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Borough Commissioner Margaret Forgione Department of Transportation 59 Maiden Lane, 35th Floor New York, NY 10038

Re: Parking Regulations, West 18th Street, Ninth Avenue to Tenth Avenue

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board No. 4 requests changes to the parking regulations and street signs on West 18th Street between Ninth and Tenth Avenues. The current regulations on the north side of the block are "No Parking, 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday" and "No Standing Except for Trucks Loading and Unloading." The South Side of the Street is "No Standing Except for Trucks Loading and Unloading."

The block has changed over the last few years and is currently primarily art galleries and residential buildings. As the residential uses have grown, parking has become a major concern of area residents. Fulton Houses is soon to lose 90 to 100 of their off-street parking spaces to enable additional building. A large residential building is currently in construction on the north side of West 18th Street.

Based on the above changes, the Fulton Street Houses Tenant Association proposed that the Department of Transportation replace the current regulations with alternate side parking, as per a street cleaning schedule determined by the Department of Sanitation. We support this request and believe this will help to alleviate the severe strain on residential parking resources in this area and better reflect the residential character of the block.

We thank the Department of Transportation for considering this proposal. We expect these changes will enhance the quality of life for those who live and work on these blocks.

Sincerely,

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J. Lee Compton Chair Manhattan Community Board No. 4

cc: NYPD 10th Precinct Department of Sanitation

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