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March 3, 2005

Beverly Gotay
Assistant Director of Licensing
Department of Consumer Affairs
42 Broadway, 8th floor
New York, NY 10004

Re: SIDEWALK CAFÉ APPLICATION

Applicant: NF Trading LLC d/b/a 202
Location: 75 Ninth Avenue (15th/16th)
DCA License No.: 1188669
Type: New Application – Unenclosed Sidewalk Café
Tables/Chairs: 5 tables/20 chairs

Dear Ms. Gotay:

At its February 16, 2005 meeting, Manhattan Community Board No. 4's Transportation Planning Committee heard from the above applicant and reviewed plans for an unenclosed sidewalk café.

Several members of the committee raised concerns about possible effects on pedestrian travel, especially for those with mobility or vision impairments. Pedestrian traffic has steadily increased along this portion of Ninth Avenue, and is particularly heavy at this location due to the presence of Chelsea Market. Additionally, the proposed café is parallel to a bus stop, which further increases pedestrian presence at this location.

Because of these factors, the committee will revisit this application at its July 20, 2005 meeting to assess if the café has caused any impediment to pedestrian movement or safety. The committee also strongly suggests that the applicant use high contrast colors in the design of its café borders, which will make the boundaries more visible to those with vision impairments.

The Committee voted unanimously to approve the application for a new sidewalk café with one stipulation.

- The café's outer boundaries will be marked on the sidewalk, as required by DCA's sidewalk café regulations. If markings are not in place when the applicant returns to the Board for its next renewal, this committee will recommend denial of the renewal application.

On March 2, 2005 the Full Board approved the application with the above stipulation.

Sincerely,

Walter Mankoff
Chair
Manhattan Community Board No. 4

Jay Marcus
Chair
Transportation Planning Committee

cc: Elected Officials
Applicant