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

Re: Taxi Relief Stand West 49th Street and Tenth Avenue

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) requests the conversion of a Taxi Stand to a Taxi Relief Stand for up to 1 hour on the North side of West 49th Street at the corner of West 49th Street and 10th Avenue.

The change was requested by a group of taxi drivers including Raihan Sharif and Amar Jit. We do not believe this will negatively impact traffic, since taxi stand already exists in this location, but will provide relief to taxi drivers.

There are currently ten Taxi Relief Stands in CB4 – seven of them located in Hell’s Kitchen. As the Community Board has changed in the last few years, the number of taxi rides originating in our Community Board area for both residents and business has increased substantially. This location affords taxi driver’s access to using rest rooms, restaurants and deli’s in the immediate area. It also will enable the drivers to use this as a Taxi Stand during high demand times, such late weekend evenings when the area clubs are active.

We thus recommend approval of this location for a Taxi Relief Stand and request the Department of Transportation to install the necessary signs.

Sincerely,

Christine Berthet
Chair

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Co-Chair, Transportation
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Ernest Modarelli
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