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Honorable Christine Quinn
City Council Speaker
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Re: Support for community oversight of curb cut applications by Intro 639 Local Law

Dear Speaker Quinn,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) supports Introduction 639 of a local law to amend the administrative code of the City of New York to give more oversight of curb cuts application to the public.

Our cluttered sidewalks present many hazards to pedestrians including the proliferation of curb cuts installed without regards to community concerns. The proposed legislation will give community boards as well as the Department of Transportation an opportunity to comment on the safety and appropriateness of a curb cut at a given location.

For this law to be effective, it is critical that community boards be given 45 days to respond to a curb cut application. Without such modification, the current ten days turnaround time to respond will not leave enough time for community boards to consider the applications and then bring them to the full board for a vote, thus negating one of the objectives of the introduction.

Sincerely,

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