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Sarah Carroll, Chair
Landmarks Preservation Commission
David N. Dinkins Municipal Building, 9th Floor North
1 Centre Street
New York, NY 10007

**Re: LPC Application to Install Planters on sidewalk at 675 Avenue of the Americas
in the Ladies Mile Historic District**

Dear Chair Carroll:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4), at its regularly scheduled meeting on October 2022, voted, by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote, to recommend to the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) a denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the addition of sidewalk planters at 675 Avenue of the Americas, located in the Historic Ladies Mile District. The Board found that the proposed planters are not consistent with the historical design of the building, nor are they being proposed with any consideration to furthering the elements of the historic district.

BACKGROUND

The Ladies Historic District was a prime shopping district in Manhattan, New York City at the end of the 19th century, serving the well-to-do "carriage trade" of the city. It was designated in May 1989 by the New York City Landmark Preservation Commission, and today it remains a busy shopping area with pedestrians, cyclists, vehicles and vendors competing for limited space.

APPLICATION

The proposal is for the addition of five planters to be placed on the sidewalk. The size of the planter is determined by DOT and the owner reports to have selected locations to comply with DOT guidance.

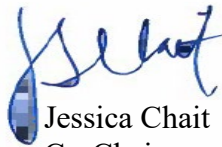
CB4 RECOMMENDATION

On the recommendation of Chelsea Land Use, Community Board Four recommends the denial of this application. No information was provided to suggest that these planters will in any way be able to contribute to the historic elements of the building or the district. Additionally, material selection and size is determined by DOT and not in consideration of the historic nature of the area. Moreover, the addition of planters, if approved, will, without question, contribute to the further overcrowding of the sidewalk, hinder vendor business, and present a hazard as pedestrian views of the bike lane and other oncoming traffic are hindered.

Sincerely,



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