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Bronx Community Board 6 would like to thank you for advocating for e-bike safety and bike delivery drivers in New York City. We applaud you for securing \$25 million for e-bike charging stations and would like clarity on how the locations were determined. The Bronx, home to many bike delivery drivers, has had numerous residential fires because of faulty e-bike batteries, resulting in the deaths of several Bronxites. The need for Bronx delivery drivers to charge their bikes in an outdoor space is critical.

A year ago, the Mayor's Community Affairs Unit notified Bronx Community Board 6 of an e-bike hub for delivery riders coming to Fordham Road. The proposed hub was to evict the Nabila Newsstand from a NYC Parks property (413 East Fordham Road). The Board opposed this commercial eviction and asked the city to move the hub into Fordham Plaza. The city reversed the decision on Nabila Newsstand, but never provided a new location for the e-bike hub. Bronx Community Board 6 is now under the impression that the city has revoked all plans for opening an e-bike hub in the Bronx. We only see hubs planned for Manhattan, Queens and Brooklyn in your recent announcement.

The announcement of the e-bike hubs begs the question – is the Mayor's office retaliating against Bronxites for saving the Nabila Newsstand? We would like your office to review how these hubs have been sited and explain why the Bronx is being excluded, when a site in the Bronx was initially proposed a year ago.

Regards,

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