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June 9th, 2020

Jonel Doris
Commissioner
Small Business Services
110 William St., 7th Floor New York, NY 10038

RE: Flatiron/23rd Street Partnership Business Improvement District Proposed Expansion

Dear Commissioner Doris:

On the recommendation of its Chelsea Land Use Committee, following a duly noticed Committee meeting on May 18, 2020, Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) at its regularly scheduled meeting on June 3, 2020, voted by a vote of 48 in favor, 01 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote, to recommend approval of the proposed expansion of the Flatiron Business Improvement District (BID).

The BID Expansion Steering Committee, a group of community stakeholders, is proposing to expand the district boundaries to provide services and improvements to areas of the neighborhood that were not included in the 2006 BID creation. The proposed expansion contains a small portion of Community District 4: three full blocks and one partial block facing the western side of Sixth Avenue between West 19th Street and West 26th Street.

The expanded BID will continue the formula employed by the current BID to calculate the annual special assessment for each property in the district, which includes a nominal annual \$1.00 per residential building fee. The proposed expansion will bring their robust services—sanitation, safety, homeless outreach, marketing, and public improvements—to a larger footprint that includes NoMad, the Sixth Avenue gateway to the district and West 20th Street.

In April 2020, the Flatiron BID Expansion Steering Committee submitted its BID expansion proposal and documented statements of support to the NYC Department of Small Business Services for its formal consideration and review. They Steering Committee hopes to enter the legislative phase by mid-2020 with a goal to begin implementation of expanded BID services in early 2021.

CB4 is pleased to support the expanded BID boundaries.

Sincerely,



Lowell D. Kern
Chair
Manhattan Community Board 4



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Enclosure

CC: Hon. Corey Johnson, Speaker of the City Council
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Hon. Carlina Rivera, City Council
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