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Ms. Margaret Forgione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 35th Floor
New York, NY 10038

Re: Support for Bike Corral Applications from HK 50/51 Block Association

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) supports the applications submitted by the HK 50/51 Block Association for the installation of two bike corrals on Ninth Avenue. The requested bike corral locations are:

- 790 Ninth Avenue in front of Pita Grill and Poulette. The current curbside regulations are Three Hour Metered Parking Commercial Vehicles Only, Others No Standing 7AM to 7PM Except Sunday and Two Hour Metered Parking 7PM-11PM Except Sunday.
- 766 Ninth Avenue in front of Pure: Thai Cookhouse. The Current curbside regulations are Three Hour Metered Parking Commercial Vehicles Only 7AM-7PM Monday thru Saturday Others No Standing; Two Hour Metered Parking 7PM-11PM Monday Thru Saturday.

CB4 is also requesting that the bike racks currently installed on these sidewalks be removed.

CB4 is pleased that the NYC Department of Transportation is willing to install bicycle corrals (bicycle racks located in parking lane in lieu of parking space with signage and a protected area around it) if there is a business willing to maintain this public space. The three restaurants directly adjacent to the proposed locations have submitted agreements indicating their willingness to maintain these bike corral locations.

Neighborhood residents have indicated that on Ninth Avenue, sometimes as many as 24 bikes are congregated in one spot on the sidewalk, obstructing the walkway on narrow sidewalks already very congested. We feel that this is a concept that is consistent with the city's efforts to increase bicycle usage and will discourage bicycle parking that obstructs pedestrian passageway

on the sidewalk. We also expect it will reduce occurrence of riding on the sidewalk, by further separating bicycles from pedestrians.

In proposing these locations, we were mindful of the following considerations:

- The proposed Bicycle Corral is located adjacent to a bicycle lane;
- The locations were chosen because they are in the middle of the block or closest to the highest concentration of bike users.
- The business at the address fronting the bicycle corral agrees to maintain the space and signed a maintenance agreement with DOT or a local organization as required by the DOT.
- Notification of the location of a proposed Bicycle Corral, and removal of parking was posted at least one week in advance of the public hearing on that location;
- A follow up notification of loss of parking will be sent to all businesses on those blocks.
- The current use and regulations on the parking lane
- The Bicycle Corral space does not exceed the length of the lesser of the sponsoring businesses street frontage or 9' (the equivalent of one parking space);
- Residents and/or Community Board members have noted crowded and problematic bicycle parking along the sidewalk.
- The DOT will install signage and protection from traffic for the corral

As always, we appreciate your assistance and consideration.

Sincerely,



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