

April 10, 2004

Jonathon Greenspun  
Commissioner  
Mayor's Community Assistance Unit  
100 Gold Street – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
New York, NY 10038

**Re: Boundaries of service districts**

Dear Commissioner Greenspun,

At its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on April 7, 2004, Manhattan Community Board No. 4 passed the following resolution by a vote of 32 in favor; 0 opposed; and 2 abstaining:

**WHEREAS**, every ten years, after the release of new census data, the Mayor is required by the City Charter to review the community board district map, and

**WHEREAS**, this review considers whether the map, due to shifts in area population, requires adjustment to achieve more efficient and effective service delivery by the City to area residents, and

**WHEREAS**, the City Charter requires many City agencies to provide services based on districts that generally match the boundaries of each community district, including patrol services of the police department, and

**WHEREAS**, portions of our neighborhoods have become increasingly residential – notably the Sixth Avenue corridor and other parts of eastern Chelsea, and

**WHEREAS**, the boundary between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Police Precincts is Seventh Avenue, while the boundary between Community District No. 4 and Community District No. 5 is Sixth Avenue, and

**WHEREAS**, the physical conditions and the quality of life problems on the blocks between Sixth and Seventh Avenues from 14<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> streets are similar to those to the west of Seventh Avenue, and

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**WHEREAS**, there is popular demand by Chelsea residents for the realignment of the police precinct boundary to reflect land use changes from non-residential uses to residential use, the evolution of self-defined neighborhoods, and community district boundaries, and

**WHEREAS**, over the years, this Board has consistently advocated for the modification of precinct lines such that Sixth Avenue would serve as the boundary between the 10<sup>th</sup> and the 13<sup>th</sup> Police Precincts, as well as the boundary between community districts, and

**WHEREAS**, there is a history of support for realigning precinct lines from Community Board No. 5, our neighboring board to the east (see attached letter), and

**WHEREAS**, under the previous administration, the NYPD agreed to examine the feasibility of realigning precinct boundaries as requested by this Board, elected officials and community groups, but has never reported its findings,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Manhattan Community Board No. 4 requests that the Mayor's Office and the Police Department assess the potential for realigning the boundary between the 10<sup>th</sup> and the 13<sup>th</sup> Police Precincts from Seventh Avenue to Sixth Avenue, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Manhattan Community Board No. 4 recommends no change to the community district map as it pertains to Community District No. 4.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on community and service district boundaries.

Sincerely,



Walter Mankoff  
Chair

cc: NYPD - 1 Police Plaza  
10<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct  
13<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct  
Community Board No. 5  
Council Member Christine Quinn

Encl.: precinct map  
April 16, 1997 letter from CB5