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

**Re: Neighborhood Loading Zone on West 36<sup>th</sup> Street (8/9)**

Dear Borough Commissioner Pincar:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) at its June 7<sup>th</sup> Full Board meeting by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible, supports the Chain Theater's request for a 50-ft Neighborhood Loading Zone, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in front of 312 West 36<sup>th</sup> Street.

The Chain Theatre is a nonprofit theatre and film company which showcases new works. Several other small theaters also operate in the building. They host shows with limited runs and each require appropriate curb space to load in and load out various production components, such as sets.

West 36<sup>th</sup> Street is very congested as it is an exit from the Lincoln Tunnel with commercial parking on both sides of the street. Any deliveries while double parking negatively impact the traffic and are dangerous to the staff. The current 3-hour commercial parking regulation does not provide sufficient turnover in the parking spaces.

Alternatively, changing the current regulation to a commercial delivery zone, limited to 30 minutes in duration, from 7 AM to midnight, 7 days a week, would provide the necessary relief for these local artistic institutions, which are critical to sustaining a vibrant theatre ecosystem in our district.

Sincerely,



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Chair  
Manhattan Community Board 4



Christine Berthet  
Co-Chair  
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Co-Chair  
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cc: Christina Perry, Chain Theatre