

1 **Transportation Planning Committee**

Item #: 9

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3 Sheila Voyard

4 Deputy Director of Licensing

5 New York City Department of Consumer Affairs

6 42 Broadway, 8th Floor

7 New York, New York 10004

8 **License #: 1406393 Proposed Location: NEC 42nd Street and 10th Ave**

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10 Dear Ms. Voyard:

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12 Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) opposes the application for a newsstand on the
13 north side of West 42nd Street, approximately 78'2" east of the corner with 10th Avenue.

14 While there are no legal grounds for denial, the proposal violates one Community Board
15 established policy and violates the spirit of another::

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17 • The Community Board guideline also states "There should be no more than one
18 newsstand within three "between street" blocks – or 750 feet (instead of the 15
19 feet requirement in the regulations)." This newsstand is approximately 400' from
20 the nearest newsstand on the north side of West 42nd Street across from Dyer and
21 thus violates our Community Board policy

22 • The committee was also concerned that there is already a large food stand and a
23 vegetable/fruit stand at that corner every day, making it unusually crowded.

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25 In addition, as noted in CB4 adopted Newsstand Guideline (adopted 1/7/09) "CB4
26 has a history of being supportive of newsstand operators and feels they have a place
27 as entrepreneurs in our neighborhoods." However, the applicant for this license does
28 not intend to work in the newsstand, but instead have employees and relatives
29 operate the newsstand. While this does not violate the law or the stated Community
30 Board policy, it is contrary to the spirit of our policy and sets a concerning precedent.

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34 As always, thank you for your consideration.

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37 Sincerely

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39 Cc: Applicant