

November 6, 2003

Honorable Margaret Forgione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
New York City Department of Transportation
40 Worth Street, 11th Floor
New York, NY 10013

Re: Parking Regulations on 500 Blocks of West 27th and West 28th Streets

Dear Borough Commissioner Forgione,

At its full board meeting on November 5, 2003, Manhattan Community Board No. 4 voted to recommend a change in parking regulations on the 500 Blocks of West 27th and West 28th Street.

In specific, the new regulations would establish “No Parking 8 pm – 6 am” zones corresponding to front (West 28th Street) and rear (West 27th Street) property lines of Crobar (530 W. 28th Street). The same “No Parking 8 pm – 6 am” zone would be created in front of Spirit (530-42 W. 27th Street) corresponding with that establishment’s property lines. The two nightclubs requested the changes in order to improve traffic flow related to their clubs by reducing double-parking associated with pick-ups and drop-offs.

Members of the Transportation Planning Committee discussed the matter on October 15 and all members present felt that the change would create no negative effects. Other local business-owners and residents of the blocks were present. Owners of nearby businesses, whose customers need street parking during the day, were in accord with the change so long as the “No Parking” designation was implemented only between the hours of 8 pm – 6 am. Residents have concerns about traffic relating to the new clubs (general congestion, lines of double-parked taxis, pollution attributed to idling vehicles), but they did not object to the parking regulation change.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Walter Mankoff
Chair
Manhattan Community Board No. 4

cc: Applicant
Elected Officials