

Delores Rubin Chair

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Hon. Andrew M. Cuomo Governor of New York State The Executive Chamber Capitol Albany NY, 12224

## **Re:** #7 Subway Station at 41<sup>st</sup> Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Dear Governor Cuomo,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) is pleased to hear that you intend to invest heavily in the State's infrastructure and work with the incoming administration to this effect. We are writing to ask you to put a high priority on the completion of the subway station at  $41^{st}$  Street and  $10^{th}$  Avenue on the # 7 line.

This station was part of the project to extend the # 7 line to Hudson Yards but could not be completed within the budget allocated. Since then, we have asked for its completion in each of our Statements of District needs<sup>1</sup>.

From 2000 to 2010 the population in the station's catchment area has grown by 3,000 residents from originally zero, when it was zoned for manufacturing<sup>2</sup>. This growth has accelerated since 2010, with the completion of massive residential buildings. Two large affordable housing complexes are planned in the immediate vicinity, the Slaughterhouse Project at 495 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Covenant House Project on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and West 41<sup>st</sup> Street .

This population is currently in need of additional reliable mass transit so much that and each new residential building resorts to a fleet of commuter vans going to the subway or the east side. This adds to the already unbearable traffic congestion, makes our streets less safe and degrades the air quality, already ranked the third worse in New York City.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>CB4 Budget Requests</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> CB4 Census Tracks

We understand easements for access and fan plants have been preserved so that the construction should be easier, speedier and less costly than the construction of a brand new station would normally be.

We appreciate your giving serious consideration to this project as you assemble your infrastructure investment plan.

Sincerely,

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cc: Thomas F. Pendergast, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, MTA Veronica Hakim, President, MTA Hon. Jerrold Nadler, Congressman Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President Hon. Brad Holyman, State Senator Hon. Richard Gottfried, State Assembly Member Hon. Linda Rosenthal, State Assembly Member Hon. Corey Johnson, Councilmember Hon. Helen Rosenthal, Councilmember