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

**Re: Installation of Street Seat at 302 West 37<sup>th</sup> Street (8/9)**

Dear Acting Commissioner Pincar,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) heard a presentation for a Street Seat proposal at 302 West 37<sup>th</sup> Street, in front of Mike's Barber Shop. The Street Seat would be located on the south side of the block, between Eighth and Ninth Avenues, and would replace two parking spaces. At its July 25<sup>th</sup> Full Board meeting, MCB4 voted in support of this application with a vote of 28 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstaining and 0 present but not eligible to vote.

Street Seats is a program created by the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) to increase the number of public seating areas for pedestrians when there is not enough sidewalk space to provide such. Walking markedly improves health and longevity and it is proven that older adults walk more if there is seating available at regular intervals.

Street Seats are installed in the parking lane. Each installation consists of a raised platform flushed with the curb for ADA access, planters, and seating, in conformance with the DOT's design parameters for Street Seats. It is to be paid for, insured, and maintained by the applicant, the Garment District Alliance Business Improvement District (BID). It would be removed to storage each year during the winter months of November 15<sup>th</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup>.

This application is for a standard configuration Street Seat, using two on-street parking spaces in front of the buildings and community space. A concern about improper usage of the installation by the occupants of a recovery facility on the block was raised, and the applicant has agreed to remove the installation should it become necessary.

MCB4 enthusiastically endorses this implementation of the DOT's Street Seat program. It is at a well-suited location, a welcoming refuge in the dynamic Garment District.

Sincerely,



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