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**Re: 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue International Food Festival**

**Applicant:** Ninth Avenue International Food Festival (Event ID# 257996)  
**Location:** Ninth Avenue between 42<sup>nd</sup> and 57<sup>th</sup> Streets  
**Date:** May 14 and 15, 2016  
**Time:** **10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

The Ninth Avenue International Food Festival (“Festival”) is the oldest and largest continuing food festival in New York City. Given the long-standing presence of this well-attended street activity, Manhattan Community Board 4’s (“MCB4”) Full Board voted to support the Quality of Life Committee’s (“QOL”) recommendation to approve this application on the condition that the applicant adhere to all prior stipulations, as well as the following additional stipulations, as verbally agreed to, for all future Festivals:

- The applicant must keep all designated bike lanes 100% clear.
- The applicant must keep the sidewalks 100% clear.
- The applicant will consider making donations to organizations that are based within MCB4’s geographical boundaries.

MCB4 also requests clarity on the nature of the approximately \$50,000 annually donated to charities from the estimated \$250,000 in revenue generated from the Festival. As the Festival is aware, QOL has certain questions regarding how this revenue is distributed among non-profit grantees. We are, therefore, specifically interested in receiving the following information:

- 1) a list of grantees that have been funded over the past five years;
- 2) the amounts each grantee received per year;
- 3) a short description of each grantee’s mission statement;
- 4) links to the websites of all grantees;
- 5) the amount of funds donated to smaller organizations that are based within MCB4;
- 6) a brief outline describing the process by which charities are selected;
- 7) the grant application;
- 8) and the agreement between grantor and grantee.

Recognizing that the Festival is close to a month away, MCB4 would be satisfied to receive the details requested above within 60 days so as not to interfere with the granting of a permit for the event.

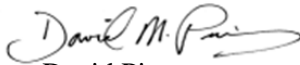
MCB4 acknowledges that the Ninth Avenue International Food Festival benefits many Block Associations, and non-profit organizations, in our district through both financial donations and pro-bono vendor spaces.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Chair  
Community Board 4



David Pincus  
Co-Chair  
Quality of Life Committee



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