

January 8, 2004

Hon. Amanda Burden  
City Planning Commission  
22 Reade Street  
New York, NY 10007

**Re: Madison Square Business Improvement District**

Dear Chair Burden,

Manhattan Community Board No. 4 voted 32 in favor, none opposed, none abstaining, and none not eligible, to confirm our full support of the proposed Madison Square Business Improvement District at its January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Because of various failures of communication it was not clear from the first materials received or the presentation made to the Chelsea Preservation and Planning Committee on November 17<sup>th</sup> or at the full Board meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup> that the procedure was so far advanced that that meeting was the last opportunity to give a conforming response to City Planning.

The presentation to the Committee and the comments and overwhelming vote at the earlier Committee and full Board meetings show the Board's support for the proposed BID. While the Committee had anticipated further discussion about some details of the BID, such as the services to be offered and the relationship with the two Historic Districts that overlap a good portion of its area, the approach and openness of the proposers of the BID and their concern with establishing an identity based on the historic character of the neighborhood give us assurances of the BID's responsiveness in the future.

Sincerely,



Walter Mankoff  
Chair  
Manhattan Community Board No. 4



Lee Compton  
Co-Chair  
Chelsea Preservation & Planning Committee



Edward S. Kirkland  
Co-Chair  
Chelsea Preservation & Planning Committee

cc: Elected officials  
George Glatter, Department of Small Business Services  
Sharon Ullman, 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Association  
Jack Taylor, Drive to Protect the Ladies' Mile District  
Manhattan Community Board Nos. 5 & 6