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Margaret Forgione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 35th Floor
New York, NY 10038

Re: City Bench Removal Request - West 23rd Street (Sixth and Seventh Avenues)

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board #4 requests that the bench near the entryway of Selis Manor (135 West 23rd Street) be removed. This is requested to improve resident entry and access.

Selis Manor is a 33 year-old, fourteen story resident for two hundred blind individuals. Several residents and building management requested that the bench be removed since many residents are used to using the building line as a guiding post, using their walking sticks, and the bench is an obstacle to their passage and generally makes navigation more difficult. It is also, thus not used by many residents.

We understand, since the CB4 Transportation Committee voted to recommend this action to the full Community Board, DOT has agreed to remove the bench within the next couple of weeks.

We appreciate their expeditious consideration and action.

Sincerely,

Corey Johnson
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