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

Re: Request for “No Standing Anytime” on West 44th Street between 9th and 10th Avenues

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

In a letter dated February 8, 2005, Manhattan Community Board No. 4 requested that your Department post “No Standing Anytime except Trucks Loading and Unloading” signage on the north side of West 44th Street between Ninth and Tenth Avenues. The Board made this request in order to address resident complaints about late night noise caused by patrons of nearby nightclubs. Thank you for complying with this request.

Unfortunately, the elimination of one problem has come with the creation of another—namely, the use of the parking lane as an extended layover area by truck operators doing business throughout the neighborhood. The Board office has recently received numerous complaints from members of the local block association, residents, and businesses about trucks parking on the street without making deliveries.

The presence of large trucks on this block, often illegally idling, is inconsistent with the block’s predominantly residential character. Trucks also block visibility of the small businesses with storefronts. The West 44th Street Block Association and each of the three businesses on the block have therefore requested that parking regulations on the north side of the street be changed to “No Standing Anytime”. This would essentially return curb conditions to what previously existed during business hours, while continuing to prohibit late night parking by nightclub patrons.

As always, the board appreciates your response and thanks you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Compton
Chair
Manhattan Community Board No. 4

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Chair
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