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May 15, 2024

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

Re: Street Co-Naming Application for 37th Street & 10th Avenue in honor of Baryshnikov Arts 20th Anniversary and Orchestra of St. Luke's 50th Anniversary.

Dear Council Member Bottcher,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4), at the May 1 Full Board Meeting voted, by a vote of 38 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstention, and 0 present but not eligible, to recommend **denial** of the Orchestra of St. Luke's and Baryshnikov Arts request for a Secondary Street Co-Naming of "Baryshnikov Arts and Orchestra of St. Luke's Way" on 37th Street & 10th Avenue.

The Board finds that the applicant, as a non-profit organization, does not meet the intent of the Board's guidelines regarding Secondary Street Co-namings. Although the Board acknowledges the important and laudable work of the Orchestra of St. Luke's and Baryshnikov Arts in bringing music education and programming to the students of Hell's Kitchen public schools, as well as its offer of high-quality performance and rehearsal space to New York City artists, the Board believes that the Baryshnikov Arts complex on West 37th Street is already a very prominent and appropriate marker for the extraordinary work being done.

Secondary Street Co-Namings are reserved for individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to New York City and the relevant area. Further, the sign could be construed as promoting commercial activity, which is not congruent with our guidelines.

We feel very fortunate that the Baryshnikov Center is in our midst serving the community, but a street sign is not an appropriate medium to celebrate the organization's anniversary.

Sincerely,

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Jessica Chait
Chair
Manhattan Community Board 4

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Christine Berthet
Co-Chair
Transportation Planning Committee

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Co-Chair
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Cc: Orchestra of St. Luke's/Baryshnikov Arts