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September 22, 2009

Howard H. Roberts, Jr.  
President  
MTA NYC Transit  
2 Broadway  
New York, NY 10004

Dear Mr. Roberts, Jr.:

At its Full Board meeting September 17, 2009, Community Board #2, Manhattan, adopted the following resolution

### ***Resolution Opposing the Removal of Station Agents from Subway Stations (New Emergency Resolution Approved by Traffic and Transportation Committee by E-Mail)***

**Whereas** station agents are the direct line of contact between customers and NYC Transit; and

**Whereas** persons with disabilities and oversized packages, strollers and/or walkers need to be buzzed in at many stations; and

**Whereas** NYC Transit intends to phase out many of these station agents, leaving passengers with special needs few options to enter stations; and

**Whereas** safety, security, and rising ridership may be compromised by the elimination of these agents, incurring increasing incidents of crime and fare evasion; and

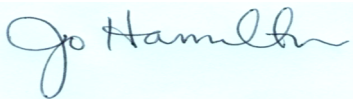
**Whereas** many stations in Community Board No 2 Manhattan (CB2M), such as Canal St. (Varick St., 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., and Broadway), Spring St. (SoHo), Prince St., Bleecker St., Broadway-Lafayette St., Houston St., W. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Christopher St., 8<sup>th</sup> St., Astor Pl., and 14<sup>th</sup> St. (8<sup>th</sup> Ave., 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S, and Broadway/Park Ave. S.), will be impacted by these changes;

**Therefore be it resolved** that CB2M strongly opposes the removal of station agents as anti-customer and anti-passenger safety, jeopardizing the movement of persons with disabilities, and others, and strongly urges the MTA to abandon this penny-wise but pound-foolish action.

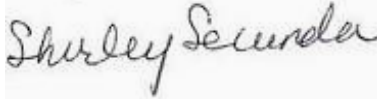
**Vote:** Unanimous with 36 Board members in favor.

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response of this resolution.

Sincerely,



Jo Hamilton, Chair  
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Shirley Secunda, Chair  
Traffic & Transportation Committee  
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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cc: Hon. Jerrold Nadler, Congressman  
Hon. Thomas Duane, NY State Senator  
Hon. Deborah Glick, Assembly Member  
Hon. Scott Stringer, Man. Borough President  
Hon. Christine Quinn, Council Speaker  
Hon. Alan Jay Gerson, Council Member  
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Margaret Forgione  
Manhattan Boro. Commissioner  
NYC Dept. of Transportation  
59 Maiden Lane, 35<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10038

Dear Manhattan Borough Commissioner Forgione:

At its Full Board meeting September, 17, 2009, Community Board #2, Manhattan, adopted the following resolution:

### **Resolution in support of installing a traffic light at the intersection of W. 4<sup>th</sup> and Horatio Sts.**

**Whereas** drivers traveling eastbound on Horatio St. regularly run the stop sign at W. 4<sup>th</sup> St., both in response to and in anticipation of the traffic light turning green at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Horatio St. about 100 feet ahead of the stop sign, seriously endangering the many pedestrians who cross the street at W. 4<sup>th</sup>; and

**Whereas** DOT recently placed louvers on the traffic light at the 8<sup>th</sup> Ave./Horatio St. intersection, obscuring the light's designation to approaching drivers during the day who now respond by stopping increasingly at the stop sign then, however the louvers do not work in the night, and the green light is still discernable, resulting in the same hazardous driving conditions during nighttime as before; and

**Whereas** the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of W. 4<sup>th</sup> and Horatio Sts. would signal strongly that drivers have to stop and would more effectively hinder their surging ahead, a solution that has been applied successfully for eastbound traffic on Morton St. at Bedford. St. and 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., which have a similar roadway configuration; and

**Whereas** a petition from the community (attached) was submitted requesting that a traffic light be installed at the intersection of W. 4<sup>th</sup> and Horatio Sts. to promote pedestrian safety there that was signed by over 85 people;

**Therefore Be It Resolved** that Community Board No. 2 Manhattan supports the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of W. 4<sup>th</sup> and Horatio Sts.

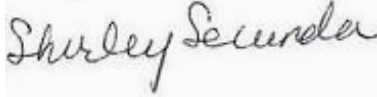
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