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CJ Food Market
40-33 Main Street
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Dear Mr. Lin,

I am writing to you regarding a longstanding community issue with CJ Food Market that I hope we can finally remedy. For years now, produce stands and other displays occupying sidewalk space along Main Street and 41st Avenue have created a difficult and sometimes dangerous situation. Pedestrians are forced to navigate a narrow space between the displays and the Long Island Railroad overpass, creating a chokepoint and bottleneck of pedestrians.

Meanwhile, CJ patrons who stop to peruse the items for sale, as well as the CJ employees restocking the items, add to the congestion and exacerbate the situation.

For some walking along this stretch of Main Street, the situation is simply an incredible annoyance. In fact, my office has heard from numerous constituents, as well as people who live outside the district but visit Flushing on a regular basis, that this is indeed the case. But for our older residents pushing the carts they need to do their shopping, disabled persons with mobility issues and parents with strollers - to name just a few - the sidewalk congestion can actually be a dangerous situation.

You recently spoke with a staff member in my office, who told me you are frustrated with the street vendors and argue that they contribute to the problem. Trust me, I share your frustration and my office is working diligently on this very issue. However, the difficulties at CJ's existed long before the recent proliferation of street vendors, and it is no justification for your own long-term misuse of public sidewalk space to conduct commerce.

I know this is not the first time you have been made aware of this problem by elected officials, the 109th Precinct, and city agencies on behalf of frustrated Flushing residents and the tens of thousands of commuters who pass through the neighborhood on a near-daily basis. I hope we can work together and finally find a solution that permanently removes the obstacles.

I hope you agree that we all need to do our part to ensure that the sidewalks in Flushing remain open and safe for everyone. I look forward to discussing this matter with you further.

Sincerely,

Sandra Ung
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尊敬的林先生,

我此次致信给您，是因为长江超市长期存在的社区问题，我希望我们能合作来解决。多年来，长江超市的农产品摊位和一些其他商品摊位占用着法拉盛市中心缅街和41大道的人行道空间，这给社区带来了困扰、有时甚至是危险的情况；造成人行道过度拥挤、行人无法顺畅通行，行人被迫在超市摊位和长岛铁路桥之间狭窄的空间中穿行。

与此同时，停在超市摊位前挑选商品的顾客以及补货的超市员工，加剧了拥堵，让情况进一步恶化。

对于一些走在缅街上的民众来说，目前的这种情形是无法接受的。至今，已经有很多民众，包括本地居民和访客，向我的办公室反映此事。对于需要推着购物车外出购物的年长者、行动不便人士，推着婴儿车的父母等，人行道的拥挤和狭窄是一个危险的情况。

您最近与我的办公室的一位工作人员交谈后，她告诉我，您对街头无证摊贩现象感到不满，并称您的超市这样做是因为占据人行道的街头无证摊贩会影响您超市的生意。相信我，我也很了解街头无证摊贩给社区带来的困扰，我的办公室正在努力解决这个问题。然而，早在法拉盛市中心街头摊贩激增之前，长江超市的食品摊已经开始占用人行道，您长期滥用公共人行道空间进行商业活动是不合理的。



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我知道，在我之前，已有其他民选官员、法拉盛辖区市警109分局、市府机构等，代表无奈的法拉盛居民和几乎每天经过长江超市前的众多通勤者，向您告知您超市的这个问题。我希望我们可以共同努力，找到解决方案。

我希望您同意，我们都需要尽自己的一份力量来确保法拉盛的人行道对所有人保持开放和安全。我期待与您进一步讨论此事。

真挚的，

黄敏仪

市议员

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