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Julie Menin
Commissioner
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RE: Proposed Newsstand, Northeast Corner of West 58th Street and 9th Avenue

Dear Commissioner Mintz:

Manhattan Community Board #4 recommends a denial of the proposed newsstand on the north side of West 58th Street, approximately 31 feet east of 9th Avenue and 19 feet west of the parallel line from the entrance of 345 West 58th Street. The placement of a newsstand at this location would violate CB4's Newsstand Policy that "there should be no more one newsstand within three "between street" blocks or 750 feet." There are already three other newsstands within three blocks of this location not only violating the policy, but also leading to a saturation of newsstands likely to make these less viable businesses for the operators.

MCB4 appreciates that the applicant appeared before the Transportation Planning Committee meeting to present the application and that the proposed location meets the DCA requirements for location, providing a 9'6" clear path for pedestrians and over 15' distance to the nearest residential entrance and over 5' from other sidewalk obstructions (trees being the nearest obstructions). The operator also indicated they intended to work just at this newsstand, another committee priority.

However, as indicated above, this location violates the Community Board policy regarding one newsstand for every 3 'between streets,' given that there are existing newsstands on the

Northwest and Southeast corners of this block and another one on 9th Avenue just south of West 60th Street. In addition, this corner, and block generally, has had several sidewalk and transportation related issues since the opening of the Time Warner Center and the Hudson Hotel. This newsstand would also likely add to the visual clutter that already obstructs viewing for left turning vehicles from 9th Avenue onto West 58th Street, including the large number of trucks that que at this corner to load at the Time Warner Center.

Based on the above, Manhattan Community Board #4 recommends denial of this application, but indicates a willingness to work with the applicant to identify another more suitable location within CB4.

Sincerely,



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