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Resolution calling upon the Department of Sanitation to use flexibility in supplementing and redirecting sanitation resources to community districts with the dirtiest streets and sidewalks so that all communities will maintain an excellent quality of life.

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Whereas, The Department of Sanitation issues a monthly “scorecard report” that rates the cleanliness of streets and sidewalks of each community district within the City; and

Whereas, The 2003 annual scorecard report stated that the percentage of “acceptably clean streets” in the City dipped in 2003 for the fourth straight year, from a peak of 87.2% in 1999 to 85.4%; and

Whereas, In the December 2, 2002, issue of the New York Daily News it was reported that Sanitation Commissioner John Doherty, commenting on the scorecard report, stated that, “We’re starting to see a downward trend. My concern is that we’re getting spots in the city where we’re getting dirtier;” and

Whereas, Many community districts have scorecard reports that are significantly and deplorably below the average scorecard rating; and

Whereas, Mayor Bloomberg has assured New Yorkers that the fiscal crunch will not lead to a significant decrease in quality of life; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the city of New York calls upon the Department of Sanitation to use flexibility in supplementing and redirecting sanitation resources to community districts with the dirtiest streets and sidewalks so that all communities will maintain an excellent quality of life.

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