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Raymond Kelly  
Commissioner  
City of New York Police Department  
One Police Plaza  
New York, NY 10038

**Re: 1 Oak, The Park, and Avenue Bar (West 17<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue)**

Dear Commissioner Kelly:

Manhattan Community Board 4 requests increased NYPD presence and enforcement on West 17<sup>th</sup> Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue between the hours of 2 am and 5 am to help control large crowds of people loitering, congestive traffic, and excessive noise.

The three main clubs and lounges in this area are The Park (capacity 1,200), Avenue Bar & Lounge (capacity 300) and 1 Oak (capacity 250). While we believe patrons from all three establishments contribute to the problems, the majority of complaints generated from neighbors focus on the issues on West 17<sup>th</sup> Street in front of 1 Oak.

Due to resident's complaints, CB4 facilitated a number of meetings between residents, NYPD, DOT, club owners, and representatives from our elected official's offices. It should be noted that the owners of 1 Oak have attended all meetings and demonstrated great effort to address the issues. These CB4 facilitated meetings resulted in the removal of traffic obstructions (parked cars and a construction crane) and the addition of more security personnel at 1 Oak.

The conclusion from CB4 is that additional resources are needed from the NYPD. Detective Brown of the NYPD Community Affairs Bureau recently attended a community meeting regarding this issue and we hope his report corroborates our

conclusion and requests for a greater NYPD presence during the peak hours of 2 am to 5am.

With over 1,750 patrons exiting the clubs in this area and dozens of taxicabs and car services competing for exiting patrons, the NYPD should have a larger presence during the peak hours of closing. Furthermore, the NYPD needs to consider other solutions, including street closures, low level crime arrests, crowd disbursement efforts and generally more enforcement of laws.

Sincerely,



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Manhattan  
Community Board 4

[signed 7/31/09]

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