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September 22, 2011

Amanda Burden, Chair  
City Planning Commission  
Department of City Planning  
22 Reade Street  
New York, NY 10007

**Re: Chelsea Square Restaurant, 368 W. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street (N 100433 ECM)  
Enclosed Sidewalk Café Renewal – 32 tables and 60 seats**

Dear Chair Burden:

Manhattan Community Board 4 recommends approval<sup>1</sup> of the renewal application for an enclosed sidewalk cafe at the Chelsea Square Restaurant, located at 368 West 23rd Street (located on the southeast corner of Ninth Avenue). A public hearing was held at the Chelsea Planning and Preservation Committee meeting on September 19, 2011, and no one appeared in opposition.

The enclosed sidewalk cafe has been unchanged at this location for more than a decade and a half without complaint, and its status as an established element at its location is the main reason for our support. However, we remain otherwise opposed to the creation of new enclosed sidewalk cafes in our district, as the Board has consistently voted in recent years.

Sincerely,

Corey Johnson  
Chair, Manhattan Community Board 4

J. Lee Compton, Co-Chair  
Chelsea Preservation and Planning Committee

[Signed 9/22/11]

Bret Firfer, Co-Chair

Chelsea Preservation and Planning Committee

cc: NYC Council Speaker Christine Quinn  
Michael Ben-Asher, DCA  
Gail Benjamin, NYC Council, Director, Land Use Division  
Steve Gagliano, Project Manager, Department of City Planning

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<sup>1</sup> Recommendation for approval is subject to ratification of this letter by the Full Board on October 5, 2011.

Michael Kelly, Representative for Applicant