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September 8, 2005

Hon. Robert Tierney, Chair  
Landmarks Preservation Commission  
One Center Street, Ninth Floor  
New York, NY 10007

**Re: 182 Ninth Avenue, Chelsea Historic District**

Dear Chair Tierney:

Manhattan Community Board No. 4 thanks you for the opportunity to comment on the application to install a modified storefront in the building at 182 Ninth Avenue in the Chelsea Historic District.

After a presentation by the applicants to the Landmarks Task Force of the Board and a unanimous vote of the Task Force, Manhattan Community Board No. 4 voted to approve the application. This approval was subject to resolution of concerns about the asymmetric and unhistorical position of the door in the recessed central entranceway, which the applicants stated was due to the requirements for access for the disabled. The Board is sensitive to these problems, but hopes that some better solution can be found to this issue. The vote was 38 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, 0 present but not eligible to vote.

Members of the Task Force also expressed concerns about the slow and apparently haphazard way in which this alteration has been taking place. The Board hopes that the Commission will supervise completion of the work with care.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Compton  
Chair  
Manhattan Community Board No. 4

Edward S. Kirkland  
Chair  
Landmarks Task Force

cc: Elected Officials  
Applicant