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Borough Commissioner Margaret Forgione  
NYC Department of Transportation  
59 Maiden Lane, 35<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10038

**Re: Parking regulations on West 17<sup>th</sup> Street between Ninth and Tenth Avenue**

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board 4 supports the proposal by 1Oak Restaurant and Lounge at 435 West 17<sup>th</sup> Street to add “No Nighttime (7 p.m. to 7 a.m.) Standing/Parking” signs and regulations in front of their business (on the northside of the street) and west to Tenth Avenue.

Currently there is only one lane available for vehicular traffic during the night, since cars are allowed to park on both sides of the street and there is a crane obstructing a large portion of the street to the west of their business. As a result, traffic gets blocked whenever a car or taxi stops to pickup or drop off passengers at this often busy restaurant and lounge. This change in parking regulation would improve the flow of traffic and reduce the related honking that neighbors have complained about. It is also consistent with a request by this board on December 11, 2007 to the 1Oak owner as a condition for the recommendation of approval of their liquor license.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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1Oak