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Hon. Erik Bottcher
NYC Council Member
224 West 30th St, Suite 1206
New York, NY 10001

Re: NYC Street Renaming Application re: Captain C.B. “Sully” Sullenberger

Dear Council Member Bottcher,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4), at the October 4 Full Board Meeting voted, by a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention, and 0 present but not eligible, to recommend denial of Linda Lipman’s request for a Secondary Street Co-Naming of Captain C.B. “Sully” Sullenberger on West 50th Street.

The Board found that the applicant did not meet the intent of the Board’s guidelines regarding Secondary Street Re-Namings. Although the Board acknowledges the heroism displayed by Captain Sullenberger on January 15, 2009 when he and his crew safely guided US Airways Flight 1549 to an emergency landing on the Hudson River, the Board believes that Secondary Street Co-Namings should be reserved for individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary longstanding commitment to New York City and the relevant area. The Board believes that Captain Sullenberger’s heroism would be more appropriately celebrated with a plaque closer to the Hudson River.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey LeFrancois
Chair
Manhattan Community Board 4

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Christine Berthet
Co-Chair
Transportation Planning Committee

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Jesse Greenwald
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