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Thomas J. Doherty
Commissioner
New York City Department of Sanitation
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Dear Commissioner Doherty:

Community Board 11 is opposed to the NYC Department of Sanitation's planned relocation of the Manhattan District 11 (M11) garage to a location adjacent to the Potamkin Auto Mall site between 127th & 128th Streets and 2nd and 3rd Avenues and further requests that Sanitation work with our board to identify an agreeable new site and scenario for relocating the M11 garage.

This community district currently houses two sanitation garages, its own M11 at 99th Street and Second Avenue as well as the Manhattan District 10 garage at 130th Street and Park Avenue. The proposed relocation of the MN11 garage to 127th Street would result in two garages being located five square blocks from each other within our community. The area immediately adjacent to the proposed relocation site currently includes an elementary school on the same block and two heavily used public parks. Additionally, the block directly across the street from the proposed relocation site is intended for a large scale development project which will include hundreds of units of housing, much of which will be located in the area of the proposed garage.

As such, the same concerns our community has voiced with regard to the 99th Street garage being located in such close proximity to residential development would be reflected at the new site, as the new "garage" will continue to function without an enclosed facility and the strict environmental air filtering requirements found in modern sanitation garages. This proposal would simply move a problem from one location to another without addressing community concerns about public safety, environmental impacts, increased traffic, and noise pollution.

We request that you work with the community to come up with more creative alternatives that would allow all trucks to be parked inside of a building rather than parking them on the street. This is an important project and we look forward to working with the Department of Sanitation to come up with the best possible solution.

Please feel free to contact our District Manager, George Sarkissian, at 212-831-8929 or gsarkissian@cb.nyc.gov with any questions.

Sincerely,

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October 3, 2013

Mr. Matthew S. Washington, Chairman
Manhattan Community Board 11
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Dear Chairman Washington:

I am writing in reply to your letter to Commissioner John Doherty regarding the relocation of the Manhattan 11 Sanitation Garage.

The Department of Sanitation (DSNY) has, as you know, discussed conditions around our Manhattan 11 garage on E. 99th Street with Community Board 11 and your elected representatives for more than a decade. CB 11 and the surrounding residential and hospital community has wanted this facility relocated for many years. At the same time, CB 11 has also wanted the relocation of our Manhattan 10 garage which is also located in CD 11.

Ideally, a suitable site for a new garage would be identified and acquired which would resolve both of these issues. Unfortunately, despite the Department's best efforts, DSNY has never been able to obtain such a site. At this time, a solution has been identified that would address the issues at E 99th Street.

As explained to CB 11 earlier this summer, the City has the opportunity to lease a portion of the Potamkin site at East 127th Street and Second Avenue. Obtaining this space would allow the relocation of the Manhattan 11 garage from E. 99th Street and the vacating of leased space occupied by our Lot Cleaning operation on East 123rd Street.

While this solution may not be perfect, it is the most realistic way we can resolve the E. 99th Street garage situation. The City's budget does not include funding for the construction of a new garage for Manhattan 10 and there are no sites currently available in that community district.

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