



**COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15**  
**BROOKLYN, NEW YORK**

February 27, 2024

**Resolution to Urge the Implementation of Daylighting Provisions at Intersections  
throughout Community School District 15**

*The District 15 Community Education Council (CEC15) held a meeting on Tuesday February 27, 2024. After reviewing all the evidence and facts, CEC15 passed the following resolution:*

**Whereas**, daylighting is the process of reserving space within 20 feet of an intersection to increase visibility at street corners; and

**Whereas**, daylighting – the practice of removing parking spots or other large obstructions closest to an intersection – increases visibility to oncoming traffic and is a proven measure to reduce danger for pedestrians, bikers, and drivers alike;

**Whereas**, in 2023 New York City surpassed 100 child traffic violence fatalities since Vision Zero began<sup>1</sup>;

**Whereas**, 2023 was New York City's second deadliest year for cyclists on record and the number of bike fatalities caused by motor vehicles continues unabated<sup>2</sup>;

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<sup>1</sup> <https://citylimits.org/2023/07/10/opinion-more-than-100-children-have-died-in-nyc-traffic-crashes-since-vision-zero-launch/>

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<https://transalt.org/press-releases/transportation-alternatives-statement-after-driver-kills-bike-rider-in-brooklyn-2023-now-second-deadliest-year-for-cyclists-in-recorded-history#:~:text=BROOKLYN%2C%20NY%20%E2%80%94%20On%20December%208,recorded%20history%2C%20only%20behind%201999>

**Whereas**, in New York State between 2019 to 2022, the number of traffic fatalities increased 23 percent and the fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled increased 39 percent;

**Whereas**, 55 percent of pedestrian deaths and 79 percent of pedestrian injuries occur at intersections<sup>3</sup>;

**Whereas**, these injuries and fatalities can be prevented;

**Whereas**, Hoboken and Jersey City have implemented universal daylighting and have seen substantial safety improvements and a significantly decreased pedestrian fatalities;

**Whereas**, Section 1202 of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Code already prohibits parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection;

**Whereas**, Section 1642 of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Code allows New York City to opt out of this 20 foot requirement, which it does;

**Whereas**, in opting out of the 20 foot requirement, New York City allows parking right up to the crosswalk, making it difficult for all road users to see;

**Whereas**, Mayor Adams announced on November 30, 2024 that he would instruct the Department of Transportation to daylight 1,000 intersections per year; and

**Whereas**, New York City Council Intro 854-A requires that the Department of Transportation (DOT) study safety benefits of daylighting and daylighting barriers, and implement daylighting at a minimum of 100 intersections a year beginning on January 1, 2025. DOT would also be required to install daylighting barriers in intersections where daylighting has been implemented, subject to the Commissioner's determination.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Community Education Council of Community School District 15 (CEC 15) requests that New York City opt back into New York State law prohibiting parking within 20 feet of an intersection;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that CEC 15 requests New York City's Department of Transportation to implement intersection daylighting at all possible intersections in the shortest possible time frame;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that CEC 15 supports the Mayor's November 30, 2023 commitment to daylight 1,000 intersections per year;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that CEC 15 supports the complete implementation of City Council's intersection daylighting bill (854-A);

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that CEC 15 hopes for at least one-fifth of these intersections each year to be in Brooklyn, with a focus on the most dangerous intersections in our borough<sup>4</sup>;

**AND BE IT RESOLVED** that CEC 15 calls on the City Council to pass legislation to repeal the City's policy overriding state law and codify daylighting requirements at every intersection in the City of New York.

*This resolution was duly adopted by Community Education Council 15 on February 27, 2024 by a vote of the members present, including: Antonia Ferraro Martinelli, Leslie King, Vanessa Gonzalez Ueoka, Nancy Cruz, Donalda Chumney, Nancy Randall, Hans Arrieta, Lauren Barkan, Mamun Rashid, and Jonathan Davis.*

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<sup>4</sup> <https://crashmapper.org/#/>