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

**Re: Newsstand Application in front of 305 West 44<sup>th</sup> Street**

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) at its July 25<sup>th</sup> Full Board meeting, voted unanimously to deny this application by a vote of 29 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote.

The applicant did not attend the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of MCB4's Transportation Planning Committee to present the application and introduce themselves to our community. Had they done so, they would have learned that the proposed location is in between an exit of the Times Square subway station and the Hotel Workers Union headquarters, which contains large conference rooms and generates a fair amount of foot traffic.

This area is generally overwhelmed with pedestrians and commuters and we do not support any impediment to their safe mobility.

Should the Department of Consumer Affairs decide to advance this application, we request that the NYC Department of Transportation perform a study of pedestrian congestion on this sidewalk at peak hours to inform the decision.

Sincerely,



Burt Lazarin  
Chair  
Manhattan Community  
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