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Richard Davey
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Dear President Davey:

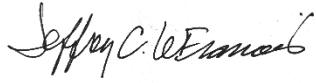
Manhattan Community Board 4 (“MCB4”) at its December 6th Full Board meeting, by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible, writes to express our community’s urgent need for elevators at the MTA stations located on Eighth Avenue and 23rd Street and Sixth Avenue and 23rd Street (the “23rd Street elevators”). We request that this work be part of MTA’s next five-year plan and would like the MTA to provide us with relevant information regarding the criteria used to prioritize locations for elevators.

MCB4 understands that the notice and comment period for the 2025-2029 Capital Program will begin sometime during the 2024 calendar year. Over the coming months, MCB4 will meet with relevant community groups and advocacy organizations to provide the MTA with the information it needs to designate the 23rd Street elevators as a high priority in its next capital plan.

Accordingly, MCB4 requests that the MTA provide it with the criteria used to select the stations chosen to install elevators, including but not limited to demographic information, disability access maps, or MTA policies. It would be particularly helpful to see the list of elevator installations underway at subway stations, and how these stations were chosen.

Finally, MCB4 writes to thank MTA for the work in progress toward the installation of new subway grates in our district, the elevator replacement at West 14th Street and Sixth Avenue, and the accessibility improvements between the Sixth and Seventh Avenue stations on 14th Street.

Sincerely,



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