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Borough Commissioner Margaret Forgione  
Department of Transportation  
59 maiden Lane, 35<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10038

**Re: Request to change parking regulations Westside of Ninth Avenue – 18<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> Streets**

Dear Borough Commissioner Forgione,

Manhattan Community Board 4 requests a change in parking regulations on the West side of Ninth Avenue between 18<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Streets.

When Community Board 4 made recommendations for a change in parking regulations along Ninth Avenue in February, 2008, we restricted our recommendations to the east side of the Avenue. Parking regulations on the west side of the Avenue, which have been for commercial vehicle muni-meter parking from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. seemed appropriate given the concern about the loss of delivery spaces for area retail business. However, several of the area businesses have since indicated there is excess capacity for deliveries and a lack of capacity for automobile parking. We have surveyed a number of businesses on the Avenue and they have indicated that more non-commercial parking would be beneficial.

As a result, we are asking that the parking on the west end of the following blocks on Ninth Avenue be changed from “No Standing Except Trucks Loading and Unloading” to muni-meter parking:

- Between 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Streets
- between 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Streets
- between 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Streets

This change also reflects the fewer retail uses on the west side of the street on those blocks.

In addition, there are a few garages and parking lots west of Ninth Avenue, either on the side streets or on Tenth Avenue, however visitors from out of town are not aware of them. We request that Way-finding “Parking Available” signs be installed on the West side of Ninth Avenue at 15<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Streets directing drivers seeking parking spaces to those parking facilities.

Sincerely,

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