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Deputy Commissioner Mildred Duran
Street Activity Permit Office
100 Gold Street, 2nd Floor
New York, NY 10038

Re: Street Activity Permit Application

Applicant: Dance Theater Workshop/Chelsea Cultural Partnership

Location: 19th Street btw.7th and 8th Avenue

Date: Saturday, June 23, 2007

Time: 9 am – 8 pm

Dear Ms. Duran:

Manhattan Community Board #4 recommends denial of the proposed Street Activity permit for Dance Theater Workshop/Chelsea Cultural Partnership for June 23, 2007 on 19th Street between 7th Avenue and 8th Avenue. We instead propose that the Dance Theater Workshop and Chelsea Cultural Partnership seek an alternative date for their street fair.

Community Board #4 appreciate that both organizations promote Chelsea arts groups and artists and that the proposed street fair would offer a worthwhile showcasing of local dancers and performance artists. However, we are concerned the Street Fair is proposed for the same date and time and adjacent to the Heritage of Pride Street fair on 8th Avenue between 14th and 23rd Street. That Street fair, which is taking place for the first time in this area, is expected to attract at least 150,000 people – its affect on the neighborhood and the surrounding streets, including West 19th Street, are untested. In approving that Street Fair this Community Board committed to minimize disruption, traffic and noise to the surrounding streets and, in fact, had a condition that Heritage of Pride would not use surrounding streets. A member of the West 19th Street block association attended the Transportation Committee hearing on this event to express their opposition to holding the Dance Theater Workshop/Chelsea Cultural Partnership Street fair on June 23rd, though indicating support for this Street Fair on an alternative date.

In addition to suggesting that that Dance Theater Workshop/Chelsea Cultural Partnership seek an alternative date, Community Board #4 requests that the Heritage of Pride festival ensure that artists from the Dance Theater Workshop be included in the performances to take place in front of the Joyce Theater and are pleased that the sponsors of Heritage of Pride have agreed.

Community Board #4 supports the efforts of the Chelsea Cultural Partnership and Dance Theater Workshop and look forward to hosting a street fair on an acceptable alternative date.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Compton
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