

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 – MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: JUNE 28, 2011

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: AFFORDABLE HOUSING TASK FORCE

BOARD VOTE: In Favor Opposed Abstained Recused

RE: Affordable Housing in Community Board 1

WHEREAS: The Community Board 1 Affordable Housing Task Force has produced a report regarding affordable housing in the Community Board 1 area; and

WHEREAS: There has been a significant loss of affordable housing over time in Community Board 1; now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board 1 recommends the following in order to address the increase in cost of living and loss of affordable housing in the local area:

1. Create affordable housing units in the CB1 area through use of 9/11 funds.
2. Create affordable housing units in the CB1 area through use of profits from the Battery Park City Authority earmarked for affordable housing.
3. Protect and keep affordable CB1 artist lofts, IPN, and Southbridge Towers.
4. Structure current and future affordable housing units to the greatest extent possible so that during their useful lives their affordability does not suddenly expire.
5. Rebuild 130 Liberty Street at the World Trade Center site to have affordable housing.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: BATTERY PARK CITY

COMMITTEE VOTE: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 2 Abstained 0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBER VOTE: 0 In Favor 2 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: *WITHDRAWN*

RE: Street Activity Permit application for Community Board #1 for Thursday, June 23, 2011

WHEREAS: The applicant has applied for a street activity permit at Vesey Street between North End Avenue and River Terrace and River Terrace between Murray and Vesey Streets date on Thursday, June 23, 2011; and

WHEREAS: The street closure would last from 9 AM to 7 PM and the event would take place between 10 AM and 6 PM; now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 does not oppose the proposed street activity permit submitted by Community Board #1 for Thursday, June 23, 2011, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Lower Manhattan Construction Command Center reviews the application and determines that it is compatible with nearby construction activity that is expected to be simultaneously underway.
2. Traffic control agents are deployed as needed to ensure that there is no significant adverse impact from the event on traffic flow.



Manhattan Community Board 1
wishes to commend and thank

Rebecca Lebowitz

For her nine years of outstanding service as a Member of Community Board 1 and her many contributions to the Youth & Education Committee and Financial District Committees. Ms. Lebowitz presided as Chair of the Youth & Education Committee, where her stature and expertise as a distinguished school administrator, her deep commitment to the wellbeing of fellow residents of her longtime community, and her uncommonly gracious manner and rare ability to build strong and lasting consensus enabled her to successfully lead the board's drive to identify and build needed schools at a time of extraordinarily rapid population growth in the district. The members of CB1 commend Ms. Lebowitz for her invaluable contributions.

Passed by Board Resolution
June 28, 2011

Manhattan Community Board 1
49 Chambers Street, Suite 715
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Julie Menin, Chair
Manhattan Community Board 1

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: FINANCIAL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE VOTE: 12 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Century 21, application for a zoning text amendment

WHEREAS: The application is for a zoning text amendment to the Lower Manhattan Special District regulations of the Zoning Resolution to create a new ZR Section 91-53 entitled “Waiver of Accessory Off-Street Loading Berth Requirements”; and

WHEREAS: The applicant is an internationally known department store, which serves our community by providing low-cost goods to local residents and drawing visitors who contribute to the local economy; and

WHEREAS: The applicant is one of the local businesses most severely affected by the 9/11 attack, yet was one of the first to demonstrate a commitment to this community by deciding to rebuild and reopen on site rather than to relocate, and

WHEREAS: Part of the Century 21 department store is currently located on the first three floors and below grade floors of the existing building located at 22 Cortlandt Street; and

WHEREAS: Century 21 has an opportunity to expand to three additional floors within that building (floors 4, 5 and 6), which are currently used as offices; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to ZR Section 36-62, the proposed conversion of these three floors from office to department store use requires three loading berths for the total proposed department store floor area, but there are only two existing loading berths allocated for department store use in the building; and

WHEREAS: These two existing loading berths, located on Dey Street, are rendered unusable by the narrowness of Dey Street and the inability of trucks to back into the berths, as the necessary turning radius would require trucks to drive onto the sidewalk; and

WHEREAS: The proposed text amendment would allow the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission to (1) waive the requirements for existing and new loading berths and (2) allow space occupied by existing loading berths being waived to be exempted from the definition of floor area, by certifying that the following findings have been met:

