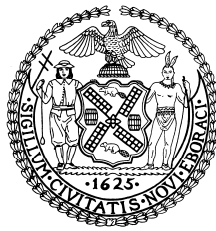


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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

April 17, 2014

Margaret Forgione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 35th Flr.
New York, NY 10038

**Re: A request for a bike corral at Le Bilboquet,
20 East 60th Street**

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

At the April 16, 2014 Full Board meeting, the board **APPROVED** the following resolution by a vote of 20 in favor, 12 opposed, 1 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS, the restaurant Le Bilboquet has operated in the East 60s for nearly 30 years, most of that time continuously; and

WHEREAS, Le Bilboquet has recently relocated to 20 East 60th Street, between Park and Madison Avenues; and

WHEREAS, there are currently no bicycle parking racks on that block, leading to a chronic problem of bikes being chained to scaffolding, sign posts, and bus stops, interfering with the flow of pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, Le Bilboquet has applied to NYC Department of Transportation for an on-street bike parking corral in front of their restaurant; and

WHEREAS, the proposed location for this bike corral meets DOT's siting requirements, namely that the curbside lane in front of the applicant's business is never used for through traffic; the corral is not within 15 feet of a hydrant; and the racks will be located so as not to obstruct any utility covers, crosswalks, or driveways; and

WHEREAS, the corral will provide parking for eight bicycles, helping to clear the sidewalks of illegally parked bikes; and

WHEREAS, Le Bilboquet has agreed to maintain the corral by keeping it clear of debris and snow, maintaining the planters, and reporting abandoned bikes; and

WHEREAS, 109 people have signed petitions and five other businesses on the same block have written letters of support of this application;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan supports the proposal for a bike parking corral in front of Le Bilboquet at 20 East 60th Street.

Please advise this office of any action taken regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Viest
Chair

A. Scott Falk and Charles Warren
Co-Chairs, Transportation Committee

cc: Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York
Honorable Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Honorable Carolyn Maloney, 14th Congressional District Representative
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 26th Senatorial District
Honorable Micah Kellner, NYS Assembly Member, 65th Assembly District
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Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District
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