December 9, 2004

Captain Dennis Dequatro NYPD 10th Precinct 230 West 20th Street New York, NY 10011

Re: Traffic Congestion on Tenth Avenue and Horn Noise on West 25th Street

Dear Captain Dequatro:

In May, Manhattan Community Board No. 4 approved a six-month trial of your proposal to work with nightclub staff in West Chelsea to direct patrons to taxi stands on Tenth and Eleventh Avenues. At its December meeting the Board reaffirmed its support in a letter to DOT (copy enclosed) and requested that DOT expedite the approval of the taxi stands and whatever other measures would give you and your officers opportunities to reduce congestion in this area, including appropriate regulations and signage. In the meantime the Board requests that you increase enforcement of violations such as standing and double parking that contribute to the congestion problems.

In addition the Board requests that you increase enforcement of prohibitions against horn honking and loud car radio noise, especially on West 25th Street between 9th and 10th avenues. As you know, when traffic on West 25th Street stops and does not move because of congestion on 10th Avenue frustrated drivers honk their horns, creating intolerable noise between approximately 11 PM and 4 AM for the residents of the Elliott Chelsea houses and the apartment buildings and townhouses on this block.

Manhattan Community Board No. 4 is grateful for the work you and your officers do in helping to find ways for the nightclubs in West Chelsea to coexist peacefully with the rest of the community and is ready to support you in any way it can that would enable you to be more effective.

Sincerely,

Walter Mankoff

Chair

Manhattan Community Board No. 4

Jay Marcus

Chair

Transportation Planning Committee

cc: Elected officials

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