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October 13, 2016

Michael P. Carey  
Executive Director  
Office of Citywide Event Coordination and Management  
Street Activity Permit Office  
100 Gold Street, 2nd Floor  
New York, NY 10038

**Re: Proposed Rule Changes to Street Events**

Dear Mr. Carey:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (“MCB4”) writes to thank the Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO) for extending the comment period for the proposed rule changes for street events.

MCB4’s Art, Culture, Education, and Street Life Committee (ACES) did not have the appropriate amount of time to deliver testimony at the hearing that is scheduled to take place on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and will be submitting comments after their committee meeting on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. MCB4 wants to express our thanks to you and your staff for its dedication and responsiveness and agreeing to present at the ACES Committee meeting.

Nevertheless MCB4 will like to be on record that many of these community events in the boundaries of MCB4 have a long history with the neighborhoods of Chelsea and Clinton/Hell’s Kitchen. These events do have an impact on both residents and small businesses in terms of noise, accessibility, and traffic congestion. However, they also greatly benefit the quality of life and fabric of the neighborhoods. MCB4 has a number of questions regarding the proposal to lift the moratorium on the number of events and replace it with a yearly cap of 10 multi- block events and 20 single block street festivals per community district. The potential affect in Community District 4 would allow for the addition of two multi-block events and double the number of single block events within Community District 4. In addition, MCB4 would like to better understand the proposed changes to event times and the impact these proposed rules will have on single block street festivals that are sponsored by local, long standing, block associations.

MCB4 looks forward to learning more about the proposed rule changes at the ACES Committee Meeting next week and appreciates your staff's willingness to attend.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Delores Rubin", enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Delores Rubin

Chair

Manhattan Community Board 4

cc: Hon. Gale A. Brewer, Manhattan Borough President  
Hon. Corey Johnson, City Council