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Michael P. Carey
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Street Activity Permit Office
100 Gold Street, 2nd Floor
New York, NY 10038

Re: Street Activity Moratorium Exemptions

Dear Mr. Carey:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (“MCB4”) wants to express our thanks for your appearance at the December, 2015 Quality of Life Committee meeting, at which you answered many of the questions MCB4 had regarding SAPO policies. We write again today concerning one of those issues; the current moratorium in place affecting all multi-day/multi-block events in our district.

Although in our letter to your office, dated November 23, 2015, in which we confirmed our full support for this new initiative, subsequent events relating to Street Activity Permits have forced us to reconsider at least one aspect of the moratorium. While understanding the need to minimize impacts that any new event can have on the surrounding neighborhood, it is our understanding that the practical effects of this moratorium severely limit the options our Board has in dealing successfully with any activities currently permitted.

When significant questions arise regarding the operation of the management of a particular event (or the non-profit sponsor of same), MCB4 must expend significant energies trying to rectify the situation. If our collective efforts do not result in a timely resolution to the problems; the vendors, residents and local businesses suffer since the only alternative (that we are aware of) is to request that SAPO cancel the permitted activity entirely.

As this issue could affect any permitted street activity anywhere in the City, MCB4 requests that SAPO create an exception to the moratorium rule that would allow local Community Boards the opportunity to work with SAPO to replace an operator (or the non-profit entity sponsoring the activity) without having to eliminate the event entirely. We believe that it is in the best interest of the community that any permitted street activity, **especially one that has significant community benefit and value**, should not

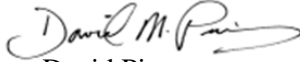
have to be sacrificed in its entirety in order to remediate any particular individual issues MCB4 may have with it.

We invite you to attend an upcoming Quality of Life Committee meeting to discuss this issue in greater detail. The MCB4 office will be in touch shortly to confirm a convenient date.

Sincerely,



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Chair
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cc: Hon. Corey Johnson, City Council