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Mildred Duran, Director
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Re: Review of Street Activity Policies

Manhattan Community Board No. 4 appreciates your attendance at our September Transportation Planning Committee meeting and your willingness to work with our community in addressing sidewalk and street usage.

The Community Board expects to adopt policies in the next few months regarding street fairs and commercial activities. We look forward to working with you in that process. To assist us in considering those policies, we would like to request the following information:

- 1) The cost (or estimated cost) to city agencies of typical one-block and multi-block street fairs and commercial street activities, and the total cost of such events occurring in CD4 during the last year;
- 2) The revenue collected from street fairs and the amount, from that revenue, distributed to a nonprofit agency, the city, and event planners;
- 3) To the best knowledge of your office, policies adopted by other community boards (beyond the city regulations) regarding street fairs and commercial street activities.

In addition, we were concerned to hear that over three-quarters of the street activity permits issued in our Community District are for commercial events and therefore not reviewed by the Board. We request that all street activities be submitted to the Board for review and comment as part of the review procedure of your office.

Once again, thank you for attending the Transportation Committee meeting and continued cooperation with this and other community boards. We look forward to reviewing the above information (and other information you feel appropriate) and working with your office to devise effective and appropriate street activity policies.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Compton
Chair
Manhattan Community Board No. 4

Jay Marcus
Chair
Transportation Planning Committee