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VIA E-MAIL

April 11, 2019

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

Resolution objecting to a Newsstand application in front of 550 First Avenue, the southeast corner of First Avenue and East 33rd 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 550 First Avenue, the southeast corner of 33rd 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 Langone main entrance and Emergency Department
- 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, 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jesus Perez", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jesús Pérez
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