

**THE COUNCIL
THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

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I intend to appear and speak on Int. No. _____ Res. No. _____

in favor in opposition

Date: 3/23/11

Name: JING SUN (PLEASE PRINT)

Address: 249 W 22ND PL CHICAGO IL 60616

I represent: Coach 88

Address: _____

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Name: SPENCER LAM (PLEASE PRINT)

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Name: WELINGTON Z. CHEN (PLEASE PRINT)

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I represent: CHINATOWN PARTNERSHIP

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Name: David Wolock (PLEASE PRINT) Deputy Comm.

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I represent: DOT

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BUS
Legislation

in favor in opposition

Date: March 23, 2011

Name: SUSAN STEINZEL (PLEASE PRINT)

Address: _____

I represent: COMMUNITY BOARD 3, M

Address: _____

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**DAVID WOLOCH
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**HEARING BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON STATE & FEDERAL LEGISLATION
MARCH 23, 2011**

Good morning Chairwoman Foster and Members of the Committee. I am David Woloch, Deputy Commissioner for External Affairs at the Department of Transportation (DOT). Thank you for providing us with this opportunity to state the Administration's position regarding a Home Rule Message for S2977/A4578 - an intercity bus passenger service permit system.

We agree that the City should have the ability to require Interstate bus carriers to obtain permits from the City for specific bus stops. Currently, State Vehicle and Traffic Law precludes us from placing such a requirement on these operators – and many companies can now pick up and drop off without regulation, increasing congestion, endangering safety, and compromising quality of life in a number of City neighborhoods.

Accordingly, we have been in active discussions with the Assembly Speaker and Senator Squadron on modifications that are necessary to make their legislation feasible. As drafted, the City has a number of significant concerns with the current version. For example, the bill appears to require an assessment Citywide of all curb space that is available for bus loading before we can even create a program – an exercise that seems both unworkable and unnecessary. Each request from an operator must be assessed on its needs and the issues in that location for that particular community.

As discussions with the Legislature are ongoing and it is our understanding that Senator Golden is introducing a revised and improved alternative bill, we're not entirely clear why the Council has moved forward with a home rule vote today on this previous version, and therefore oppose this home



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March 23, 2011

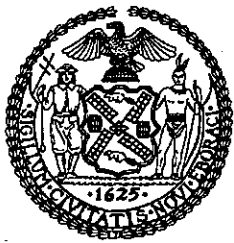
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Community Board 3, Manhattan has been very actively and aggressively advocating for regulation of intercity buses. These buses have been multiplying in the Chinatown and Lower East Side in Community Board 3—and have become the source of many complaints from the community.

One of the worst examples of a bus loading and unloading in an inappropriate area is the stop at Pike/Division/ and East Broadway. The situation became so intolerable for the residents of the area that they had to work with the DAs office to get a Trespass Affidavit to protect their residences.

The Community Board is not trying to eliminate these buses—they serve the community. But some are currently operating in a Wild West manner and need regulation. People complain about safety issues caused by blocking streets and sidewalks, pollution—especially from buses circling while waiting for spot to load and unload—unsafe and unlicensed buses and drivers. There are also instances of residences becoming waiting rooms.

Community Board 3 has been trying to work with the Mayor's office and DOT for years to figure out what state and federal legislation is needed to allow the City to regulate these buses. We particularly want to thank Lolita Jackson from CAU for trying for years to help us on this issue. We are very thankful that our state legislators, Senator Squadron and Speaker Silver are taking on this issue in the state legislature. It is terrible that recent tragedies have magnified the need for bus regulation. Community Board 3 supports this City Council legislation requesting New York State Legislature to pass bills introduced by Senator Squadron and Assembly Member Silver to amend the vehicle and traffic law in relation to establishing an intercity bus passenger service permit system/



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March 10, 2011

Hon. Sheldon Silver, Speaker
New York State Assembly
250 Broadway, Room 2307
New York, NY 10007

Hon. Daniel L. Squadron, Member
New York State Senate
250 Broadway, Suite 2011
New York, NY 10003

Dear Speaker Silver and Senator Squadron:

At its February 2011 monthly meeting, Community Board #3 passed the following motion:

Community Board 3 appreciates that Speaker Silver and Senator Squadron have introduced legislation (S. 2977 and A. 4578) to address the growing intercity bus industry. Community Board 3 supports this proposal, which will help give clear guidance to legitimate intercity bus companies and improve the health, safety and welfare of the public and neighborhood residents. The proposal would authorize New York City to pass a local law to regulate intercity passenger bus service through a permit system.

