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James G. Clynes
Chair, Community Board 8
505 Park Avenue, Suite 620
New York, NY 10022

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Dear Chair Clynes:

Pursuant to §19-157(b) of the New York City Administrative Code, the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) is writing to inform you of its intention to designate East 91st Street-James Cagney Place between Second and Third Avenues in Manhattan as a DOT Pedestrian Plaza. In making such a designation, DOT considered factors including but not limited to: (1) the availability of and need for open space in the surrounding areas; (2) ability of DOT or the pedestrian plaza partner to properly maintain such pedestrian plaza and develop programming; and (3) relationship of such pedestrian plaza to surrounding land uses, traffic, and pedestrian activity and safety.

The Friends of James Cagney Place, LLC (FJCP) applied to and were accepted into Round 10 of DOT's Plaza Program. While this block of East 91st Street-James Cagney Place between Second and Third Avenues has been closed to vehicular traffic for years, FJCP have worked with local stakeholders to program the space and transform it into a community hub.

Upon designation DOT will enter into a plaza maintenance agreement with FJCP. Responsibilities required by this agreement will include day to day maintenance tasks such as sweeping and bagging of trash, horticultural care, setting up and taking down of movable furniture, clearing of snow and indemnifying the City of New York.

While FJCP will continue to actively program the plaza, anyone can plan an event. All events on pedestrian plazas are permitted by the Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO). Please see nyc.gov/sapo for further information on this process.

In accordance with §19-157(b)(2) of the New York City Administrative Code, please submit any comments for DOT's consideration within 45 days of receipt of this notice.

Sincerely,

Luis Sanchez
Manhattan Borough Commissioner



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cc: **Emily Weidenhof, Director of Public Space**
Diana Bosnjak, Friends of James Cagney Place, LLC