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Push Cart (11)

June 6, 1906.

STATEMENT WITH REGARD TO THE PUSH-CART SITUATION.

I am advised that there is considerable unrest among the push-cart peddlers of the lower East Side and that it is their intention to march in a body, with their wives and children, to the City Hall to petition me to afford them some relief in this matter. I take this method of stating that the push-cart peddlers and their friends can be assured that so far as the Mayor is concerned, their interests will have the fullest and most careful consideration, and that no action will be taken by the city authorities which could, by any fair-minded person, be deemed oppressive or unfair. The peddlers, however, should remember that they have not a vested right to use the streets for the purposes of trade, that the streets are highways and are intended solely for that purpose, and that the city and its citizens have rights in the streets which must also be fully protected.

The conditions which have resulted in recent years from the larger use of the streets by push-cart peddlers, especially in the crowded tenement districts, have seemed to me so important, that some time ago I appointed a committee of citizens to investigate this subject from every point of view and to report to me their recommendations as to what measures should be adopted to bring about a better condition of affairs. I appointed on this commission, in addition to citizens who would have at heart the interest of the peddlers, a number of the heads of departments whose work brought them into touch with this subject.

I am advised by the Chairman of the Push-Cart Commission, Mr. ~~James~~ Veiller, that the commission has made a very careful inquiry during the past year into all facts connected with this subject, and that it will be ready to submit its final report in the near future, probably before the end of next month; that this report will recommend the adoption of ordinances which will greatly remedy the existing conditions and will protect the push-cart peddlers in their legitimate rights, without, however, infringing upon the rights of other citizens. I feel sure, from the outline of the recommendations of this commission which has been given me, that its recommendations will prove satisfactory, both to the peddlers and to the public generally. I would ask, therefore, that the peddlers and their friends be assured that their interests will not be endangered and that they ^{may} await the recommendations of this commission with a feeling of confidence.

signed Geo B M Clellan

New York, October 31st, 1906.

To The MOST HONORABLE GEORGE B. McCLELLAN,
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.,
City Hall, New York.

OUR DEAR MAYOR,

We, the undersigned, officers, commiteemen,
and members of THE EAST SIDE PUSHCART PEDDLERS' ASSOCIATION
most respectfully and humbly apply to your Honor for
your aid and assistance in this, our venture.

For the last two years and a half, we, the
peddlers of the East Side, about four hundred (4 0 0)
in number, were organized, for the purpose of helping
each other in case of need, poverty, or distress, and
for doing other such acts, as to help our fellow-members.

In order to carry our purpose into effect, we
necessarily must have the means with which to do so, and
it is at this point that we apply to YOU.

Your Honor surely cannot overlook the fact
that the four hundred members are peddlers, and that
about three-quarters of these members are refused the
license or written permission required by law in order
earn their livelihood.

Your Honor, surely, cannot overlook the fact,
that the four hundred members of this organization, are
all fathers of many small children dependent upon their
support.

If your Honor, will please recollect, Your
Honor will recall that last year, before election time,

the politicians promised to give us licenses immediately after election, and to strengthen our faith in this promise, our names were taken, but our licenses were never given us.

