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Margaret Forgione Manhattan Borough Commissioner New York City Department of Transportation 55 Water Street, 9th Floor New York, New York 10041

Re: Parking regulations on the North side of West 45th Street between Tenth and Eleventh Avenues

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board 4 requests that the parking regulation on the North side of West 45th Street, for the first 100' from the west corner of Tenth Avenue be changed to "No Standing, 7am to 7pm M-F." from the existing "No Standing Except Trucks Loading and Unloading, 7am to 7pm M-F."

A substantial number of large buses turn west onto West 45th Street from Tenth Avenue to utilize the bus cleaning business service on the block. The buses often back up in order to make the turn without hitting the vehicles that may be parked on the north side of the street near the corner. Having "No Standing", particularly during the busier daytime hours along the north side of the street will provide more space for the buses to turn and thus avoid the traffic disruption and noise caused by the bus back-ups. This change is particularly important given the removal of one lane further down the block from the "Studio City" construction site.

As always, we appreciate your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Corey Johnson Chair Manhattan Community Board 4

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