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## **VIA E-MAIL**

April 19, 2019

New York City Department of Consumer Affairs  
Attn: Newsstand Unit  
42 Broadway  
New York, NY 10004

### **Resolution objecting to a Newsstand application for location in front of 424 East 34th Street, the southeast corner of First Avenue and East 34th Street**

At the April 10, 2019 Full Board meeting of Manhattan Community Board Six, the Board adopted the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, an application has been submitted to the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) for a newsstand in front of 424 East 34<sup>th</sup> Street at the southeast corner of 34<sup>th</sup> Street and First Avenue;

**WHEREAS**, Manhattan Community Board Six (CB6) has developed guidelines for newsstand locations and a simple application, which are publicly available and sent to applicants prior to their appearance, and to which CB6 requests applicants adhere;

**WHEREAS**, the application fails to conform to the CB6 guidelines in the following ways:

- a newsstand in this location would obstruct the flow of pedestrian traffic and dropoff/pickups to the very busy NYU Kimmel Pavilion
- there is a convenience store within 500 feet of this location;

**WHEREAS**, there were previously two newsstands in close proximity to this location, both of which failed within a year but were only removed after several years of community activism;

**WHEREAS**, NYU Langone submitted a letter of objection and offered testimony in opposition to this application at CB6's April 1, 2019 Transportation Committee meeting;

**WHEREAS**, the Alliance for Kips Bay, a local neighborhood association, also sent a letter of objection;

**WHEREAS**, a newsstand here could block the view of a unique 38-foot sculpture of a Dalmation dog balancing a real taxi on its nose in front of the Kimmel Pavilion;

**WHEREAS**, the applicant did not present any reasons for an exception to the CB6 guidelines;

**WHEREAS**, it was suggested to the applicant that they will have better success if they look at the guidelines and try again with a different location;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Manhattan Community Board Six objects to DCA approving this application.

**VOTE: 36 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

Best regards,



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District Manager

Cc: Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President  
Hon. Keith Powers, Council Member  
Matthew Fang, Community Associate, Licensing Division, NYC DCA  
Sandra McKee, Chair, CB6 Transportation Committee