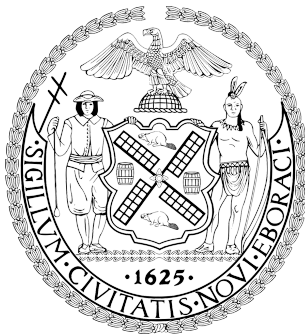




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Subject: Urgent Need to Address Conditions on Canal Street

Dear Mayor Mamdani, Commissioner Tisch, Commissioner Levine, and Commissioner Lojan:

We are writing with regard to the conditions along Canal Street due to the proliferation of vendors selling counterfeit goods, and to request a meeting with your administration to discuss the situation and its impact on our constituents. Many of the elected officials who represent Canal Street had repeatedly highlighted this concern for the Adams administration, yet there hasn't been improvement in the quality of life. In fact, conditions have gotten worse.

On a regular basis, our offices are hearing from constituents who cannot walk on the street they live on due to dozens of vendors laying their goods along the entire sidewalk. Entrances to small

businesses and residential buildings are completely blocked by vendors, making it difficult for people to enter their homes or for customers to support the businesses in our districts. These neighborhood residents and small businesses face regular harassment and in some cases have allegedly experienced physical assaults. The area is constantly filled with trash, debris, and human waste left behind from counterfeit vendors.

We appreciate the efforts of the NYPD's 1st Precinct to address this problem, but it is more significant than one precinct can manage. Our communities need support from several agencies to provide meaningful, long lasting and consistent enforcement and support for the neighborhood.

As we are all aware, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) recently conducted a raid along Canal Street, detaining individuals and even U.S. Citizens in some cases. We believe that ICE should not be involved in enforcement that is under the jurisdiction of the City, which should be focused on tackling the issues on Canal Street, not responding to Federal immigration officials targeting our communities and terrorizing our districts. To address this persistent problem in Canal Street, we urge all of your agencies — the NYPD, the Department of Worker and Consumer Protection, and the Department of Sanitation — to engage with us to find a solution to this quality-of-life- crisis.

The timing now is particularly crucial, as the NYC Department of Transportation currently plans to expand the sidewalks on Canal Street. We do not want to see this issue exacerbated by upgrades to the street's accessibility and infrastructure. We are willing and able to work with you to address this issue. We would like to formally request a meeting with the Commissioners and relevant members of your administration, along with key community stakeholders, including the community board, in January 2026 to discuss the issue and find a solution.

Thank you for your consideration. Please email mdeutsch@council.nyc.gov to schedule the meeting.

Sincerely,



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