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NYC Department of Consumer Affairs
42 Broadway
New York, NY 10004-1716

Application: Sidewalk Newsstand (NEW)
Proposed location: NEC West 57th Street and Ninth Avenue
DCA Application #: 1290179
Applicant: Mr. Savant

Dear Ms. Gotay,

Manhattan Community Board 4 recommends **denial** of the application of Mr. Savant for a new newsstand on the northeast corner of West 57th Street and Ninth Avenue. This was subsequent to review of the application by the Transportation Planning Committee at its July 16, 2008 meeting.

The recommendation to deny this application is due to the following:

The application is not in compliance with the Newsstand Rules of the Department of Consumer Affairs:

- According to the submitted photographs, the proposed location for the newsstand is directly in front of a retail entrance. This is in violation of the rules (Section 2-65 (a) (3) (C) that requires newsstands to be a minimum of five feet from any retail entrance. This location however does not correspond to the submitted plan, which lacks various items such as trees, poles, and entrances; therefore it is not clear exactly where the proposed location is and how much clearance exist in relation to them.

Stakeholders in our community object to the proposed newsstand:

- The property owner sent a letter in opposition to this location due to the over-saturation of this area. Please find the letter attached.

For the above reasons, we ask that this application be rejected by your agency.

On July 23rd, 2008 the Full Board voted in favor to recommended denial of this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by a 'd'. The 'J' has a long, sweeping tail that extends to the left and then curves back up to meet the stem of the letter.

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