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January 3, 2019

Lorelei Salas
Commissioner
Department of Consumer Affairs
42 Broadway, Lobby
New York, NY 10004

Re: Newsstand Application – 411 West 42nd Street (N/W/C of Ninth Avenue)

Dear Commissioner Salas,

At its January 2nd Full Board meeting, Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) **opposed** the installation of a newsstand at this location with 32 in favor, 1 against, 1 abstaining and 0 present but not eligible to vote. It is a fairly congested area with many tourists using this sidewalk to reach the Hudson River Park, the Intrepid, the Circle Line and Pier 84. The newsstand would also be in front of Ollie's, a restaurant that needs all the visibility it can get to survive in this corner of Hell's Kitchen. We'd also like to point out that another newsstand located 200-ft. west of the proposed one, has been closed for a few months. It seems that there may not be enough business to sustain a newsstand operation on this stretch.

Based on these facts, we reached out to the applicant's lawyer and suggested a new location (middle of the north side of 42nd Street between Eighth and Ninth Avenues) where the sidewalk is wider and the foot traffic is much higher. We are scheduling a walk through with the applicant and his lawyer in early January.

We request that you do not approve this location as it may be a poor investment for the applicant and would risk hurting the existing businesses, but rather consider the new substitute application that will be forthcoming in January 2019.

Sincerely,



Burt Lizarin
Chair
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