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Emil Lissauer
Director, Street Activity Permit Office
Office of Citywide Events Coordination & Management
100 Gold Street, 2nd Floor
New York, NY 10038

Re: Special Event Parking

Dear Mr. Lissauer:

Manhattan Community Board #4 (CB4) supports the request of the New York Motorcycle & Scooter Task Force (NYM&STF) for the provision of approximately 200 motorcycle parking spaces in two locations during the three-day Progressive International Motorcycle Show at the Jacob Javits Center. More specifically, CB4 requests that Advanstar Powersports (the Motorcycle Show sponsor) apply to the Mayor's Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO) for a permit to install "Motorcycle Parking Only, 11am Friday December 13 through 7pm Sunday, December 15" signs along the north side of West 34th Street for approximately 100 feet West from Eleventh Avenue and along the south side of West 38th Street, just east of 11th Avenue (Saturday and Sunday only). We urge the Mayor's SAPO Office approve this request.

Each year, the Progressive International Motorcycle Show attracts several thousand motorcycle users and enthusiasts from around the region. While there are twelve such shows each year throughout the country, the NYC show is the only one held in the Northeast and thus attracts motorcyclists from throughout the region. Since most garages in the area do not accept motorcycle parking, motorcyclists typically ride throughout the area in search of parking – including the substantial percentage of motorcyclists who have (though illegal) noisy engines. The result has been a noise nuisance for the nearby residents (who have increased in number, particularly along Tenth Avenue and along West 42nd Street) and a parking nuisance for motorcyclists. The proposal for the temporary street parking spaces seems a more sensible way to handle the temporary influx of the motorcycles. These two locations were identified by the NYM&STF in consultation with the Transportation Planning Committee of CB4.

We also request that both the NYM&STF and Advanstar actively advertise these two dedicated parking locations to potential attendees and that the 10th Precinct (who is copied on this letter) assist in notifying motorcyclists of these spaces in their traffic control during the event and assist in enforcing the temporary parking restriction. Preliminary discussions with the above parties

indicate support for the proposal, pending CB4 approval, and we hope the arrangements can be made in time for the event.

Sincerely yours,



Corey Johnson
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