Appendix B: Community Facilities NYPD/FDNY Agency Correspondence

The City of New York

FIRE DEPARTMENT
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April 07, 2008

Mr. Tika Gurung
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Re: East Village/ Lower East Side
Rezoning
CEQR No. 07DCP078M
ULURP# Pending

Dear Sir:

The Fire Department, Bureau of Operations has no objection to and no requirements regarding the rezoning of a portion of Manhattan Community District 3 bounded by East 13th Street on the north; Avenue D to the east; Houston Street, Delancey Street and Grand Street on the south; and Bowery and Third Avenue on the west. It is understood this rezoning is to accommodate new residential construction with incentives for affordable housing.

The New York City Fire Departments current staffing level in this area is adequate to provide fire and emergency protection for its occupants at its current level and any future level that may be anticipated.

This is not an approval for any construction proposal, as plans have not been submitted to this office.

If you have any questions, please call Captain George Becker at (718) 855-8571.

Very truly yours,

Patrick McNally
Chief of Operations

Cc: Ms. Nicole M.B. Rodriguez
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The City of New York

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Dear Nicole M.B. Rodriguez:

I am writing in response to your recent correspondence regarding the staffing levels and response times of the 9th Precinct and the 7th Precinct.

The Department appreciates your concern regarding this matter and we can assure you that decisions regarding personnel allocation are made fairly and equitably. The Department uses of both quantitative and qualitative measures to allocate personnel and every effort is made to deploy our resources in a manner consistent with the overall goal of reducing crime and improving the quality of life of all City residents. As a result of this process the 9th Precinct has a total uniformed staffing level of 152 personnel and the average time to respond to an emergency is 6.84 minutes. The 7th Precinct who would be responding to calls south of the Williamsburg Bridge has a total uniformed staffing level of 132 personnel and the average response time to an emergency call is 5.59 minutes.

While we would like to increase the number of police officers working in each precinct within the City, we must allocate personnel in keeping with available resources. Since 2001 the Department head count has declined by nearly 4,700 officers from our peak head count of nearly 41,000.

Even though we have experienced a decrease in uniformed staffing levels, the Department has utilized its limited resources to police more effectively. However, we are unable to predict future staffing needs of the Departments overall head count as far ahead as 2017.

Thank you for providing me with your concerns regarding this matter. We appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,

for John Gerrish
Deputy Chief
Commanding Officer
Office of Management
Analysis and Planning