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Inspector Brian Conroy
Commanding Officer
Midtown South Police Precinct
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Re: Locksmith Stickers

Dear Commanding Officers:

Over the past few months, several residents from our community have come to the monthly meetings of the Quality of Life Committee of Manhattan Community Board No. 4 to complain about locksmith stickers being placed on their doors, store gates, and other parts of their commercial and residential properties.

After meeting with Rick Duskiwicz from the New York Association of In-House Locksmiths (NYAIL) who is in contact with Kate Schineller of the Manhattan District Attorney's office regarding this matter, it appears that there are only a few companies responsible for defacing our neighborhoods. These are businesses with no regard for private or public property.

According to the New York State Penal Law, Section 145.30 entitled "Unlawfully posting advertisements:"

1. A person is guilty of unlawfully posting advertisements when, having no right to do so nor any reasonable ground to believe that he has such right, he posts, paints or otherwise affixes to the property of another person any advertisement, poster, notice or other matter designed to benefit a person other than the owner of the property.

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2. Where such matter consists of a commercial advertisement, it shall be presumed that the vendor of the specified product, service or entertainment is a person who placed such advertisement or caused it to be placed upon the property.

We are requesting that officers in your command be asked to be on the lookout for people affixing these stickers to personal and public property and to cite violators of this law accordingly. Manhattan Community Board No. 4 will continue to pursue this matter with the assistance of the NYAIL and thanks you, in advance, for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Simone Sindin

Chair

Manhattan Community Board No. 4



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This letter was passed at Manhattan Community Board No. 4's May 7, 2003 Full Board meeting.

cc: Elected Officials
Asst. Chief Michael Esposito, Patrol Borough Manhattan South
R. Dusckiewicz, New York Association of In-House Locksmiths
K. Schineller, Manhattan District Attorney's office