

Greenwich Village Block Associations

20 Bank Street, New York, NY 10014

Bedford, Barrow & Commerce
Bedford Downing
Bleecker Area Merchants & Residents
Carmine Street
Central Village
Charlton Street
Christopher Street Block & Merchants
Christopher Street East
East 8th/9th Street
East 10th Street
East 11th Street
East 12th/13th Street
Far West Bank Street
Far West 10th Street
Grove Street
Horatio Street
Jane Street
MacDougal Alley Assoc.
MacDougal Street North
Mercer Street
Minetta
Morton Street
Mulry Angle/W. 11th Street
Perry Street
St. Luke's Place
Upper West 13th Street
Washington Place
Waverly
Waverly-Bank 11 Neighbors
West Houston Street
West Eighth Street
West 9th Street
West 10th Street
West 12th Street
West 13th Street -100 Block

June 29, 2009

Hon. Raymond Kelly: Commissioner: New York Police Department
One Police Plaza

New York, NY 10028

Dear Commissioner Kelly,

The Greenwich Village Block Associations (GVBA) is a community wide coalition dedicated to preserving and improving the quality of life for residents of our historic neighborhood. GVBA appreciates the additional, much needed, manpower that has been recently deployed to the 6th Precinct in response to the recent spike in serious attacks on our residents and visitors. We strongly support your effort to curb crime and to improve our safety and our quality of life.

GVBA is confident that Deputy Inspector Raymond Caroli, who has earned our respect through his diligence and responsiveness, understands our concerns and deploys these additional assets wisely and effectively. Residents/business owners already see positive results in the "critical impact zones". Greenwich Village needs these additional resources. Although we understand that you must continually weigh and balance various demands, the deployment of additional officers would enable the 6th Precinct to bring crime even more effectively under control and to create a more permanent result throughout the Village.

Warm weather encourages more transient youth to hang out in our streets, particularly during early evening to pre-dawn hours. This increase exacerbates unsafe conditions for us all, including the youths themselves. GVBA continue to contend that the problems in our community should not be the sole burden of the NYPD. We encourage our elected officials to enact a prostitution recidivism bill and to pursue other policy and practical options. GVBA regrets that that this community is so dependent upon the NYPD as our best means of defense. Thank you for your attention and concern.

Sincerely,

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