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MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD

October 20, 2000

Ms. Katherine Gray and
Mr. Ross Graham
Chairs
Manhattan Community Board No. 4
300 West 42nd Street
New York, NY 10036

Dear Mr. Graham and Ms. Gray:

Governor Pataki has asked me to respond to your recent letter to him in which you expressed opposition to the construction of a sports stadium at the West Side Rail Yards in Manhattan.

The Governor and I understand your concerns and believe that with any large scale development project, such as building over the West Side Rail Yards, serious consideration should be given to all elements such as: community impact, environmental impact, and financial impact, to name a few. At this time we have not requested nor received any concrete proposals for any type of development for this area of Manhattan.

As you know, any State funded plan would be required to go through the URLUP process and would have the pre-requisite public hearings and public review period, at which time we would encourage you to make your opinions known.

Thank you for writing and sharing the opinion of Community Board 4 on future possible development of the West Side.

Sincerely,



File: Stadium
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cc: Katherine G
Ross