- 1) The Department of Transportation has approved a plan for curbside deliveries, based upon an approved traffic study prepared by a qualified professional, establishing that such plan will not create or contribute to serious traffic congestion or unduly inhibit vehicular or pedestrian movement and will not interfere with the efficient functioning of nearby public transit facilities,
- 2) An improved goods receiving system is provided, including at least 6,000 square feet of new staging areas within the building and at least one additional freight elevator, as depicted on site and floor plans,
- 3) There is a plan showing that the former loading berth floor space exempted from the definition of floor area will be used for the improved goods receiving and in-store transport system, and
- 4) A restrictive declaration is executed, ensuring maintenance of the staging areas and additional elevators and continued compliance with the curbside delivery plan and the site plan; and

WHEREAS: Century 21 desires to improve goods delivery and circulation on the existing floors it occupies as well as on the proposed additional three floors in order to reduce truck delivery times and pedestrian disruption on Dey Street; and

WHEREAS: Century 21 proposes to install high-speed freight elevators in one existing loading berth and to use the second existing loading berth for goods receiving and inventory scanning, along with new staging areas to be located on each floor; and

WHEREAS: The Financial District Committee finds that the proposed text amendment is appropriate due to the difficulties posed by the limitations of existing buildings and narrow, curb-cut restricted streets in Lower Manhattan; and

WHEREAS: The Financial District Committee also finds that the proposed text amendment will permit the expansion of a respected Lower Manhattan business and contribute to the economy of Downtown Manhattan; now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 strongly recommends that the City Planning Commission approve the proposed zoning text amendment.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: FINANCIAL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE VOTE: 12 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Application for a Special Permit to allow an attended 166-space (monthly only) public parking garage at 15 William Street

WHEREAS: The new owner of 15 William St. has reiterated the commitment that monthly parking spaces will be reserved for residents of Community District 1 and will not be made available to others, including people who work on Wall Street; and

WHEREAS: The Financial District is the fastest growing residential neighborhood in New York City according to recent census data; and

WHEREAS: There has been a loss of parking spaces due to conversion of parking lots into real estate development, increasing the demand for parking in the area; and

WHEREAS: The proposed garage would not increase traffic congestion in the area or create unsafe interaction involving pedestrians and vehicles; and

WHEREAS: Community Board 1 passed a resolution on July 28, 2009 approving the Application for a Special Permit for the 15 William St. garage when the application was for 195 parking spaces as well as amendments to the zoning resolution to permit an additional curb cut required for the garage; and

WHEREAS: The New York City Council approved a resolution in December 2009 which allowed the Garage Curb Cut to be widened to 20 feet to assure the safe operation of the garage; now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: The Financial District Committee supports the application filed by the owner of 15 William St. for a garage of approximately 166 monthly parking spaces for residents of Community District 1.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: FINANCIAL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE VOTE: 12 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Proposal for newsstand (license #1390372) at southeast corner of Church and
Fulton Streets

WHEREAS: Mr. Mohammed Kader (“the Applicant”) has applied to the Department of
Consumer Affairs for a newsstand (license #1390372) at the southeast corner of
Church and Fulton Streets, and

WHEREAS: The Applicant appeared at the CB1 Financial District Committee meeting on June
1, 2011 to discuss this application, and

WHEREAS: The location is directly across the street from the World Trade Center site where
there is no space for pedestrians along Church Street due to construction activity,
requiring all pedestrians travelling on this block of Church Street to use the east
side of the street, resulting in very heavy pedestrian congestion there, and

WHEREAS: The west side of Church Street on this block will remain closed to pedestrian
traffic for at least several more years as construction at the World Trade Center
continues, and

WHEREAS: An entrance to the heavily used World Trade Center subway station is on the next
block, and

WHEREAS: The newsstand is located in front of the Millennium Hilton hotel, and a
representative of the hotel spoke at the meeting in opposition to the application,
citing as reasons pedestrian congestion and the existence of a newsstand inside the
hotel, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 opposes a newsstand at the proposed location but would welcome an
opportunity to work with the applicant to find a more appropriate location.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: FINANCIAL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE VOTE: 9 In Favor 3 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Proposal for newsstand license #1392561 at corner of West Broadway and
Barclay Street in front of 75 Barclay Street

WHEREAS: Mr. Himanshu Patel (“the Applicant”) has applied to the Department of Consumer
Affairs for a newsstand at the corner of West Broadway and Barclay Street, and

WHEREAS: The Applicant appeared at the CB1 Financial District Committee meeting on June
1, 2011 to discuss this application, and

