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New York, NY 10038

Demetrius Crichlow
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Re: Illegal taxi operations

Dear Commissioners Valdivia & Zuckerman, and President Crichlow,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) at its July 22nd Full Board meeting by a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible, requests your intervention to resolve the unruly, dangerous and illegal taxi congregation on 9th Avenue between West 19th and West 20th Streets.

A beloved Punjabi restaurant recently relocated to that block. It is attracting a large following of taxi drivers who swarm the block and park illegally in order to dine or pick up their food. This is particularly acute from 7p.m. to 10p.m. every day of the week. Taxis double or triple park leaving only one lane of traffic open and blocking emergency vehicles; taxis park in the bus stop preventing the bus from picking up seniors or people in wheelchairs at the curb. They park in front of the hydrant and in space reserved for bike corrals DOT plans to install. Neighbors have reported that debris is thrown in the tree gardens.

DOT has installed a six-space relief stand on a cross street adjacent to the block, the same amount that was near the restaurant's earlier location. They are well used.

First, we request that the Taxi & Limousine Commission execute a few enforcement operations to make it clear to the taxi drivers that they must find alternate parking options up and down the avenue. No one can expect to park right in front of a given store in New York City. NYPD traffic agents on the ground have refused to enforce the rules in this situation.

We also request that the MTA enforce the bus stop's No Parking or No Standing rules throughout the day.

We ask that DOT change the parking regulations on the east side of the avenue to encourage more rotations. The current sign: 3 hours commercial, and the 2 hours parking after 6 pm, encourages drivers to hog the spaces for too long.

- A new sign should allow for 30 minute commercial parking from 8a.m. to 10p.m. going south from the boundary of the hydrant striped area to the intersection.
- Another sign on the same pole should indicate "No Stopping" going north from the boundary of the hydrant's striped area to the intersection.

We hope these regulations will be cleared for enforcement and better accommodate the customers who generally stop for a very short period of time.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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