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Michael P. Carey
Executive Director
Street Activity Permit Office
100 Gold Street, 2nd Floor
New York, NY 10038

RE: Street Activity Permit
Applicant: Clearview Productions
Location: 9th Avenue, between 14th & 15th Streets
Date: 5/21/2016
Time: 10am-6pm (includes setup and breakdown)

Dear Mr. Carey,

At a Quality of Life Committee Meeting of Community Board 4 held on March 7, 2016, the committee recommended approval of the street activity permit for a Clearview Festival Productions' Pop Up Block Event to be held on May 21st, 2016 on Ninth Avenues between 14th and 15th Streets. The event is intended to benefit the Community Council of the 10th Precinct. The promoters have agreed to continue prior stipulations and have instituted additional conditions to be adhered to by the vendors.

In attendance for Clearview Productions: Robert Ashe, Evan Berman and Todd Berman, Detective Michael Petrillo for the Community Council of the 10th Precinct who expressed the need for CB4's support, Mr. Miguel Acevedo, who spoke positively on behalf of the residents of Fulton Houses (a NYCHA housing development situated at West 16th-19th Streets, between 9th-10th Avenues.

Mr. Stanley Bulbach, Chair of the West 15th Street 100 & 200 Block Association, who was not present, sent a letter expressing the Association's concerns noting:

- 1) the lack of traffic control at each end of West 15th Street;
- 2) the use of amplified music that exceeds New York City noise codes and regulations;
- 3) and noisy diesel generators and grills that emit smoke and fumes.

Presenters from Clearview Productions explained that the proposed event is their "Premium" Event Production which they introduced last year with great success.

Aspects of Premium Event and new stipulations:

- a) no amplified music;
- b) Greater vetting of vendors;

- c) ensuring all vendors use specific Honda low noise low fume generators;
- d) Different food service that does not produce the smoke from traditional grills;
- e) Sidewalks not to be used as staging areas;
- f) Staff a prominently placed information booth;
- g) And use marshalls to monitor and check vendor licenses.

Clearview Productions, in conjunction with the 10th Precinct agreed to:

- h) Post auxiliary officers to improve traffic control at both ends of West 15th Street;
- i) Additional police officers for security;
- j) Bike lane to be closed between 14th & 15th streets for safety concerns.

Detective Petrillo stressed that because the annual block event has been curtailed from three (3) days to a one (1) day event, income derived from the events has been reduced by 60%, thereby diminishing the CC 10's ability to provide the same level of community programming as it has been able to in past years.

The current policy of the New York City Street Activity Permit Office ("SAPO") is to restrict issuing permits to applicants who have not been consistently submitting applications. The Quality of Life Committee requests a meeting with SAPO to discuss the disadvantages of these restrictions on the city's residents, and to urge SAPO to reinstitute the three (3) day event.

Sincerely,



Delores Rubin
Chair
Community Board 4



David Pincus
Co-Chair
Quality of Life Committee



Tina DiFelicianantonio
Co-Chair
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cc: Council of Chelsea Block Associations