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Hon. Ydanis Rodriguez, Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
55 Water Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10041
cc: Hon. Nicole Garcia, Queens Commissioner

Commissioner Rodriguez:

We write today to respectfully request the installation of a new stoplight and crosswalk at the intersection of 72nd Road and Metropolitan Avenue in Forest Hills.

The stretch of Metropolitan Avenue in Forest Hills, between Woodhaven Boulevard and Union Turnpike, runs roughly one mile and serves as the lifeblood for thousands of families and businesses who reside in southern Forest Hills.

Our outreach comes in direct response to reports of dangerous pedestrian crossings and unencumbered vehicular traffic around 72nd Road and Metropolitan Avenue. Independent assessment has identified 9 stoplights along this stretch of Metropolitan – equating to roughly 600 feet in between each light. The segment running from Union Turnpike to 72nd Avenue, however, runs nearly 1,600 feet, and contains only one stoplight to direct traffic – equating to roughly 800 feet between signals, a 33% average increase in distance.

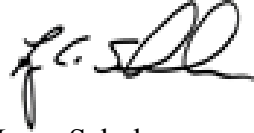
This segment between Union and 72nd Avenue is among the most visited/commuted along the Metropolitan Avenue corridor, and hosts unique conditions which foster high volumes of pedestrians and unconstrained vehicular traffic. As we move towards spring and the warmer months, the need for a review becomes more imperative, and thus, we once again request a prompt response from New York City Department of Transportation.

We thank you and your administration, as always, for your partnership and support to prioritize safety for residents and families across Queens. Our offices remain readily available should we be able to assist in an inquiry.

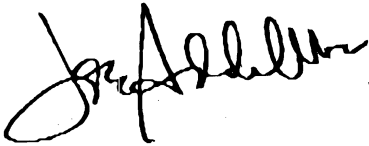
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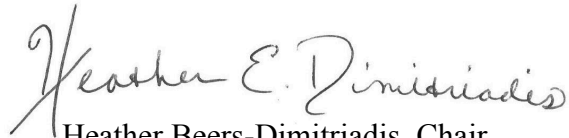
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