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Edward Pincar Jr.
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
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59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor
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Re: Neighborhood Loading Zones (NLZs)

Dear Borough Commissioner Pincar,

Thank you for your letter dated December 1, 2020 updating Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) on the implementation of the Neighborhood Loading Zone (NLZ) program. Neighborhood Loading Zone is a new curbside regulation that frees up 40ft of curb to allow for quick pick-up, drop off and deliveries without blocking the flow of traffic. We are very enthusiastic about this program. The feedback from our neighbors on West 16th Street has also been overwhelmingly positive.

At its January 6, 2021 Full Board meeting, MCB4 voted by 40 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible, to make the following suggestions for optimizing this program:

1. It will be important to notify communities about the NLZ program generally and about specific locations where they are installed. MCB4 will endeavor to do outreach to area residents, businesses, and stakeholders. Towards this end, we'd like advance notice (two weeks) of the installations in our district, including clear graphics, maps, and/or diagrams to use in our communications.
2. Large residential buildings and/or block associations would like to have more input on specific locations. The Department of Transportation could implement an application process similar to Open Dining.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Lowell D. Kern
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