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Hon. Robert B Tierney, Chair
Landmarks Preservation Commission
Municipal Building, 9th floor
One Centre Street
New York, NY 10007

Re: 407 W. 14th Street

Dear Chair Tierney:

Manhattan Community Board 4 is writing about the application presented by Richard B. Lewis Architect for approval of proposed work at 407 W. 14th Street. The building is located in the Gansevoort Market Historic District. Built in 1876, it is part of a row of buildings which functioned as a brewery and later as housing. Presently it is used as office space.

The proposed uses for the location are a restaurant on the 1st and 2nd floor and offices on the 3rd and 4th floor. The proposed work at this location will include the following:

1. Removal of the existing store front infill within the existing frame. Restoration of historic elements including the existing cornice.
2. Installation of new glass panels and frameless glass doors within the restored existing framework.
3. Installation of new painted aluminum signage band in alignment with the band in storefront at the adjacent building to the west.
4. New polished stainless steel signage letters to be pin-mounted to the signage band and signage lighting.
5. Installation of new facebrick behind the glass storefront to finish the wall surface of the existing elevator shaft at a distance of 11 feet from the glass. This surface is proposed to be highlighted with up and down lights behind the glass panels.
6. Installation of new roof top mechanical equipment and chimney.

The applicant stated that the current application is for the work on the ground floor only; the façade and windows above the proposed storefront will be the subject of a separate application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission

Manhattan Community Board 4 recommends approval of the application for the proposed work on the ground floor. The proposed entry and storefront are inconspicuous and are consistent with earlier applications for similar locations on the block that have been approved by the Board and

the Commission.

In view of the application for work above the ground floor we would like to state in our recommendation that the rooftop equipment and chimney should be painted a dark grey color in order to diminish the strong visible impact from nearby locations like W. 15th Street.

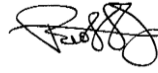
Sincerely,



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