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Commissioner Ray Kelly  
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Dear Commissioner Kelly:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) supports Intro No.1094, a local law requiring the New York City Police Department (NYPD) to make certain traffic-related statistics available through its website. CB4 requests that until such law is passed, NYPD make the data available to the Borough President on a monthly basis.

While the number of overall traffic fatalities continue to decrease in New York city, since 2001 the number of car fatalities has decreased much faster (53%) than the number of vulnerable users (pedestrians and bicyclists) fatalities (18 %).<sup>1</sup> Such crashes are preventable and enforcement plays an important part in the overall strategy to achieve traffic safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.

The proposed law would make available the following data: (1) the number of moving violation summonses issued, disaggregated by type of summons; (2) the number of traffic accidents, disaggregated by the type of vehicle or vehicles involved; (3) the number of traffic fatalities disaggregated by the number of motorists, passengers, bicyclists, and pedestrians involved; and (4) the number of traffic fatalities involving a driver driving while intoxicated as defined in article 31 of the vehicle and traffic law.

- CB4 requests that injuries be tallied as well, as their number is much larger and each one has a significant economical impact on the families, the health care system and the economy at large.

The data would be displayed on the department's webpage, and disaggregated by precinct in the same manner, and updated as frequently, as the department's publicly available crime statistics for the seven major felonies.

- CB4 requests that the data be further aggregated by Community Board
- IN addition the underlying detailed data by intersections should be made available to the Borough President, on a quarterly basis.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://blog.tstc.org/2010/01/29/nyc-traffic-fatalities-drop-but-pedestrian-deaths-hold-steady/>

Sincerely yours,



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