



# MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD SIX

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November 29, 2011

Janette Sadik-Khan  
Commissioner  
Department of Transportation  
50 Maiden Lane, Flr. 35  
New York, NY 10038

**RE: Enhancing of newsrack enforcement.**

Dear Commissioner Sadik-Khan:

At the November 9<sup>th</sup> Full Board meeting of Community Board Six, the Board adopted the following resolution:

**Whereas**, the proliferation of newsracks has created cluttered, dangerous, and unsightly conditions on the streets in Community Board Six area; and

**Whereas**, the owners of the various publications distributed by the newsracks have largely failed to maintain their newsracks according to applicable regulations; and

**Whereas**, the Department of Transportation has not effectively enforced news-rack regulations because of deficiencies in the current law and lack of personnel; and

**Whereas**, use of 3-1-1 system for complaints about unlawfully placed or improperly maintained newsracks has not produced meaningful results; and

**Whereas**, other cities have enacted legislation limiting the number of newsracks on each corner, mandating size, appearance, maintenance, and other requirements and have imposed fair licensing fees to fund enforcement activities; now

**Therefore be it,**

**Resolved**, Community Board Six Board requests that:

- The City Council study newsrack legislation in other municipalities and enact a newsrack law, which will curb the current abuses and unsafe conditions of our sidewalks.
- Establish conditions where owner of a newsrack which otherwise is permitted, shall forfeit right to remain at location because of repeated failures to regularly service or maintain it in a clean and sanitary condition.

- The Department of Transportation provide sufficient administrative and personnel resources to satisfactorily enforce the newsrack regulations.
- The Office of the Mayor take necessary action to encourage and enable the Department of Transportation to more promptly and effectively respond to 3-1-1 newsrack complaints.

**VOTE: 39 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 1 Not Entitled**

Yours truly,



Toni Carlina  
District Manager

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