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Meatpacking District Management Association
32 Gansevoort Street, 5th Floor
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Re: 14th Street tree pit and planter installation

Thank you for the Meatpacking District's (Meatpacking BID) presentation by Amy Tse of the BID and Ken Smith of Ken Smith Workshop regarding the proposal to install new tree pits and planters on West 14th Street between Ninth and Tenth Avenues.

The installation will bring approximately 12 new trees and pits to the corridor, 8 of which will be in Community District 4 (CD4). The plan also calls for a total of 22 new street herbaceous planters, 15 of which are in CD4 and will sit on top of the sidewalk. Each pit/planter will measure 5'x10', which is the standard Parks' Department recommended tree pit size, and be made of corten steel. We applaud the BID's creativity to bring more greenery to the streetscape by employing planters along a utility-heavy corridor and proposing in-ground trees only where they are possible.

Part of the area is within the Gansevoort Market Historic District and the proposed planters are contextual to the redesign and improvements along Ninth Avenue from Gansevoort Street to West 16th Street, as well as providing a tie to the High Line. The project is moving through the public approvals process and will need review and approval by the Landmarks Preservation Commission and the Public Design Commission. Once improved and installed, the BID will be responsible for planting and maintaining the tree pits and planters and will hold a maintenance agreement with the Department of Transportation.

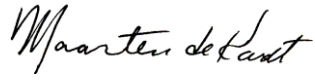
Trees are always welcome in CD4, and while we support the installation of the pits and planters, as voted by MCB4's Full Board at its December 5th meeting with 33 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining and 1 present not eligible to vote, we ask the BID to make its best efforts to use this installation as a way to mitigate storm water run-off.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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