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New York Director of Government &  
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Port Authority of New York and New Jersey  
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**Re: Astro's Community Dog Run**

Dear Mr. Hersh,

Astro's Community Dog Run (10th Avenue & 39th Street) is a wonderful and valuable amenity in our district. Thanks to the Port Authority and neighborhood leaders, this agreed upon, negotiated space has served hundreds of pet owners in our neighborhood providing a much needed outdoor dog space.

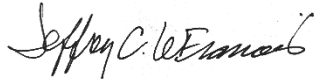
In anticipation of the upcoming Port Authority Bus Terminal (PABT) replacement project, the Port Authority informed the volunteer organizers of the dog run the Port Authority will be closing Astro's at the end of this year. Considering the current proposed development and construction timeline, with construction on phase 1 beginning earliest in 2026, this request makes no sense.

By a Full Board vote of 34 in favor, 0 against, 3 abstentions and 0 present not eligible, Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) requests the following:

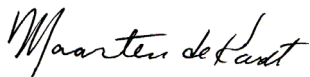
- Astro's Dog Run should remain open until the space is needed for designated construction use and not sooner.
- We request that the Port Authority work with MCB4 and Astro's Community Dog Run representatives to locate both temporary and permanent relocation sites both during and after the PABT replacement project and before any eventual closure.

MCB4 would like to thank the Port Authority for their ongoing support of Astro's Community Dog Run. We look forward to having continued communication focusing on keeping Astro's a valued, operational amenity throughout this transition process.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey LeFrancois  
Chair  
Manhattan Community Board 4



Maarten deKadt  
Co-chair  
Waterfront, Parks & Environment Committee



Leslie Boghosian Murphy  
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cc: Hon. Erik Bottcher, City Council  
Astro's Dog Run Leadership