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March 3, 2006

Mildred Duran, Director
Street Activity Permit Office
100 Gold Street, 2nd floor
New York, NY 10038

Re: Renewal Street Activity Permit Application #M4-023

Applicant: Voices of Penn South
Location: Eighth Avenue between 23rd and 34th Streets
Date: Sunday, September 24, 2006
Time: 11:00am to 6:00pm

Dear Ms. Duran:

Manhattan Community Board No. 4 recommends denial of the Voices of Penn South Street Activity Permit for a multi-block street fair. We recommend that the sponsor instead apply for a single block street activity permit.

Voices of Penn South is an unincorporated organization that advocates on behalf of Penn South residents and sees itself as a "watchdog" over the Cooperative Board of Directors and management company for Penn South. When Voices of Penn South initially applied for a Street Activity Permit in 2002, this Community Board recommended denial, but the application was approved by DCA. The Board also recommended denial of a multi-block permit in 2003 and 2004. In 2005, the Board approved the fair.

This year, the Transportation Committee is recommending denial based on the concern that, without any required oversight by government or a governing body, there is limited accountability of the organization's finances or actions. Since the implementation of the moratorium on new multi-block street fairs, the Board has not adopted revised policies on this type of event. However, we feel having a process for financial and other accountability to a government or governing body is important and thus recommend denial of this renewal.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Compton
Chair
Manhattan Community Board No. 4

Jay Marcus
Chair
Transportation Planning Committee

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
Hon. Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
Local Elected Officials
Applicant