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Manhattan Borough Commissioner  
NYC Department of Parks and Recreation  
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24 West 61<sup>st</sup> Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10023

**Re: Study for Dog Run in Chelsea Park**

Dear Borough Commissioner Perez,

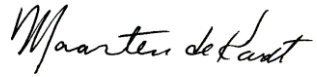
At its February 1<sup>st</sup> Full Board meeting, Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4), by a vote of 41 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions and 0 present but not eligible agreed to support NYC Parks' study of Chelsea Park and current handball courts located at West 27<sup>th</sup> Street and Ninth Avenue as a suitable location for an area dog run.

Last month, MCB4 recommended the closure of a temporary dog run at Penn South Playground. The temporary dog park in the playground has been closed for several weeks. Although there were many problems with the location of this dog run, we recognize the importance of its convenience and community building effects. It is clear that the community would greatly benefit from an alternative nearby location that meets the siting requirements of NYC Parks and vetted by a proper community review process which includes the input of the surrounding area stakeholders such as Hudson Guild and NYCHA Elliot-Chelsea Tenants.

We appreciate NYC Parks' expeditiousness in finding an appropriate, permanent location for a new dog run in Chelsea and look forward to playing a role in the discussion of the future use of Chelsea Park.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey LeFrancois  
Chair  
Manhattan Community Board 4



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Co-chair  
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