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May 13, 2026

Salah Essa
Mido's Halal Food Truck

Re: Follow up requests regarding Mido's Food Truck operations

Dear Mr. Essa,

At its May 6th meeting, by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible, Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) writes in follow-up to our March 13, 2026 letter (the "Letter") regarding your operations on the northeast corner of West 58th Street and 9th Avenue and the serious concerns raised by nearby residents.

We first want to acknowledge and appreciate your decision to appear before the Community Board, engage directly with residents, and seek a path forward. We understand that your goal is to address the concerns raised in the Letter in a way that allows you to continue operating your truck in a manner that preserves the surrounding residents' quality of life and eliminates the need for further enforcement. That engagement is a constructive step, and we are pleased by your willingness to participate in that dialogue.

To that end, your representatives indicated that going forward, you intend to rely more heavily on food carts rather than the truck itself. This may well be a solution. To that end, appended to this letter are a set of "Neighborly and Law Adherence Requests" developed by residents, which reflect both legal requirements and reasonable expectations for operating a heavily used kitchen in a dense residential area. These include:

- Turning off non-essential lighting from 9:00 PM through sunrise;
- Minimizing generator noise and keeping equipment enclosed and well-maintained;
- Installing filters in the truck and the carts exhaust system to minimize greasy smoke to escape;

- Regular and thorough cleaning of sidewalks and gutters, including grease and food waste;
- Providing and maintaining adequate trash receptacles;
- Ensuring orderly customer queuing and minimizing loitering, noise, and smoking near residences; and
- Organizing delivery activity so that bikes and personnel do not obstruct the sidewalk;

In addition, MCB4 emphasizes again our expectations regarding your operations, including the following legal requirements:

- Complying with the legal requirement to visit a commissary daily;
- Complying with all applicable traffic and parking laws. As noted previously, a commercial vehicle may not occupy a commercial loading zone beyond the permitted 3-hour commercial parking limit or other applicable restrictions, nor may it circumvent these rules by repeatedly feeding the meter;
- Furnish upon request the FDNY issued Certificate of Compliance for your handling of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (propane and butane) and your commercial cooking system (these may be covered by the Department of Health vending license)
- If you transition to cart-based operations, those operations must be conducted in a manner that is orderly, respectful, and fully compliant with all applicable laws and regulations.

We understand that both you and the community are ready to proceed in good faith. We very much expect consistent compliance and meaningful improvement to demonstrate your stated objective to be a good neighbor.

At the same time, we reiterate that relocation remains a viable and, in many respects, preferable long-term solution given the documented impacts on this residential block, including exhaust entering apartments, bright lighting, and grease and waste accumulation. We would be happy to assist in identifying a more suitable location that better accommodates both your business and the surrounding community.

We appreciate your attention to these concerns and your stated willingness to work collaboratively toward a resolution. MCB4 has a longstanding commitment to supporting small, locally run businesses, which are vital to the character and economic health of our neighborhoods. We recognize that Mido's is a family-run operation, and it is our goal to see your business continue to succeed — provided it operates in a manner that is fully compliant with applicable laws and respectful of the surrounding residential community.

Sincerely,



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Neighborly and Law Adherence Requests from the Residents of 345 W 58th St for Mido's Halal Food Corporation. 4.16.26

All requests below are based on current issues we face due to the presence of Mido's Halal Food Corporation:

All lights that are not necessary for cooking be turned off from 9pm through sunrise.

Generators remain inside the cart with the doors closed to minimize sound. Have generators regularly maintained as to keep them as quiet as possible.

Request delivery personnel who arrive on the sidewalk via bike to wait by the curb for their delivery to be ready, so they are not obstructing the heavy flow of foot traffic.

Regularly clean sidewalk with an appropriate cleaning agent to remove grease and food stains that accumulate over time.

Periodic clean-up throughout day/night of food waste, plastic bags, utensils, paper etc. from sidewalk, street gutter and 345 W 58th St fenced tree beds and landscaping in front of building.

Daily cleaning of grease puddles that may accumulate. Please do not sweep the puddles in the direction of the driveway of 345 W 58th St.

Provide a waste bin for customers that is regularly emptied so it does not overflow.

As required by law, visit a commissary daily instead of serving the cart on the sidewalk.

Do not obstruct metered commercial zone or double park the two white vans used to service the cart. NY license plates LGY3614 and 49584NE.

Request customers do not loiter on the property of 345 W 58th St and maintain a respectable volume of noise.

Request customers do not smoke cigarettes, marijuana or vape under the windows of 345 W 58th St.

We encourage you to work with the other vendors on the block to reference these neighborly and law-abiding requests as to not cause confusion of who is at fault if fault does arise.