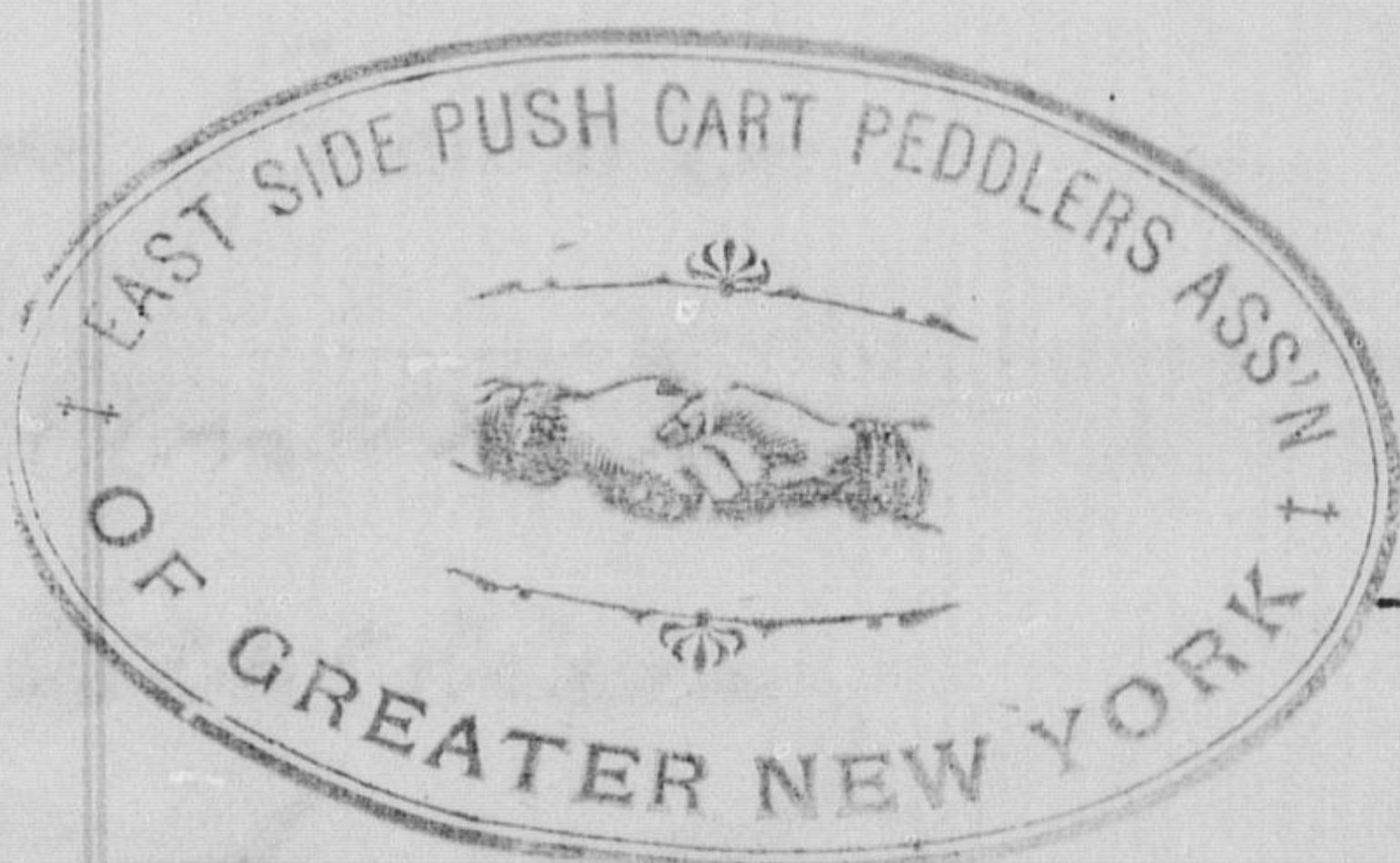
We are aware that the license question is now under discussion,

THEREFORE we beseech you in the name of ourselves, our organization, our wives, and our children, that YOU have mercy on us, that YOU give this your DUE consideration and deliberation, and give to us YOUR permission to peddle, by license or otherwise.

DEAR MAYOR, please do NOT forget that we are poor people, that peddling is our ONLY means of earning our bread, and that unless YOU will grant us this right to peddle, we will fall burdens to the City and to the Charitable Institutions.

WELL KNOWING, that Your Honor will not permit of such hardship to go unnoticed, we remain, thanking you most earnestly for your past favors and help, we sincerely hope that YOU will not slight us this time,

Your most humble servants,



Mary Platan PRES.

Sam Fosc VICE PRES

Isaac Brakes FIN. SEC.

M. Lavin COR. SECY.

Executive Commtee.

