

COMMUNITY BOARD 7 Manhattan

September 9, 2014

Shari R. Glickman
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New York, NY



Dear Ms. Glickman:

We are in receipt of your letter concerning the One Day Plaza Program trial that Friends of Stryker Park has requested. We wanted you to know that a) a one-day trial of tables and chairs in this space - on a Saturday - will nowhere approach the pedestrian and student traffic that is encountered on a daily basis Monday through Friday, especially with P.S. 163 on the block. In addition, you should know that there is widespread opposition to this plaza by the very people it is meant to serve - the residents of the Park West Village community. In addition, the likelihood of years of construction on this block by the Jewish Home Lifecare expansion - will mean many folks will choose the southern sidewalk - and avoid this area, choosing the relative calm of the south side of West 97th Street.

Given the vocal local community opposition to an earlier tables and chairs proposal, we would ask that any proposal or trial for 97th St please be presented and heard at the community board **prior** to scheduling. Given that the sept 2014 trial has not been presented, we ask that you **postpone** the daily trial until after the community board and the community have had an opportunity to hear it and comment on it.

If you will be bringing this plan to Community Board 7, we wanted to make sure you are aware of all of these circumstances.

Sincerely,


Andrew Albert and 
Dan Zweig
Co-Chairs
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Cc:

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