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Honorable Margaret Forgione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
New York City Department of Transportation
40 Worth Street
New York, NY 10013

Re: Request for "No Parking" signage on West 44th Street between 9th and 10th Avenues

Dear Borough Commissioner Forgione,

At its January 19, 2005 meeting, Manhattan Community Board No. 4's Transportation Committee voted to support a request from the West 44th Street, 400 Block Association and its residents, who are concerned about the noise and traffic congestion caused by large groups of cars which park on the north side of the block between midnight and 4:30 am.

The residents stated that patrons of Babalu, a night-club on West 44th Street between Eighth and Ninth Avenues, often park their cars en masse on the block in question, and loiter in and around their cars both before entering, and after leaving the club. The residents, with the support of NYPD Midtown North Precinct, have requested that the parking regulations on the north side of the block be changed from "No standing 8:00 AM - Midnight except Sundays" to "No standing anytime except trucks loading and unloading". They have also requested that "tow-away" signage be posted. Their belief is that if no parking is allowed, it would allow the police to better attend to vehicular problems on the street caused by patrons of the club.

On February 2, 2005, the full board of Manhattan Community Board No. 4 voted to support the committee's recommendation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Walter Mankoff
Chair
Manhattan Community Board No. 4

Jay Marcus
Chair
Transportation Planning Committee

Cc: West 44th St Block Association
Midtown North Precinct Community Council