Isaac Rosenblatt
Joseph L. Vok

~~the list~~
Harry Halim x
Louis Jungold x
A. Krichman x
L. Alent
Louis Goussman
W. Steinberg x
Moritz Bernstein
J. Blank x
Barnet Katzman
J. Gilzone x
William Blech x
Stevie Blaener
M. Choglien x
L. Waitzman
Ab. Miller
Israel Lodinsky
Yue Israelite
H. Fottmann x
Abram Becker
J. Kellner x
Berel Ponsien
max temken
Isaac Nacht
Wm. Brauer
Lou. Kewersch
Wulf Dubrow
Lev Shartz x

Moritz Hellenberg
Moritz Kuchlinsky
sam Kopp x
Peretz Malev
J. Molt.
Gen. Temchen x x
Doe Seiger x
Julius Simon x
Isaac. Peker
Ericham Potanin x
Morris Sperin x
Solomon Rogoff
Samuel Friedman x
Morris Grublat x
Abram Baitle x
Nathan. Rosow.
Israel Brunkheit
L. Ballaban
Morris Popelowsky
Philip Popelowsky x
max Wilensky
guer Blum x
Max Koplev
J. Levin x
Easick Peker
Nathan. Cohen.
Copel Welscham x
Abram Weinberg x

Harer Goldstein x
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Max Goffe
mx glazer
Mr Flaum

Sam Charnas x

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Alle Rock x

max cyelin
Alum Burdinsky x

Morris Denerstein x
Harren Levin

Levi Weinstein

Natan Dolrow x

Chono Friedman

Esar Lidman x

Harsh Rosen

Luc Grentspan x

Nathan Rotman x

Senad Botvan x

Savik Grenberg

Mendel Reich

J. Liebovitch

M. Barsky

L. Epstein

M. Hochman

J. Merzon

Jack Ginsberg x

Gerh Gukabny x

Max Gelman x

Max Gordon

Harry Landlent

Mat Chan x

Jacob Zarnitzky

Leas Legarsky

Jan Gene x

Solomon Samuelson x

Moise Con

Samson

Harry Friedman

M. Perelmutter x

Alu Fisher x

A. Feider

Arum Rotholz x

Sam Kulman x

Mendel Sigol x

Harry Dandlov x

Marys Raote x

Aron Men

Isac Hamnovatz

Lennach Glazer

Jan Gelfson

Nathan Garoslav x

Hulle Geckols x

Enon Meisel x
Joseph Rozan +

Isaac Joneberg x
Mose Abramowitz
Jacob Melman

Sam Fiddle +
Rubin Romow x

Sam Zuckermont
Solomon Kaharsan

Isaac Waslavsky + S Chessen

Daniel Hotz x
+ Berenstein

Luc Bekolwitzny

Kathan Borkan x

Morris Jakobson +

Aaron Himelman

Max Dubore +

Max Gurevitz x

Louis Shatz

Imon Rosenbaum x

Samuel Pandhaus

Jeob Tidell

Hajiman Rubin

Isaac Penelson x

Max Kastle

Harry Kleinman

Moris Rothman

Leon Benkowitz x
Morris Maerovitz x
+ Elanberg

Louis Rich
Ruchum Baran
Elie Cirost
Max Kaplan x

David Berman

Chaim Grand x
I. Sigel.

Shac Hochman x

Philipp Gershtel.

