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Ed Pincar
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor
New York, NY 10038

Re: Limited Local Access Open Streets on Hudson Boulevard East (33-35) & West (35-37)

Dear Borough Commissioner Pincar,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) at its January 4th Full Board meeting by a vote of 43 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 1 present but not eligible to vote, voted to fully support the Hudson Yards/Hell's Kitchen Alliance BID (HYHK) plan to install and operate Limited Local Access Open Streets on Hudson Boulevard East (West 33rd to West 35th Streets) and Hudson Boulevard West (West 35th to West 37th Streets).

The "Open Street" program was initiated during COVID. In May 2021, the New York City Council passed legislation to make Open Streets a permanent program of the New York City Department of Transportation. The goal of the program is to transform NYC streets into public space open to all. Today there are 28.2 miles of Open Streets in New York City, over 430 City blocks.

A "Limited Local Access" Open Street is designated for pedestrian and cyclist use and enjoyment. Local vehicle access is allowed for limited use. Drivers are advised to be extremely cautious and to drive 5 MPH or slower on the Open Streets. No through traffic is permitted while Open Streets are in effect except for vehicles that must do the following on the street:

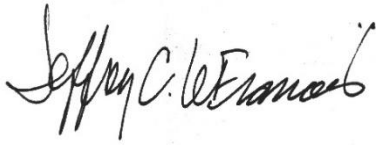
- Parking (all regulations apply)
- Picking up/dropping off,
- Local deliveries
- Emergency vehicles
- Access-A-Ride

- Utility vehicles
- City service vehicles

The proposed blocks are very lightly travelled as they are adjacent to a park and construction sites. The barricade will be operated by the HYHK BID staff. There will be daily and weekly activation by the BID staff as was the case last year.

MCB4 supports these Open Streets.

Sincerely,



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