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BREWER ATTACKS GRAFFITI ON ALL SIDES

When: Tuesday, June 23, 2009 at 10am
Where: Starting at 2199 Broadway, corner of W 78 Street, Manhattan
What: Upper West Side Graffiti removal
Who: Office of City Council Member Gale A. Brewer, the Mayor's
Community Assistance Unit, NYC Economic Development
Corporation (EDC), United States Postal Service (USPS), 24
Precinct, 20 Precinct, Midtown North Precinct; Beacon Paint and Hardware

New York, NY—City Council Member Gale A. Brewer (D-Manhattan) is taking action in response to increased graffiti on the Upper West Side. As a result, Brewer is coordinating a multi-agency graffiti clean up with the Mayor's office, EDC, USPS, and the local NYPD precincts. On Tuesday, June 23, 2009 graffiti clean-up trucks will restore the appearance of larger surfaces—walls, storefront security gates, and entire buildings.

In addition, a team of Council Member Brewer's interns from Manhattan's High School for Environmental Studies systematically canvassed the streets of Council District 6, and identified and photographed graffiti on street furniture including mailboxes, lampposts and fire hydrants for a central database. With the data provided by the survey, the USPS Maintenance Department has repainted over 26 mailboxes.

Students from the Computer School (MS 245) with sponsorship from Beacon Paint and Hardware Inc. have also painted over graffiti on mailboxes.

Graffiti is a recurring problem that can only be addressed with constant maintenance. Council Member Brewer continues to play an active role in neighborhood graffiti-reduction projects bringing together city agencies, local businesses and community members.