WHEREAS: The application received by Community Board 1 for this newsstand, license
#1392561, indicated that it is proposed for the southeast corner of this
intersection, but the applicant stated that the application is erroneous and that the
proposed location is on the northeast corner, and

WHEREAS: The intersection is across the street from the entrance to 7 World Trade Center, a
large office building and members of the Financial District Committee stated that
there is heavy pedestrian traffic at this intersection, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 opposes a newsstand at the proposed location but would welcome an
opportunity to work with the applicant to find a more appropriate location.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 12 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Application by Community Board #1 (Mardi Gras Festivals Productions; promoter) to the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation for permits for three one-day fairs in Bowling Green Park on June 3, July 22 and September 23, 2011, and three fairs in Battery Park on June 10, July 8 and August 19, 2011

WHEREAS: The applicant held two fairs in Battery Park at the same location in 2010 and two in City Hall Park, and

WHEREAS: These fairs raise funds that are greatly needed by CB#1 at a time when community boards face a proposed budget in FY 2012 that would be significantly lower than the budget in FY 2011, and

WHEREAS: These fairs are held on Parks Department property and will not require any streets to be closed to traffic, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 does not oppose the proposed application for a permit for three fairs in Bowling Green Park on June 3, July 22 and September 23, 2011, and three fairs in Battery Park on June 10, July 8 and August 19, 2011.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 12 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Proposed street activity permit by Street Vendor Project

WHEREAS: The applicant has applied for a street activity permit on Saturday, June 25, 2011, Broad Street between Bridge Street and Stone Street, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 does not oppose the proposed street activity permit submitted by the Street Vendor Project. Closure of street during the hours of 10 AM to 7 PM; event will take place during the hours of noon – 6 PM, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Lower Manhattan Construction Command Center reviews the application and determines that it is compatible with nearby construction activity that is expected to be simultaneously underway.
2. Traffic control agents are deployed as needed to ensure that there is no significant adverse impact from the event on traffic flow.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: FINANCIAL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE VOTE: 8 In Favor 3 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Proposed street activity permit by Community Board #1

WHEREAS: The applicant has applied for a street activity permit on Sunday, July 3, 2011 on Liberty Street between Trinity Place and Nassau Street, and

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 does not oppose the proposed street activity permit submitted by the CB #1. Closure of street during the hours of 10 AM to 7 PM; event will take place during the hours of noon – 6 PM, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Lower Manhattan Construction Command Center reviews the application and determines that it is compatible with nearby construction activity that is expected to be simultaneously underway.
2. Traffic control agents are deployed as needed to ensure that there is no significant adverse impact from the event on traffic flow.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE: 8 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed Abstained 0 Recused

RE: 105-107 Washington Street, Designation as individual New York City Landmark

WHEREAS: The building was designed in 1925 by Architect John F. Jackson – who became known for his extensive and impressive work on Community and YMCA buildings; and

WHEREAS: The building was sponsored by Bon Ami Cleanser magnet William Childs as a Community House for the perpetual welfare of people in lower Manhattan with the cornerstone being laid by Governor Al Smith in 1925; and

WHEREAS: The Community House served many nationalities with the area becoming known as Little Syria in the late 19th Century and Bowling Green Village in the 20th Century; and

WHEREAS: The building was designed in the Colonial Revival style, with characteristic red brick façade, limestone base and trim, insert plaques with swag ornament, window lintels with projecting keystones, and mansard roof with dormers over a modillioned cornice embodies the Colonial Revival style; and

WHEREAS: The neighborhood has lost many important resources since 2011: 4 Albany Street - demolished, 21-23 Thames Street – demolished, 96 Greenwich Street – seriously altered, 47-49 West Street - Crystal Building – demolished, 50-52 Trinity Street – demolished; and

WHEREAS: There are other buildings in the Lower West Side Neighborhood that are in danger in addition to 105-107 Washington Street: 109 Washington Street, 78 Trinity Street - The American Stock Exchange, 125 Greenwich Street – Western Electric Building; and

WHEREAS: There are two existing individual NYC Landmarks in the neighborhood: The Syrian Church adjoining 105-107 Washington Street and 41 Greenwich Street; and

WHEREAS: The Committee was encouraged the applicant – representing Friends of the Lower West Side – had the support of the Settlement House but suggested they get support from the Historic Districts Council, MAS and NY Landmarks

