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BREWER ADDRESSES MAILBOXES BY PAINTING THEM

New York, NY—City Council Member Gale A. Brewer (D-Manhattan) and neighborhood young people will be participating with in an event to tackle the visible growth in graffiti on Manhattan's streets tomorrow. Organized by Bruce Stark, owner of Beacon Paint & Hardware, students from the Computer School on the Upper West Side will paint over graffiti found on City mailboxes, lampposts, and fire hydrants. At 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, volunteers will meet at Beacon Paint, 371 Amsterdam Avenue (77-78 Streets), NY NY and paint over graffiti on fixtures on surrounding streets.

The graffiti locations were identified in a district-wide study conducted by a team of Council Member Brewer's interns from the High School for Environmental Studies. Students systematically canvassed the streets of Council District 6, identified and photographed graffiti, and documented the data on a central database. It is the Council Member's hope that realizing the scope of the problem will assist its eventual resolution.

Council Member Brewer has played an active role in graffiti-reduction projects focused on improving neighborhood quality of life. In collaboration with the Mayor's Community Assistance Unit, Brewer has organized several clean ups of larger surfaces—walls, storefront security gates, and entire buildings.

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