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Hon. Sarah Carroll
Chair
Landmarks Preservation Commission
Municipal Building, 9th Floor
One Center Street, New York, NY 10007

Re: Proposal for Staff at 123 West 18th Street

Dear Chair Carroll:

At its regularly scheduled Full Board meeting on March 6th, Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4), voted 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining and 0 present but not eligible to vote to recommend approval with two conditions of an application for a staff at 123 West 18th Street. This recommendation reflects the vote of its Chelsea Land Use Committee at its February 21st meeting after a duly noticed public hearing at the committee meeting.

Background

The building at 123 West 18th Street is located in the Ladies Mile Historic District. The proposed silver staff, which requires Landmarks Preservation Commission approval, would be located on the front of the building. It is intended to identify the Metropolitan Pavilion, which offers event spaces and production services. The staff would be located under a third floor window and would project four feet over the sidewalk. The staff is designed to display a banner three feet by five feet. The banner would be attached to the facade by a wire. According to the applicant there are 47 banners in the Ladies Mile Historic District. The applicant provided photos of all these banners.

CB4 Recommendation

CB4 finds the proposed staff consistent with other staffs in the Ladies Mile Historic District and does not envision any negative impact on the neighborhood. CB4 recommends approval of the

proposed staff on the condition that the size of the banner be no larger than three feet by five feet and that the banner identifies the Metropolitan Pavilion or the events taking place there.

Sincerely,



Burt Lazarin
Chair
Manhattan Community Board 4



Lee Compton
Co-Chair
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Betty Mackintosh
Co-Chair
Chelsea Land Use Committee

Cc: Hon. Corey Johnson, Speaker of the New York City Council
Hon. Gale A Brewer, Manhattan Borough President