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

Re: Alternate Side Parking at West 44th Street

Dear Commission Forgione:

Community Board #4, Manhattan requests a change of parking regulations on West 44th Street between 9th and 10th Avenue from the current "No Standing Anytime" on the north-side and "No Standing 8am to 6pm, Except Sunday" on the south-side to alternative side of the street parking on both sides.

As you know, Community Board #4 has working with block associations in the West 40's to reevaluate parking regulations in this area. Given increased van, bus, and truck standing and parking; higher car turnover related to a growing nightlife; and increased traffic, existing parking regulations have often lead to disruption of the residential and mixed use nature of many of these blocks. The West 44th Street Better Block Association, who have proposed the above change, have particularly noticed these affects on their block, as the blocks to the north have moved toward alternate side of the Street Parking.

We would propose, similar to other blocks, that 30' from the Northwest corner of W. 44th and 9th Avenue and 30' from the Northeast corner of 44th and 10th Avenue remain with their current signs to accommodate local businesses. In addition, we propose additional signs to ensure existing driveways at 417, 429, and 460 West 44th Street are respected with this parking change.

Community Board #4 thanks the West 44th Street Block Association for the several months' deliberations and discussions that lead to the above recommendation and look forward to working with them and Department of Transportation toward their implementation.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Compton
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Cc: Sister Mary Theresa Dixon, Principal

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