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Jay Schmid
General Manager
Mercedes-Benz Manhattan
770 Eleventh Avenue
New York, NY 10019

Re: West 54th Street sidewalk use

Dear Mr. Schmid:

Manhattan Community Board 4 requests that the Mercedes-Benz showroom not use the sidewalk along the south side of West 54th Street near Eleventh Avenue for cars exiting or entering into the Mercedes-Benz showroom.

We have received reports from residents of Clinton Tower, across from Mercedes Benz, that cars are often going out and into the showroom from West 54th Street. We find this objectionable for several reasons. First, it is illegal, inappropriate and unsafe to put cars on the sidewalk where this not a curb cut for such a purpose Secondly, the show room doors on West 54th Street are immediately adjacent to an M31 bus stop. The show room is also across the street from Clinton Towers, a Naturally Occurring Retiring Community (NORC) and Harborview senior residence.

We request Mercedes Benz end the use of the sidewalk on West 54th Street as an entrance and exit for its show room.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Christine Berthet
Chair

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Co-Chair, Transportation
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