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Hon. Kathy Hochul  
Governor, State of New York  
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Hon. Eric Adams  
Mayor, City of New York  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

Richard "Rick" Cotton  
Executive Director  
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey  
Four World Trade Center, 150 Greenwich Street  
New York, NY 10006

Dear Governor Hochul, Mayor Adams and Director Cotton:

I write to urge you to close the West 30<sup>th</sup> Street Heliport that is located in Hudson River Park.

I have spent almost 15 years as a Council Member and the Manhattan Borough President working to curtail the noise and health issues that helicopters bring to the residents of Manhattan. I chaired a Task Force on Helicopters as a Council Member and then one with New Jersey and Manhattan Elected Officials as the Borough President. We forced the industry and the Mayor to make some route changes but tourism and non-essential helicopters that originate in New Jersey continue to fly over Manhattan; and tourism helicopters fly out of the Downtown Heliport in Manhattan. We want all of this helicopter activity to stop.

I also urge the 3 entities I write to today to close the one heliport located in a park. Parks and helicopters are not meant for co-location. This heliport focuses on transportation for customers going to airports and out of town. I have been at events near the heliport and the noise is deafening and the health concerns from fuel are real. I know that Community Board 4 and local residents support closing this heliport.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gale A. Brewer".

Gale A. Brewer