

October 13, 2004

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 Block of W. 27th Street

Dear Borough Commissioner Forgione,

At its meeting on October 6, 2004, Manhattan Community Board No. 4's Transportation Committee heard a request from B.E.D., a local business owner, to recommend a change in parking regulations on the south side of the 500-block of W. 27th Street.

B.E.D. is a nightclub/restaurant that occupies the top floor and rooftop of three six-story buildings located at 530-542 W. 27th Street. B.E.D. requested the installation of "No Parking 8 p.m. – 6 a.m." regulations in front of the three buildings the business partially occupies (approximately 150 feet in length). The intention of the request is to improve traffic flow on the street by reducing double-parking associated with patron pick-up and drop-off activity. The area is currently designated "No Parking 8 a.m. – 6 p.m." Since the proposed regulation change would only provide 4 hours of legal parking per day, the Committee considered designating the area a "No Parking Anytime" zone.

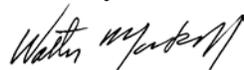
B.E.D.'s request is consistent with an earlier, unfulfilled request from this Board. On November 6, 2003 this Board requested a similar signage change on behalf of Spirit, a nightclub occupying the lower floors of the same buildings at 532-540 W. 27th Street. Also on November 6, 2003, this Board requested signage changes on the 500-block of W. 28th Street and on the north side of the 500-block of W. 27th Street on behalf of Crobar, another nightclub. The requests for Crobar were fulfilled, however; no response was ever received regarding the signage request for Spirit.

As such, the committee voted to request that DOT establish a "No Parking Anytime" zone at 530-542 W. 27th Street.

At its Full Board meeting on October 6, 2004, Manhattan Community Board No. 4 voted unanimously in favor of the committee's recommendation

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Walter Mankoff
Chair
Manhattan Community Board No. 4



Joshua David
Chair
Transportation Planning Committee