

1 **TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Item# 27

2
3 Janette Sadik-Kahn
4 Commissioner
5 New York City Department of Transportation
6 55 Water Street, 9th Floor
7 New York, N.Y. 10041

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9 Dear Ms. Sadik-Kahn:

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11 Manhattan Community Board #4 requests that the parking regulations on the south side
12 of West 17th Street between 6th and 7th Avenues that currently read “No Standing, Except
13 Commercial Vehicles 3 hour limit, M-F 8am to 6pm (with meters)” be changed to regular
14 meter parking M-F 8am to 6pm with a 1 hour limit.

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16 The South Side of West 17th Street between has a variety of businesses. Toward the west
17 there a several smaller eclectic retail stores including a dry-cleaner/tailor, flower shop,
18 thrift store, psychic (who probably predicted this proposal), dermatologist/spa, and
19 jewelry shops. The parking regulations in front of these buildings are for commercial
20 vehicles, likely reflecting retail business needs at other times. The Chelsea Council of
21 Block Associations along with one of the businesses surveyed the existing retail tenants
22 who all concurred that, given their clientele and more limited delivery needs, customer
23 parking would be preferable to delivery parking. We are thus making that request to
24 DOT.

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26 We should note that, particularly on the western portion of the block where there is a
27 church, a school and the Rubin Museum, the parking regulations are different and are not
28 proposed to change.

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30 We appreciate the efforts of the Chelsea Council of Block Associations in surveying the
31 businesses and request that DOT make this requested change that will benefit both the
32 retail businesses and local residents.

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34 Thank you very much for your consideration.

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36 Sincerely,

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