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

**Re: Bike Corral Application from 368 W 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Apartments, Inc.**

Dear Borough Commissioner Pincar:

At its May 1<sup>st</sup> Full Board meeting, Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) voted to recommend, by a vote of 35 in favor, 0 against, 4 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote, the installation of a bike corral on Ninth Avenue, just south of the pedestrian refuge near the South East corner of the Avenue and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. This would replace a number of smaller racks currently installed on the sidewalk in front of the Chelsea Square Restaurant at 368 W. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. The building manager at 208 Ninth Avenue requested the change and the owner of the restaurant, John Lapsatis, has agreed to maintain the new corral area.

In their current locations, the racks impede on pedestrian right of way, while not providing adequate capacity for the needs of area residents and delivery people. The proposal calls for removing those racks and installing a larger corral (6 to 8 rings) in the striped zone north of the parking spaces and between the bike lane and the parking spaces. This type of installation has proven successful in generating fewer conflicts between cyclists and pedestrians on the sidewalk, and allowing for increased capacity.

Sincerely,

Burt Lazarin  
Chair  
Manhattan Community Board 4



Christine Berthet  
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Cc: John Lapsatis, Chelsea Square Restaurant  
Phyllis Waisman, 300 West 21st/22nd/23rd Streets Block Association