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To: Chair Nadel and Members of the Public Works Committee  
Date: November 28, 2006  
Re: Item 8, Utility Boxes

Upon reviewing the report, I would like to make the following recommendations regarding the installation of utility boxes:

1. That all utility boxes installed in the public right of way be subject to design review with regards to exact location, orientation, appearance and color of each box, with specific attention to pedestrian right of way, disabled access and pedestrian safety; and
2. The design review standards shall require boxes in residential areas to be smaller than those mentioned in the staff report; and
3. The owner of the box shall mask each box, at their cost exclusively, to mitigate or minimize any negative impact associated with each box; and
4. The design review procedure shall include public notice to both property owners and tenants within 300 feet of the proposed location and owners and tenants that are within sight of the box from the street in front of their residence; and
5. There will be a 30 day public comment period for each box; and
6. The design review standards and procedure shall come back to the City Council for our approval, and that no permits be approved unless and until the design review standards and procedure have been approved by the City Council; and
7. The owner of the box, whenever feasible, shall underground the box; and
8. That the above shall apply to all applications.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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