March 21, 2022

Leo Perrotta
Director of Public Works
700 Allens Ave

Dear Mr. Perrotta:

At its first meeting on March 24th, the new Green and Complete Streets Advisory Council voted to request of the Administration a resumption of the Working Group established in 2021 to improve procedures for snow clearance on sidewalks. We recognize that there are many challenging factors in improving this process, and we wish to work with you to overcome them. A sidewalk network that, due to irresponsible but un-sanctioned abutters, is impassable, unsafe, or inaccessible for days or weeks following every snowstorm is no longer acceptable, and we would like to see significant procedural and/or statutory improvements by next winter.

Members of the Advisory Council are interested in participating, and we recommend that Joe DiPina, Wendy Nilsson, and Alex Ellis join you along with whichever of your Public Works colleagues are appropriate.

We request that this working group convenes for a first meeting before the Advisory Council’s April 18th meeting, and that an update be provided via Ms. Farr or Mr. Ellis at each subsequent meeting of the Advisory Council of 2022.

Thank you, and we look forward to working with you on this effort,

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Chair, Green and Complete Streets Advisory Council