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Danielle Zuckerman
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
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59 Maiden Lane, 37th Fl.
New York, NY 10038

Re: Loading Zone and Commercial Parking Modifications on West 47th Street

Dear Commissioner Zuckerman,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) writes to request two modifications to the curb regulations on West 47th Street in front of 533 West 47th Street to better accommodate the operational needs of Sullivan Street Bakery, a beloved Hell's Kitchen institution and model community neighbor.

Sullivan Street Bakery has long demonstrated a sincere commitment to operating responsibly and in compliance with the rules of the road. Their staff make every effort to park their three vans legally and minimize disruption to the surrounding block. We raise this matter out of recognition that the existing curb configuration makes lawful compliance structurally difficult, and that a modest regulatory adjustment would resolve the problem while serving the broader block.

Sullivan Street Bakery receives regular deliveries of flour and other bulk goods (including loads totaling approximately 50,000 pounds) requiring large commercial vehicles to access the curb directly in front of their establishment. The current loading zone on West 47th Street spans 75 feet but is bisected by a fire hydrant, which effectively divides the usable space into two segments, neither of which is long enough to accommodate the delivery trucks the bakery relies upon. As a result, delivery vehicles are often unable to pull entirely within the loading zone, creating conditions that unintentionally put the operator in violation of parking regulations despite their good-faith efforts.

Therefore, at its June 3rd Full Board meeting, by a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible, MCB4 respectfully requests that DOT take the following actions:

- **Extend the existing loading zone on West 47th Street by 25 feet to the east**, providing sufficient continuous curb space to accommodate the delivery vehicles that serve Sullivan Street Bakery. This extension would allow trucks to park fully within the zone, reducing conflicts with fire hydrant clearance requirements and enabling lawful deliveries.
- **Designate one space of commercial vehicle parking in the vicinity of Sullivan Street Bakery on West 47th Street** to accommodate one of the bakery's own vans during business operations. Sullivan Street Bakery operates delivery vehicles nearly 24/7, but for the short periods that the vans are parked, there is currently no commercial parking nearby. A single commercial space would meaningfully address this challenge.

We thank you in advance for your consideration and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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