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Speaker Christine Quinn
City Council
City Hall
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Re: Support for Intros 619 and 620

Dear Speaker Quinn:

Our cluttered sidewalks present many hazards to pedestrians, including the growing problem of illegal curb cuts. There is currently no city government remedy or enforcement of violation until the property is sold.

Manhattan Community Board 4 supports Introduction 619, calling for a local law to amend the administrative code of the City of New York to give more oversight of curb cut applications to the Department of Building, Council Members and Community Boards.

Manhattan Community Board 4 also supports Introduction 620, calling for a local law to amend the administrative code of the City of New York, requiring illegally created curb cuts to be removed, making those who maintain illegally created curb cuts liable for penalties, requiring the Department of Transportation to remove illegally created curb cuts and providing for the reimbursement to the Department for the cost of such work.

However, to give full effect to these amendments, it is critical that the law give 60 days to the Department of Building to respond to a curb cut application. Without such modification, the current 30 days turnaround will not leave enough time for Community Boards to consider the applications and bring them to a vote before the Full Board.

Sincerely,

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