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April 12, 2005

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

Re: Relocation of Newsstand near Southeast Corner of West 58th Street and Ninth Avenue

Dear Ms. Gotay:

Manhattan Community Board No. 4 opposes the proposed relocation of the newsstand near the southeast corner of Ninth Avenue and West 58th Street. We feel the newsstand should be allowed to remain in its current location.

The newsstand has been at its current location for almost 20 years under steady and reliable management. It has become a part of the community. The Community Board has never received or been notified of any complaints regarding this establishment.

It is our understanding that the applicant was late with his licensing fee this past year and thus lost his "grandfathered" status, which permitted the newsstand's slightly non-compliant placement (related to street pedestrian access). According to the applicant, the cost of moving 20' to become compliant could cost as much as \$6,000. That seems a severe and unnecessary penalty for a late re-licensing application and fee.

We urge DCA and the Arts Commission to overlook this minor mistake and permit the newsstand to maintain its current location. We hope you will join us in promoting long-term community-serving businesses.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Walter Mankoff
Chair
Manhattan Community Board No. 4
cc: Elected Officials
Applicant

Jay Marcus
Chair
Transportation Planning Committee