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

Re: Tenth Avenue Bench Locations

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board 4 appreciates the opportunity to request locations for benches along sidewalks. We believe that these 3-seat metal benches will enable a more enjoyable street experience for residents in our district. We are providing suggested locations in Hell's Kitchen this month and will recommend locations in Chelsea next month.

All of the recommended locations are along Tenth Avenue or in the "canoe park" on W. 36th Street between Ninth and Dyer Avenues, scheduled for installation this spring. Ninth Avenue and Eighth Avenue are unfortunately too congested to enable even community friendly and useful street furniture such as benches.

We recommend eight (8) locations on Tenth Avenue in Hell's Kitchen for bench placement. These locations were selected based on the availability of sidewalk space, its location near locations with a percentage of senior residents, and/or appropriate for sitting locations. The property owners for the building adjacent to these locations have all approved of the bench placements.

The suggested locations are:

West Side of Tenth Avenue

601 Tenth Avenue (just south of W. 44th Street)
645 Tenth Avenue (just south of W. 46th Street)
657 Tenth Avenue (between W. 46th and W. 47th Streets)
665 Tenth Avenue (just south of W. 47th Street)
701 Tenth Avenue (just south of W. 48th Street)
735 Tenth Avenue (just south of W. 50th Street)

East Side of Tenth Avenue

646 Tenth Avenue (just south of W. 46th Street)
662 Tenth Avenue (between W. 46th and W. 47th Street)

We are also attaching a map with the locations along within the canoe where we request benches.

Again, thank you for your consideration and for providing the opportunity to suggest sites for bench placement.

Sincerely,

Sincerely yours,



Corey Johnson
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