Conservancy, as well as return with other Requests For Evaluation on other endangered buildings and consider an historic district designation for the Lower West Side; now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT:

CB#1 urgently requests the Landmark Preservation Commission review the Request For Evaluation and speedily approve this culturally and architecturally important building an individual New York City Landmark.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE: 7 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 29 In Favor 4 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: 52 Chambers Street, City Hall, application for installation of new fuel cell at the northeast corner of City Hall

WHEREAS: The application is to replace the power generated from visible roof solar panels with a gas fuel cell system; and

WHEREAS: The gas powered fuel cells are much more efficient and economical generating 100KW much more than the previously solar powered application; and

WHEREAS: The fuel cell will be highly visible at the north east corner of City Hall with dimensions of 45' long, 8' high and 9' wide; and

WHEREAS: The fuel cell needs to be placed above ground and has been placed on a former path within the secure area around City Hall; and

WHEREAS: The fuel cell has been designed so as not to read as a monolithic object and is to be painted an historically appropriate color which detracts attention being drawn to it; and

WHEREAS: The fuel cell admits 70 decibels of constant noise from a 6 foot distance; and

WHEREAS: The Committee was pleased that the solar panels would now not be part of the application as they were very visible and inappropriate for this magnificent landmark; and

WHEREAS: The Committee wanted to applicant to consider less visible locations – but they were told there were none; and

WHEREAS: The Committee asked again why geothermal could not be used – but apparently this technology would nor work in this location; and

WHEREAS: There was concern by one Committee member that the fuel cell would create a security risk for the neighborhood – but the applicant assured her that the gas lines were secure and safe; and

WHEREAS: The Committee was pleased this was a reversible addition and a better solution to the earlier solar design; now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 recommends the Landmark Preservation Commission approve the application; and

BE IF

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT CB#1 recommends onsite air monitoring once the fuels cells are in use.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE: 8 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: 134-138 Duane Street, application for penthouse and terrace additions

WHEREAS: The applicant was not ready to present to the committee; and

WHEREAS: The applicant requested that the hearing be held over until there was the opportunity to present to the Landmarks Committee; now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 recommends the Landmark Preservation Commission hold over the application until CB#1 Landmark Committee reviews the application.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE: 8 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: 302 Canal Street application for replacement of storefront

WHEREAS: The applicant made some changes to the application considered in the March 22, 2011 resolution; and

WHEREAS: The Committee still felt the brown stucco was not appropriate; and

WHEREAS: The Committee would still like to see original tax photographs which are apparently not available; now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 recommends the Landmark Preservation Commission reject the application.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE: 6 In Favor 2 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: 20 West Street application for new sign and fence

WHEREAS: The application is to create a playground on the West Street side of this residential building that was formerly the Downtown Athletic Club; and

WHEREAS: The playground would be fenced with a 1930's style City Park 10' high wrought iron fence painted black; and

WHEREAS: The applicant referred to other playgrounds having this height of fence; and

WHEREAS: The school entrance would have bronze lettering above the existing canopy using the signage style from the original sign reading: The Learning Experience Children's Academy; and

WHEREAS: The existing flag poles on either side of the entrance canopy would continue to be used to hold banners promoting the school; and

WHEREAS: The Committee noted the playground fence and equipment was a reversible addition; and

WHEREAS: The Committee did not feel the banner signage was appropriate for this important building; now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 recommends the Landmark Preservation Commission approve the application but with the removal of the inappropriate signage banners.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE: 8 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: 120 Broadway application for new entrance and storefront

WHEREAS: The application is to the former Equitable Building; and

WHEREAS: The application is to make retail space in the former National Valley Bank office;
and

WHEREAS: The design follows the retail space design for other storefronts in the building
with simple stainless steel transom, back painted signage glass, clear glass picture
window, simple plain door; now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 recommends the Landmark Preservation Commission approve the
application.

