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Hon. Robert B. Tierney Chair Landmarks Preservation Commission Municipal Building, 9th floor One Centre Street New York, NY 10007

Re: 220 Twelfth Avenue – loading dock

Dear Chair Tierney,

Manhattan Community Board 4 is writing recommending approval for the application by Windigo Architecture, LLC of proposed work at 220 Twelfth Avenue, the Terminal Stores Building.

The work consists of construction of new storefront glazing and doors in four existing adjacent openings on the West 27th Street façade of the Terminal Stores complex. Three of these openings are now loading docks, and the fourth has a steel platform with steps providing access from sidewalk level. This platform will be replaced by a larger steel diamond-plate platform, painted black, with railings and with steps at each end, extending across the four openings and providing service access to individual tenancies behind them. This platform will be used for loading and deliveries. Wheelchair accessible public access to the tenant spaces will be provided from the historic platform level of the building's interior former rail passage.

As the area of work has been previously altered, the building's historic architectural integrity will not be significantly affected by the proposed work. The work is consistent with the generally industrial character of the building.

The Board recommends approval of this work, contingent upon the applicant providing an explanation of its full compliance with the accessibility requirements of the New York City Building Code's Chapter 11.

Sincerely,

Corey Johnson

Chair

Pamela Wolff

Chair, Landmarks Committee

cc: Peter Sholtis, RA; Windigo Architecture, LLC

NYC Council Speaker Christine Quinn