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Hon. Robert B. Tierney  
Chair, Landmarks Preservation Commission  
Municipal Building, Ninth floor  
One Centre Street  
New York, NY 10007

**Re: 433 West 21<sup>st</sup> Street**

Dear Chair Tierney:

Manhattan Community Board 4 thanks the Commission for the opportunity to comment on the application for making certain changes in the through-window air conditioner installations at 433 West 21st Street.

The building's owners are to be commended for their effort to create a uniform appearance for the windows in this eleven-story multiple dwelling. Because of its prominent mid-block location and its size, unique on the historic Seminary block, it is important to maintain its facade without destroying the integrity of its multi-paned steel casement windows. The air conditioners chosen are Fridgidaire brand, designed for vertical insertion without affecting the aesthetic of the existing windows. Their installation will be phased in as necessary, replacing the existing units. They will be arranged vertically from floor to floor to create a more uniform overall appearance, using the NYC/DOB approved brackets.

The board's only concern is with the color of the brackets, which is off-white. Their visibility under the AC units will be in jarring contrast to the black steel windows, the brown stone of the sills, and the deep red brick of the facade. The board recommends the brackets to be painted with high quality exterior dark color consistent with the building to decrease their negative impact.

Sincerely,

Corey Johnson  
Chair

Edward Kirkland  
Co-Chair  
Landmarks Committee

[signed 1/4/2012]

Damyanti Radeshwar  
Co-Chair  
Landmarks Committee

cc: Applicant