



**Park Slope Fifth Avenue Business Improvement District**

**February 2025**

**Testimony for DSNY Hearing on Proposed DSNY Rule - placement of refuse by BIDs**

We are the Park Slope Fifth Avenue Business Improvement District. We are a full-time staff of two with an annual assessment of \$500,000.

Supplemental sanitation services, salaries, programming and other services that support our small businesses, and quality of life issues for residents of our district, are covered by that assessment, with virtually nothing to spare.

The DSNY seems confident that we can easily cover any new costs that would be incurred by this containerization edict. We currently only have a clean team of 3, working 5 days a week on 32 blocks. We therefore do not currently service the corner cans 7 days a week, because we do not have the budget to do so.

We are not against containerization, but the cost and siting problems are totally prohibitive, and this isn't even considering the maintenance costs for repairs and power washing of the containers.

In conclusion, for financial and logistical reasons - including the major issues of siting and maintenance costs of containers - we most likely will be forced to stop servicing corner trash bins; bagging trash and adding a new liner.

We propose that when the community containers are installed by the City, we use those for the public trash bagged up from the 122 DSNY corner cans in our district.

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