an undue burden on residents of streets in close proximity to the site. We look forward to further feedback from the NYPD regarding our comments on the plan.

Sincerely,



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