Isaac Halperin

Louis Lowson

David Berkowitz x

Eli Milenband

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Abraham Stein x

Cher Dreiser x

Ruchel Wollaim x

Max Kato Kuthensky x

Sisa Gersman x

Benny Zelichawer

Sam Shapiro

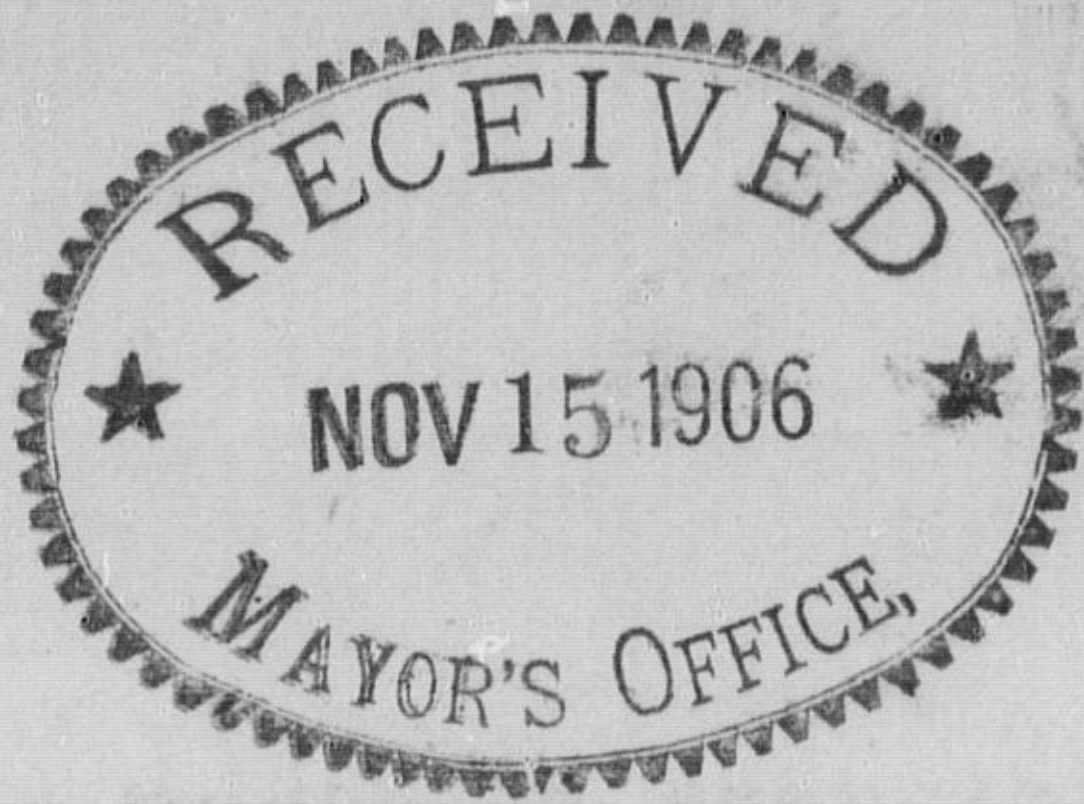
Abraham Davidovitz x

Bene Goldstein x

Flanny Dobna x

Mendel Grumbom x
Isaac Bulch.

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New York, November 14, 1906.

HONORABLE

GEORGE B. McCLELLAN,

Mayor of the City of Greater New York.

Dear Mayor,

A few weeks ago, you personally promised the committee of the EAST SIDE PUSH CART PEDDLERS ASSOCIATION, that you would decide the License Question immediately after election day.

It is now over two weeks since this promise, and not alone you have not acted and made good your promise, but have also taken away from us the rights which we formerly had.

Heretofore we always obtained cards from the Board of Aldermen with your consent to peddle for two months before and after the Christmas Holidays, and this time, because you promised to take care of our interests in every way, you have even refused to sign the resolution which was passed and agreed upon by The Board of Aldermen.

Now, Dear Mayor, we do not know what cause we have given you to treat us in this way. Surely you are not made of stone, or without any humane feelings?