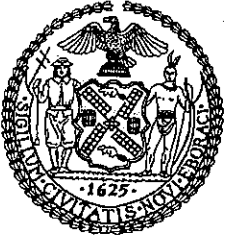
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Dominic Pisciotta, Chair
Community Board #3

David Crane, Chair
Transportation & Public Safety Committee

cc: Commissioner Janette Sadik-Khan, DOT
Manhattan Borough Commissioner Margaret Forgione, DOT
Lower Manhattan Borough Commissioner Luis Sanchez, DOT
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March 30, 2010

Hon. Janette Sadik-Khan, Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation (DOT)
55 Water Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10041

Dear Commissioner Sadik-Khan:

At its March 2010 monthly meeting, Community Board #3 passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS, intercity buses have created a large amount of congestion and pollution in lower Manhattan; and

WHEREAS, Community Board 3 (CB3) believes the city should create a centralized area for bus pick-up, drop-off, and layovers to deal with this problem; and

WHEREAS, CB3 does not wish to set a precedent by approving this bus stop; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB3 denies the request for a bus stop at any of these three locations – Pike Street west curb (East Broadway to Henry Street, far-side), East Broadway south curb (Pike to Rutgers Streets, mid block), East Broadway north curb (Rutgers to Pike Streets, near side) – for the use of Double Happiness Travel, Inc. and New Everyday Bus Tour, Inc.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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cc: Manhattan Borough Commissioner Margaret Forgione, DOT
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June 8, 2009

Hon. Janette Sadik-Khan, Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation (DOT)
40 Worth Street
New York, New York 10013

Re: Resolution asking DOT to remove intercity bus stop on Pike Street
between Division Street and East Broadway

Dear Commissioner Sadik-Khan:

At its May 2009 monthly meeting, Community Board #3 passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS, commercial bus lines Coach USA and Eastern Travel, et al, currently operate passenger drop off and pick up on the eastern sidewalk of Pike Street between Division Street and East Broadway; and

WHEREAS, the bus companies received a permit to do so for these activities by the NYC Department of Transportation to operate in front of 3 Pike Street; and

WHEREAS, there have been significant complaints and signed petitions from the residents and small businesses on that block and the immediate surrounding area regarding the impact from the bus operations, including but not limited to, the 1) blocking of the entire sidewalk by waiting passengers and luggage, 2) garbage strewn all over the residential entrances of buildings and small businesses, 3) disruption of the local northbound M15 bus service and transfers between the M9 and M22 on the corner of Pike and Division Streets by Coach USA and Eastern Travel buses idling along the entire length of the block, forcing M15 buses to stop and pick up their passengers in the middle traffic lane causing a dangerous situation, 4) air pollution from idling buses spewing fumes to the residential windows above the sidewalk, 5) noise complaints from buses honking and operators shouting well into the night at passengers to board the buses or hawking tickets; and

WHEREAS, tenants in the residential building on that sidewalk have called 911 on several occasions to remove commercial bus passengers trespassing into their private residential lobby, and using their lobby as a de facto bus station and blocking the hallways with luggage and garbage; and

WHEREAS, small businesses have seen disruption of their operations by passengers clogging their store entrances; now

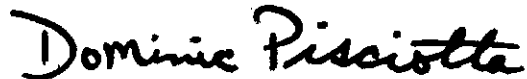
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 3 (CB3)-Manhattan requests DOT to revoke the operating permit for Coach USA and Eastern Travel buses at this location; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CB3 asks that DOT place these bus companies on probation and monitor their activities in the neighborhood, due to resident complaints of their lack of responsiveness to problems caused by their bus operations at Police Precinct Council meetings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CB3 asks DOT to consult with the Community Board prior to issuing permits for these activities.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



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Community Board #3

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