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Michael P. Carey
Executive Director
Office of Citywide Event Coordination and Management
Street Activity Permit Office
100 Gold Street, 2nd Floor
New York, NY 10038

Re: 9th Avenue Multi-Block Street Activity Permit Renewal Applications

Dear Mr. Carey,

On March 6, 2017 the Arts, Culture, Education & Street Life Committee ("ACES") of Manhattan Community Board 4 ("CB4"), formerly the Quality of Life Committee, informally discussed the an application for a new multi-block street festival on 9th Avenue between West 42nd Street and West 52nd Street to be held on October 29, 2017 titled "Hell's Kitchen Fall Fair". It is MCB4's understanding that the Street Activity Permit Office ("SAPO") proposed to combine three side street single block festivals which are; Community Emergency Response Team "CB4 CERT"; 46th Street Block Association; and 52nd Street Midtown North Community Council.

At an earlier briefing with the Co-Chairs of the ACES Committee and the event producer, Joseph Giovanni of Mardi Gras Festival Productions, Ltd., a proposal to hold the new multi-block street festival on 8th Avenue rather than 9th Avenue was discussed.

CB4 is in favor of consolidating these three festivals and believes this will result in fewer festival days, faster and less disruptive set-up and break-down, and quicker clean-up time. However, we feel that the the 9th Avenue residents, and the many local and small businesses do not always benefit from additional festivals being held on 9th Avenue. The 8th Avenue corridor between 42nd Street and 52nd Street is more centrally located and is less resident and small business orientated than 9th Avenue.


CB4 would like to reiterate its position that SAPO not move any more street festivals to 9th Avenue. The ACES Committee wishes to acknowledge and thank the Operator,

Vendors and the Community for their hard work and cooperation in working together to help create more inclusive festivals which benefit everyone in the surrounding community.

Sincerely,



Delores Rubin
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Allen Oster
Co-Chair
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[signed 4/13/17]
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cc: Hon. Corey Johnson, City Council
Dawn Tolson, Director, NYC SAPO