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February 11, 2020

Madelyn Wils
President
Hudson River Park Trust
Pier 40
New York, NY 10014

Re: Bike Rental NYC

Dear Ms. Wils,

Manhattan Community Board 4 would like to thank Bike Rent NYC for their presentation to the Waterfront, Parks, and Environment Committee on Thursday, January 9, 2020. By a vote of its Full Board membership, with 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 present not eligible, and 0 abstaining, on February 5, 2020, Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) recommends the following:

Pier 84 has historically had a bike rental facility on the southeast portion of the pier just off the Greenway, which also utilized the Pier House. In the lease with Hudson River Park Trust, Bike NYC will utilize 600 square feet of interior space and 1,000 square feet of outside space for its bike rental operation. Like sidewalk cafes, the Board hopes the pier area is not subject to “bike creep” and the operator only uses its 1,000 square feet of exterior space.

Additionally, MCB4 asks that no hawking of bike rentals on the pier or aggressive street marketing is utilized to attract business. Renters should also be provided instructions about the rules of the road among which are: bicycles are considered vehicles, riding on sidewalks is not permitted, and they must stop for pedestrians on the Greenway.

While the operator has a number of ADA compliant options, we ask that best efforts are made to accommodate as many different disability needs as possible so anyone who wants to enjoy a bike can do so.

And finally, while we recognize that this business will be driven by rentals to tourists, the idea of guided bike tours on the Greenway is alarming considering it is the busiest bikeway in North

America. Tours must operate in a single file line. We also request that the operator appear before the MCB4 Transportation Committee to further discuss its operations on the Greenway.

We thank Bike Rent NYC for its presentation and wish it success.

Thank you.

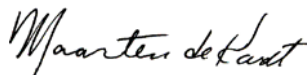
Sincerely,



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