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**Re: LX Bus Company Bus Stop Permit at Ninth Avenue between 42<sup>nd</sup> and 43<sup>rd</sup> Streets**

Dear Borough Commissioner Pincar and Executive Director Cotton,

At our January 2<sup>nd</sup> Full Board meeting, Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) voted to deny, by a vote of 35 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote, the application for a bus stop permit from LX Bus Company at Ninth Avenue between 42<sup>nd</sup> and 43<sup>rd</sup> Streets.

This location is unsuitable for several reasons, principally because the proposed location is in a designated MTA bus lane and much of the block is already in use as an SBS bus stop for the M34A bus, and regular service stop for the M11 bus. The notion that we would obstruct MTA bus service for a long distance operator is simply unacceptable. The location is also in front of Manhattan Plaza, with over 1,600 units and a large number of senior residents who rely on MTA bus service daily. The obstruction of these bus stops would force MTA bus drivers to stop buses in the adjacent through-traffic lane, making for unsafe conditions, particularly for elderly and disabled passengers.

In our discussions regarding the application, the applicant agrees that this is an unsuitable location and neither is it his preferred location. We'd like the PANYNJ to make every effort to find an available space in the terminal for this operator, given its limited schedule; LX Bus Company will provide service from New York City to State College, PA, year-round, with one

bus making 14 pickups/dropoffs per week: a daily 6:45 PM pickup and a daily 5:00 AM drop-off.

We agree with the applicant that—absent a space in the terminal—his first choice, the north side of West 41<sup>st</sup> Street between Eighth and Ninth Avenues adjoining the Newark Airport Express Bus Service operated by Coach USA, is preferable. We support this location, and request that PANYNJ provide approval.

If neither of these options is available, we support a different street location: the north side of 42<sup>nd</sup> Street between Eighth and Ninth Avenues, closest to Ninth Avenue (in front of the TD Bank at 582-6 Ninth Avenue's 42<sup>nd</sup> Street frontage). This location provides ample sidewalk space for passenger queues, would not impact in any significant way the M42 cross-town bus service, and provides the operator with quick access to the Lincoln Tunnel, via the Dyer Avenue contraflow lane. This location being so close to this tunnel entrance will minimize congestion impacts.

Sincerely,



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