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Ed Pincar
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor
New York, NY 10037

Re: Street Seat Proposals for 444 10th Avenue (35) and 511 W. 20th Street (10/11)

Dear Borough Commissioner Pincar,

At its April 3rd Full Board meeting, Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) voted to support two Street Seat installations located at the above addresses by a vote of 31 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote. We thank the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the owners of Fresh & Co (444 Tenth Avenue, 35) and Underline Coffee (511 W. 20th Street, 10/11) for presenting their proposals at the Transportation Committee meeting on March 20th and for offering these public amenities to the community.

CB4 asks that DOT explore the possibility of a rectangular instead of triangular footprint for the 511 W. 20th Street location to give as much public access to the installation as possible. We also request that the number of signs indicating that the seating is open to the public be increased and the signs be made more visible.

Per the Street Seat standard agreement between DOT and the sponsoring business, the installation and surrounding area must be routinely cleaned and maintained by the sponsoring business, including breaking down furnishings each night and setting up each morning during the season (March through December).

CB4 appreciates the Street Seat program and the commitment from DOT and the sponsoring businesses to create more public access to shared communal space.

Sincerely,



Burt Lazarin
Chair
Manhattan Community Board 4



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