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DATE: JUNE 28, 2011

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: NEW BUSINESS

BOARD VOTE: 31 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Request for ceremony at sunset on September 11, 2011 at World Trade Center Site for community

WHEREAS: The attacks of September 11, 2001 were devastating for Lower Manhattan and have caused extraordinary physical and mental distress to countless people who lived and worked here at the time and subsequently; and

WHEREAS: After September 11, 2001, the government strongly encouraged people and businesses to stay in Lower Manhattan; and

WHEREAS: Many first responders, residents, and workers who witnessed the attacks on September 11, 2001 persevered during the aftermath and have continued to live and work downtown since the tragic attacks; and

WHEREAS: These same first responders, residents, and workers heeded the call to rebuild Lower Manhattan, and the redevelopment of Lower Manhattan has been tremendously successful; and

WHEREAS: The Federal government told the downtown community, workers, and first responders that the air was safe to breathe; in the months and years following the attacks, many first responders, residents and workers have developed serious physical as a result of exposure to toxic particulates in the air; and

WHEREAS: The unique experiences and contributions of area first responders, residents, and workers are generally not acknowledged at the annual ceremonies at the 9/11 site; and

WHEREAS: The 9/11 Memorial has stated that first responders, community residents, and workers will not be included in the 10th anniversary ceremony at the site and will have to try to secure a reservation slot for September 12, 2001 if they wish to observe the anniversary at the site; now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board 1 asks the City and the 9/11 Memorial to set aside a separate time for a ceremony at sunset on September 11, 2011 so that first responders,

residents, and workers may, as a community, observe the 10th anniversary of the attacks that struck the heart of the neighborhood.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 – MANHATTAN
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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: NEW BUSINESS

BOARD VOTE: In Favor Opposed Abstained Recused

RE: Request for Separate World Trade Center Site Ceremony for Community on September 12, 2011

WHEREAS: The attacks of September 11, 2001 were devastating for Lower Manhattan and have caused extraordinary physical and mental distress to countless people who lived and worked here at the time and subsequently, and

WHEREAS: After September 11, 2001, the government strongly encouraged people and businesses to stay in Lower Manhattan; and

WHEREAS: Many residents and workers who witnessed the attacks on September 11, 2001 persevered during the aftermath and have continued to live and work downtown since the tragic attacks; and

WHEREAS: These same residents and workers heeded the call to rebuild Lower Manhattan, and the redevelopment of Lower Manhattan has been tremendously successful; and

WHEREAS: In the months and years following the attacks, many residents and workers have developed serious physical and mental illnesses as a result of exposure to toxic particulates in the air; and

WHEREAS: The unique experiences and contributions of area residents and workers are generally not acknowledged at the annual ceremonies at the 9/11 site; and

WHEREAS: The 9/11 Memorial has stated that community residents will not be included in the 10th anniversary ceremony at the site and will have to try to secure a reservation slot for September 12, 2001 if they wish to observe the anniversary at the site; and

WHEREAS: The Memorial has not yet begun to accept reservations online, so it is still possible to move the opening date for the general public to September 13, 2011 to allow for a dedicated ceremony on September 12, 2011 for the Lower Manhattan community; now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board 1 respects the need for families to mourn their loved ones but asks the City and the 9/11 Memorial to set aside a separate time for a ceremony at sunset or another time on September 12, 2011 at the 9/11 Memorial so that residents and workers may, as a community, observe the 10th anniversary of the attacks that struck the heart of the neighborhood.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: PLANNING AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

COMMITTEE VOTE: 9 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 1 Recused

RE: Retention of Affordable Housing at Independence Plaza North (IPN)

WHEREAS: Our current diverse residential community was founded through our affordable artist lofts; Mitchell Lama developments of Southbridge Towers on the east side, Independence Plaza to our west; and have been supplemented by the creation of over 950 affordable rentals in many of our newer apartment buildings; and

WHEREAS: Community Board 1 is strongly committed to the retention and development of affordable housing in our community; and

WHEREAS: The J-51 program authorized by state law has benefitted our community by providing an incentive for the improvement of rent regulated housing that, without such incentive, would be likely to deteriorate; and

WHEREAS: The longstanding legal obligation of owners receiving J-51 benefits has, since the mid-1950's, been that such owners maintain their buildings as rent regulated housing; and

WHEREAS: Independence Plaza North ("IPN"), one of the last remaining affordable communities in Lower Manhattan, received J-51 tax abatement benefits beginning in 1998 that required, in exchange, that the tenants of IPN be subject to rent stabilization; and

WHEREAS: The owners of IPN have been found by the New York State Supreme Court to have violated their obligation to maintain to maintain IPN as rent regulated housing; and

WHEREAS: This same judgment finds that thousands of tenants at IPN are now rent regulated and exempt from deregulation as a result of the past receipt of J-51 benefits; and

WHEREAS: Numerous bills have been introduced in the New York State Legislature that would result in the deregulation of J-51 assisted apartments, both at IPN and throughout the City of New York; and

