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Chair

June 12, 2006

Amanda Burden, Chair
City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, New York 10007

Re: Application by the Board of Elections and the Department of Citywide Administrative Services for site selection and acquisition of property located at 450 West 33rd Street (Block 729, Lot 9001), Manhattan (ULURP Application # C 060444 PCM)

Dear Chair Burden:

At the recommendation of its Clinton/Hell's Kitchen Land Use Committee, Manhattan Community Board No. 4, having held a duly noticed public hearing on ULURP Application # C 060444 PCM voted by roll call at its meeting on June 7, 2006 to recommend approval of this application (31 in favor, none opposed, three abstentions and none present but not eligible to vote).

The City of New York proposes to acquire for the NYC Board of Elections by long-term lease space at 450 West 33rd Street in the Special Hudson Yards District for use as a voting machine storage facility. The prior voting machine storage facility was located at 460 12th Avenue, which is proposed to be demolished as part of the Javits Center Expansion Project. The voting machines are being temporarily stored at the Farley Post Office building.

The proposed facility at 450 West 33rd Street will be used to store and maintain approximately 1800 voting machines used in Manhattan general and special elections and other voting-related materials and records, and act as a place where the public can view these materials.

In the Hudson Yards rezoning, the zoning for the site was changed from M1-5, in which this facility could have operated as-of-right, to C6-4, in which this use is not permitted. The Board of Elections has obtained from the Mayor's Office a zoning override to permit its proposed storage of voting machines at this location.

New York City's voting machines, purchased in 1962, are old enough to be landmarked. It's appropriate that they are currently being stored in the landmarked Farley Building. Manhattan Community Board No. 4 is pleased to keep them in the district and therefore

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recommends approval of this application, despite the fact that 450 W. 33rd Street could never pretend to landmark status.

Sincerely,



J. Lee Compton

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