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NOISE OFFICE

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Gentlemen

I do not want to seem unappreciative of the recommendations made by the Noise Review Board Subcommittee on Garbage Collection.

In a mixed-use (residential/commercial) area, when dumpsters are picked up at 3:00 a.m. (Footnote 1) or 4:30 a.m. (Footnote 2) within 25-50 yards of a residential building, I have to believe any attempts at sound-mitigation using padding (as a sound-isolation-system) would be of minimal effect. Such an attempt would be more relevant perhaps for dumpster pick-ups a block or two away (with other buildings as a sound buffer). (Footnote 3)

A non-regulatory approach, especially in the absence of any prohibition or restriction as to hours (as I have been given to understand at the City Noise Office) regarding nighttime dumpster pickups in a mixed-use area, while perhaps politically attractive, would seem to have limited practical feasibility.

Respectfully yours

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