

## CITY OF NEW YORK MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD FOUR

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**Re: Installation of Citi Bike Stations** 

Dear EVP Tewksbury, President Doyle, and Commissioner Pincar,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) at its February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, voted by 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible, to reiterate its request that Chelsea Piers accelerate its installation of Citibike Stations on its property to encourage healthier and greener commuting modes in and out of the facility.

Our April 20, 2022 letter to the Hudson River Park Trust (HRPT) asked that you "Install at least two bikeshare stations in the eastern parking lane adjacent to the access points to the greenway in addition to the location previously identified in the garage by the fitness center entrance."

Since then, Citibike use has continued to increase (+30% in 2023). MCB4 has heard from neighbors and Chelsea Piers tenants how valuable and convenient Citibike stations around Chelsea Piers would be. Currently there is a dearth of Citibike stations along the Park, making it inaccessible to many New Yorkers who could enjoy it. On the Hudson River Greenway, the closest stations are located at Pier 81 to the north and Pier 40 to the south, both over a mile from Chelsea Piers. The stations located on the east side of Tenth Avenue are not accessible or convenient as they require the crossing of two dangerous avenues.

We understand that building an internal station may not be feasible pending your facilities renovations. Permanent stations located near the pedestrian crossing across from 20<sup>th</sup> Street or adjacent to the pickup lane at the north of your facility and on one of the three lanes exiting the facilities at the south end would be very appropriate.

With Spring coming soon, we thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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