

August 20, 2004

Honorable Christine Quinn  
224 West 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1206  
New York, NY 10001

**Re: Honorary Supplemental Street Naming for Jane Wood on West 19<sup>th</sup> Street**

Dear Councilmember Quinn,

On July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004, the Transportation Planning Committee of Manhattan Community Board No. 4 heard a request from the Chelsea Coalition on Housing to honor a community-based housing activist, the late Jane Wood, with an honorary supplemental street naming on West 19<sup>th</sup> Street, between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenues.

Jane Wood lived on the above mentioned block for more than 50 years and fought to bring safe, affordable housing to a diverse population in Chelsea. Several local residents spoke to the committee in support of the request, asserting that Wood was a beloved community figure who met all the requirements for an honorary supplemental street renaming: She was well-known in the city, made a significant contribution to the community, and had a longstanding and direct connection to the street to be renamed. The request was supported by a postcard-writing campaign from over a hundred neighborhood residents and by a coalition of elected officials whose districts include the street to be renamed.

While the Board generally discourages honorary supplemental street namings, the committee did feel that Jane Wood met all the criteria generally cited as necessary for a street naming to be considered. In addition, the support from the community for the renaming was overwhelming. Based on these points, the Transportation Planning Committee voted six in favor, with one abstention, to recommend the honorary supplemental street renaming.

At its Full Board meeting on August 11, 2004, Manhattan Community Board No. 4 voted in favor of the committee's recommendation, with 24 in favor, 6 opposed, 1 abstention and 0 present but not eligible to vote.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Chair  
Manhattan Community Board No. 4



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