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CITY COMMITS TO GRAND ST. TRAFFIC SAFETY AGENTS AT DISTRICT 1 TOWN HALL

City promises to station traffic agents at intersection of Grand Street and Clinton Street to address traffic gridlock

LOWER EAST SIDE – At yesterday’s District 1 Town Hall moderated by Council Member Margaret S. Chin, Mayor Bill de Blasio committed to stationing a traffic agent on the corner of Grand Street and Clinton Street, an intersection that has suffered from a high level of congestion and presented a safety hazard to District 1 pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.

“This commitment to deploy a traffic safety agent on this congested intersection is an important step to increase safety for everyone sharing our streets,” said **Council Member Margaret S. Chin**. “I thank the NYPD, particularly Deputy Inspector Hellman of the 7th Precinct, for their decisive response to the community’s urgent call for enforcement of our traffic laws to protect neighborhood residents of all ages. I also want to thank a dedicated number of community members who continue to work hard every day to improve the safety and quality of life of their neighborhoods, and I look forward to continuing the fight alongside them in the months and years to come.”

“Thanks to Councilmember Chin and Mayor de Blasio, a promise made last night at the Mayor’s Town Hall to place traffic agents at the dangerous intersection of Clinton and Grand has been kept,” said **Tommy Loeb, a longtime Grand St. resident and activist** who asked the Mayor directly. “The traffic agents are already on duty. We look forward to working with all our elected officials to seek a more permanent solution.”

Last May, Council Member Chin, State Senator Daniel Squadron, Congresswoman Nydia M. Velazquez, Borough President Gale Brewer and Assemblymember Yuh-Line Niou signed a joint letter urging the Department of Transportation to conduct a traffic study to identify permanent solutions to the congested gridlock.

This month, Council Member Chin joined these fellow elected officials to send a subsequent joint letter to DOT requesting traffic agents to improve the quality of life, as the study is underway.

"A safer Clinton and Grand has long been a community priority, which is why I urged DOT to do a traffic study and NYPD to bring traffic control agents to the intersection, along with colleagues," said **State Senator Daniel Squadron**. "The commitment from the City at last night's town hall is great news as we continue to address these serious issues. I thank the NYPD, DOT, and my colleagues."

"The community is grateful to NYCDOT and NYPD for the attention they are giving to the intersection of Grand Street and Clinton Street," said **Karen Blatt, Member of the Community Board 3 Transportation Committee**. "The recent installation of pedestrian and bicycle improvements have been well-received, but the vehicular congestion has become intolerable in our residential neighborhood. Placing a traffic officer at this location will hopefully bring my neighbors some measure of relief until permanent improvements are implemented."

"I would like to thank the Department of Transportation, Council Member Margaret Chin and the Mayor for keeping their promise and placing not one, but two traffic agents in the corner of Clinton Street and Grand Street" said **Daisy Paez, Grand Street Guild Resident Association President**. "It was a pleasure to see them making all efforts in directing traffic as I walked to work this morning. I know that this is just a temporary fix; however, it is one very much needed. I hope they continue to station the traffic agents there until a permanent solution is found."

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