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Hon. Amanda M. Burden, Director  
New York City Department of City Planning  
22 Reade Street  
New York, NY 10007-1216

**Re: ULURP Application No. C 080088 ZSM – Application for a special permit for a Public Parking Garage at 111 Eighth Avenue at 15th Street**

Dear Chair Burden:

At its regularly scheduled board meeting on June 3, 2009, Manhattan Community Board 4 authorized the Executive Committee to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the owner of 111 Eighth Avenue, as requested by the Department of City Planning in response to the board's letter of April 6, 2009.

The Executive Committee held a special meeting on June 10, 2009 and approved a resolution calling for the owner to restore all sidewalks on the north side of 15<sup>th</sup> Street between Eighth and Ninth Avenues and on the south side of 16<sup>th</sup> Street between Eighth and Ninth Avenues to provide for a safe, accessible pedestrian path.

- Unused curb cuts (in red on the enclosed map) will be removed and the cross slope made compliant with the City' Department of Transportation guidelines.
- The active driveways (in pink on the map) will be rebuilt in compliance with the US DOT-Federal Highway Administration's guidelines for ADA compliance<sup>1</sup>.
- The trees guards marked as "to be redone" on the enclosed map will be narrowed and moved 8-12 inches closer to the curb and the unprotected tree pit will be covered with a grate flushed with the sidewalk.

We understand that you intend to vote on this matter at the meeting on June 17 and that preparatory material for that meeting will be distributed at the end of the day today. The owner is preparing the MOU and we will forward it to you as soon as we receive and review it.

Sincerely,

Jean-Daniel Noland  
Chair Manhattan Community Board 4

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.walkinginfo.org/pedsafe/moreinfo\\_sidewalks.cfm](http://www.walkinginfo.org/pedsafe/moreinfo_sidewalks.cfm)