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

Re: Loading Zone Study in Chelsea

Dear Borough Commissioner Pincar,

Manhattan Community board 4 (MCB4) is pleased to be part of a citywide pilot program to evaluate the effectiveness of providing designated curb space for pick-up and drop-off of passengers and loading/unloading of goods in order to reduce incidences of double parking and standing. Such regulations have been installed since July 5, 2019, on 15th and 16th Streets in Community District 4.

These new regulations occupy a very small portion of the curb. At its July 24th Full Board meeting, MCB4 voted by 35 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote, on the following recommendations:

- The affected areas should be notified by flyers or other means before the change is effective. This will be useful for residents and all delivery companies to familiarize themselves with the regulation to properly use the dedicated curb space. In this case, there was no notification.
- Fleets of taxis and delivery companies should also be educated on such regulations.
- Residents or delivery companies do not understand these new signs: few people in the public understand the subtleties of curbside etiquette like the differences between parking, standing, stopping etc. They do not know what is allowed or not under the generic term “No Parking.” As a result, they do not use the curb space and continue to double-park. The “No Parking” sign should be replaced by a more explicit and positive sign; perhaps “passengers/goods, pick up/drop off – 15 min. max.”

Thank you for taking these important steps in assuring the success of this program.

Sincerely,



Burt Lazarin
Chair
Manhattan Community Board 4



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