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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

April 9, 2015

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

Matthew Fang
Customer Service Representative
NYC Department of Consumer Affairs
42 Broadway, 1st Flr.
New York, NY 10004

RE: S/E/C York Avenue & East 71st Street-Application for a newsstand. Application #420-2015-ANSW. Due Date April 10, 2015

Dear Commissioner Forgione and Mr. Fang:

At the April 7, 2015 Street Life meeting of Manhattan Community Board 8, the following committee recommendation was adopted by a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

WHEREAS the applicant failed to appear, as invited, at a CB8M Street Life Committee meeting on April 7 or respond to a request for information from Community Board 8M, and

WHEREAS the proposed location is directly in front of a hospital facility owned by New York-Presbyterian Hospital, and

WHEREAS representatives of the hospital have expressed significant concerns over the impact of the proposed newsstand on their ability to maintain a high level of service to their patients and interfere in the smooth functioning of their operations (copies of their correspondence is enclosed), and



WHEREAS the proposed location is in an "Ambulettes Only" parking zone and would block sidewalk access for patients being dropped off and picked up by emergency service vehicles, and

WHEREAS DOT has requested recommendations for peak hours to perform pedestrian congestion analysis, and

WHEREAS after consultation with relevant stakeholders, CB8M recommends DOT perform this study on weekdays between the hours of 7:45 am to 8:45 am and between the hours of 1 pm to 2 pm,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8M **OPPOSES** the installation of a newsstand at proposed location on the S/E/C York Avenue & East 71st Street

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

Sincerely, 

James G. Clynes
Chair


Jonathan Horn & Abraham Salcedo
Co-Chairs, Street Life Committee

Cc: Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York
Honorable Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 26th Senatorial District
Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District
Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member, 76th Assembly District
Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District
Honorable Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District



April 7, 2015

Jonathan Horn and Abraham Salcedo, Co-Chairs
Street Life Committee
Community Board 5
505 Park Ave., Suite 620
New York, NY 10022

Dear Mr. Horn and Mr. Selcedo:

On behalf of NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, we would like to express our concerns over the newsstand application #420-2015-ANSW and the proposed location on the south east corner of York Avenue and East 71st Street.

The proposed location is situated in a highly congested, heavily trafficked pedestrian and vehicular area, and presents very real safety concerns for our patient population. It sits directly in front of The Helmsley Medical Towers, and next to The Rogosin Institute which serves our patients with kidney disease and dialysis treatments, as well as our outpatient clinics caring for adults and children. Patients are transported to and from these buildings by ambulance and ambulettes waiting on York Avenue; this is compounded by the heavy volume of cars and taxis also transporting our patients. From past studies, the peak times for the corner of 70th and York were mid-week (Tues/Wed/Thurs) from 7:45-8:45 AM and 1-2PM, and were noted to be the highest levels of our entire campus.

We are also concerned about the oversaturation of newsstands and business establishments selling like merchandise in the immediate area. One newsstand is already situated ½ block away on the south east corner of 70th and York. A corner deli also sits on the north east corner of York Avenue and East 70th Street, in addition to a Duane Reade existing directly across the street from the proposed location.

We trust you re-assess this need and reconsider this proposed location for the safety of our patients and the general public.

Yours truly,

Sharon Greenberger
Senior Vice President, Facilities & Real Estate