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Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor Bloomberg:

I am writing to express my concern about the continued presence of Occupy Wall Street protesters on sidewalks on Nassau, Broad, and Wall Street in the Financial District. This past weekend, I received complaints about noise, drumming, and chanting that continued well past 11:30 p.m.

For two weeks, residents at 15 Broad, 25 Broad, 37 Wall and 45 Wall Street have been overwhelmed by protesters sleeping – and living – on the sidewalk outside their buildings. The presence of OWS protesters has greatly decreased the quality of life for area residents. Residents have reported issues related to unreasonable noise, drug use, and blocked access to their homes. There have been confrontations between community members and members of OWS, and between the protesters themselves. Several residents have told me that they fear for their safety and the safety of their children.

After living through a three month long “occupation” last fall, lower Manhattan residents are deeply concerned about the resurgence of OWS related activity in their neighborhood. While I am encouraged that the NYPD is enforcing National Park Service regulations with regards to Federal Hall, more must be done to enforce the noise code and to ensure that this “protest” does not turn into a permanent encampment.

I thank you for your concern and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Margaret S. Chin
New York City Council Member
District-1, Manhattan

CC: Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly