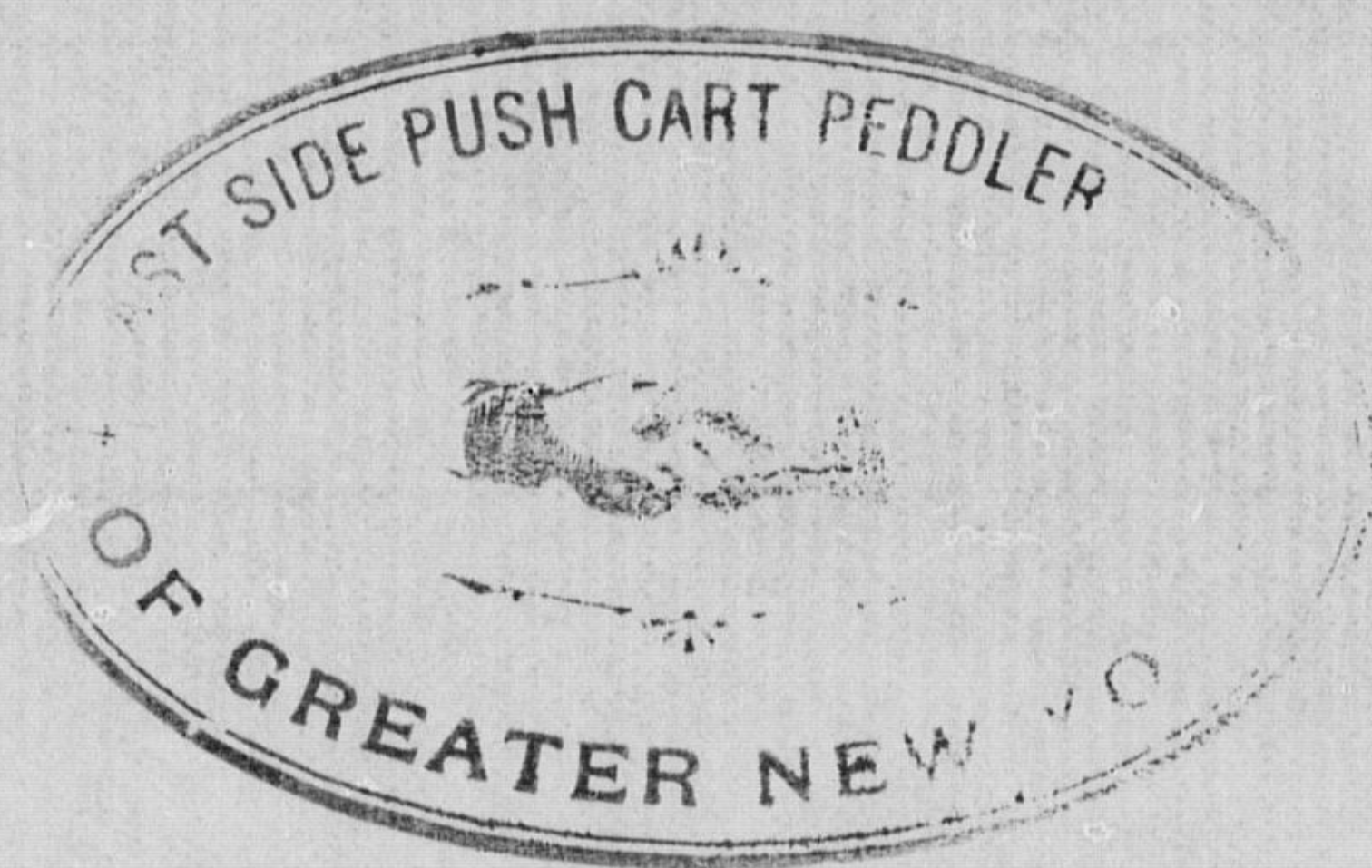
The members of our Association are a poor and miserable lot, and if you will not grant us our little privileges in order to make a living for ourselves and our families, you will drive us to desparation.

Please give this your immediate attention, as otherwise we will be compelled to march ourselves, our wives and little children down to The City Hall, and will wave black banners to show to this Metropolis how its poor are treated by the Mayor of the City who has the upper hand over us

and who is held out as such a model as everything that is good and honorable.

Trusting you will not let this appeal go unnoticed as the previous ones, we remain, anxiously awaiting your favorable reply,

Very humbly yours,



Harry Platten
Pres.
105 Broome Street, N.Y.
Dave Rosenbluth
Samuel Kusky.

