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3 July 26, 2012

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5 Ms. Margaret Forgione
6 Manhattan Borough Commissioner
7 55 Water Street
8 New York, New York 10041
9 New York City Department of Transportation

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11 **Re: Parking Regulations Ninth Avenue & W. 40th Street**

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13 Dear Commissioner Forgione:

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15 Manhattan Community Board 4 respectfully requests that the parking regulations on the west
16 side of 9th Avenue between West 40th and West 41st Streets be changed expeditiously to enable
17 commercial vehicle loading and unloading from 7: 00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Monday-Sunday.

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19 Parking regulations had permitted vehicle loading and unloading during those hours until several
20 weeks ago, when the regulations and sign were changed. This change was done to prepare for the
21 extension of the bicycle lane on the east side of the Avenue later this summer. Councilmember
22 Quinn’s office intervened and DOT agreed to enable three Hour Metered Parking for
23 Commercial Vehicles only. We are requesting the DOT expedite this request.

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25 The buildings along this block are owned by Clinton Housing Development Corporation and the
26 four local businesses leasing space on the block are part of the 40th Street Local Development
27 Corporation. Both CDHC and 40th Street LDC requested this change. The four businesses on that
28 block – Sea Breeze Fish Market (which has been at that location of over 60 years), International
29 Foods, Cupcake Café (both of whom have been in the neighborhood for over 20 years) and
30 Capizzi Pizza and Wine Bar are all dependent on receiving early morning fresh food deliveries.

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32 Manhattan Community Board 4 is particularly concerned because we had not been made aware
33 of the proposed parking regulation change by DOT when we were discussing the installation of
34 the protected bicycle lane on the east side of the street. During the last few years, MCB4 and
35 DOT have worked well in discussing required changes for protected bicycle paths and DOT has
36 greatly improved its communication to neighboring businesses. That makes this incident a
37 concerning aberration and we look forward to a return of the more open and comprehensive
38 dialogue we have more typically had with DOT.

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40 With the new changes, the parking regulations will read “3 Hour Metered Parking, Commercial
41 Vehicles only 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday-Saturday, others no standing” and “2 Hour

42 Metered Parking 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Monday to Saturday.” We request this change be made
43 as expeditiously as possible.

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45 Sincerely,

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47 Cc: Joe Restuccia, Clinton Housing Development Company

48 Vincent Dimino, 40th Street Local Development Corporation