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Resolution on the Department of Sanitation's plan to implement commercial waste collection zones

At the December 12, 2018 Full Board meeting of Manhattan Community Board Six, the Board adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, more than 90 different private carters crisscross the city each night to service the city's 100,000 commercial businesses, resulting in unnecessary pollution and traffic collisions, mismanagement of recyclables, and worker exploitation;

WHEREAS, the New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY) has proposed a new Commercial Waste Zone plan that will divide the city into 20 zones and advance the City's zero waste goals;

WHEREAS, each zone will be served by three to five carters, allowing each business to choose one carter through a transparent and competitive pricing system, and to scale its carting service to the amount of trash it produces;

WHEREAS, approximately 80% of commercial waste is currently sent to landfills without regard for recycling laws, and the Commercial Waste Zone plan will incentivize recycling and waste reduction strategies to reduce landfill and incinerator volumes;

WHEREAS, the Commercial Waste Zone plan will reduce truck traffic associated with commercial waste collection by more than 60 percent and thereby reduce CO₂ emissions, noise levels and traffic incidents;

WHEREAS, job conditions for commercial waste workers are currently unregulated, and the Commercial Waste Zone plan will create more than 3,000 living wage jobs comparable to similar jobs at DSNY;

WHEREAS, the Commercial Waste Zone plan will strengthen oversight of carting companies and make it easier to submit complaints if they are not compliant with the plan's regulations;

WHEREAS, the Commercial Waste Zone plan will prioritize investment in clean trucks and trash processing facilities, in order to support an efficient and sustainable waste management system;

WHEREAS, waste-processing facilities will be equitably distributed throughout New York City;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Manhattan Community Board Six supports the DSNY proposal "Commercial Waste Zones: A Plan to Reform, Reroute, and Revitalize Private Carting in New York City," and urges the city to implement the plan.

VOTE: 35 in Favor 1 Opposed 2 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

Best regards,



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Cc: Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Carlina Rivera, Council Member
Hon. Keith Powers, Council Member
Hon. Ben Kallos, Council Member
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