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Mr. Michael P. Carey  
Executive Director  
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Street Activity Permit Office  
100 Gold Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor,  
New York, NY 10038

Re: New Hell's Kitchen Fall Fair – 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue (W.42/52 St)

At a regularly scheduled meeting held on April 17, 2017, the Arts, Culture, Education and Street Life Committee (“ACES”) of Manhattan Community Board 4 (“CB4”) voted to recommend that the Street Activity Permit Office (“SAPO”) deny a proposed new multi-block street festival on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue between West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and West 52<sup>nd</sup> Street scheduled for October 29, 2017. Mr. Joseph Giovanni presented for Mardi Gras Productions.

This new multi-block street festival, as proposed by SAPO would combine two (2) side street block fairs, the 46<sup>th</sup> Street Block Association and the Community Emergency Response Team “CB4 CERT”, with the Midtown North Community Council multi-block street fair, currently held on West 52<sup>nd</sup> Street between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

The ACES Committee, in a prior letter dated April 13, 2017, expressed being in favor of consolidating the three (3) street activities and also stated its opposition to this proposed new multi-block street festival for 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue. We are in favor of consolidating these three (3) street fairs for the following reasons: fewer festival days, faster less disruptive set-up and break down time and faster clean-up time. However, we feel that the community, residents and the many local small businesses do not always benefit from additional festivals on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The committee suggests that this new multi-block street festival is better suited to and should be held on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and 52<sup>nd</sup> Street as it is less residential and less small business oriented than 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

The committee acknowledges that street festivals/fairs are an integral part of the New York experience. The committee also appreciates that these street festivals/fairs provide needed resources for community based organizations. The committee is also sympathetic to the

concerns expressed by the local residents regarding street festivals and we restate our position that SAPO not move any more street festivals to 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Sincerely,



Delores Rubin  
Chair  
Community Board 4



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Co-Chair  
ACES Committee

[signed 5/9/17]  
Inge Ivchenko  
Co-Chair  
ACES Committee

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Dawn Tolson, Director, NYC SAPO