WHEREAS: Lax enforcement of the requirements of the rent stabilization law in general and the J-51 law in particular, coupled with defiance by landlords of their obligations under such laws, has led to the deregulation of hundreds of thousands of formerly affordable apartments throughout New York City; and

WHEREAS: The current owner of IPN continues to operate IPN as a largely unregulated apartment complex; and

WHEREAS: Throughout the benefits period each of the former and current owners of IPN were provided with notice that IPN was receiving J-51 benefits; now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB1 opposes any weakening of the rent regulatory requirements for past or current recipients of J-51 benefits and calls upon the New York State Legislature to strengthen those requirements, by providing for the enforcement of the rent-regulatory obligations of the recipients of J-51 benefits; and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: CB1 calls upon our New York state legislature and the Governor to use this time of renewal to amend and strengthen all programs of affordable housing.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: PLANNING AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

COMMITTEE VOTE: 9 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Manhattan Borough Board Resolution In Support of a Motor Vehicle Free Central Park

WHEREAS: Central Park was designed as a refuge within the city; its loop drive was intended for uses that integrate seamlessly into the pastoral ambiance of the park (by contrast, the East-West transverses, located several feet below grade, were designed to accommodate vehicular traffic with minimum impact on park users); and

WHEREAS: Private motor vehicles on the loop drive impede the healthy environment, peaceful enjoyment, and use patterns of pedestrians, runners, cyclists, carriages, and pedicabs; and

WHEREAS: The presence of private motor vehicles necessitates traffic management tools that do not necessarily provide for safe, shared use of the loop drive by pedestrians, cyclists, runners, carriages, and pedicabs; and

WHEREAS: Recent measures that restrict the use of private motor vehicles on the loop drive have not resulted in noticeable negative impacts on surrounding streets; and

WHEREAS: Private motor vehicles are still permitted on the loop drive during weekday periods when, outside of weekends, visitors and local residents most use the park (early mornings and early evenings, before and after business hours); and

WHEREAS: More than 100,000 people have signed petitions asking for a car-free Central Park; and

WHEREAS: Serious consideration of any proposal to prohibit private motor vehicle traffic warrants an objective study of duration sufficient to observe adaptive shifts in traffic behavior and their impacts during both low- and high-volume periods of traffic; now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: The New York City Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Department of Parks and Recreation, prohibit the use of private motor vehicles on the loop drive of Central Park (including taxis, but excepting vehicles necessary for park maintenance, concessions, and emergencies) in order to allow for car-free enjoyment of the park during the summer months through Labor Day 2011; and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: While the loop drive of Central Park is free of private motor vehicles, the New York City Department of Transportation study traffic impacts and, if necessary, extend the prohibition beyond Labor Day 2011 for a length of time sufficient to accurately measure and assess the potential impact of permanent prohibition of private motor vehicles on the loop drive of Central Park; and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: While the loop drive of Central Park is free of private motor vehicles, the Central Park Conservancy and the Department of Parks and Recreation study and begin to implement measures that enhance safety and optimize shared use of the loop drive by pedestrians, runners, cyclists, and pedicabs in the absence of private motor vehicles.

June 28, 2011

Ms. Janette Sadik-Khan
Commissioner
New York City Department of Transportation
55 Water Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10041

Dear Commissioner Sadik-Kahn,

I am writing to express the support of Manhattan Community Board One for Pace University's application to the New York City Department of Transportation's 2011 Plaza Program, for the development of a public plaza at the entrance of One Pace Plaza in Lower Manhattan.

Situated on a vibrant university campus, the plaza is located next to the pedestrian entrance to the Brooklyn Bridge and is one of 38 stops on the Heritage Trails New York walking tour. The heavily traveled 4, 5, and 6 subway lines empty onto the plaza which is adjacent to large and small business and governmental institutions, restaurants, large scale housing developments, the Spruce Street School (P.S. 397) and the Downtown Hospital. Further, it is within blocks of the World Trade Center, the Fulton Street Transit Center and various retailers located along the Fulton/Nassau Street retail complex. Pace University is one of the premier cultural institutions downtown, and has historically been a great community partner, generously offering use of their facilities to the public. Partnering with Pace University would ensure that the plaza is well maintained, and that appealing community programming could be held at the site. A public plaza at One Pace Plaza would become a vibrant neighborhood destination for pedestrians and bikers, and most importantly it would provide much needed open space for the downtown community.

Lower Manhattan is in desperate need of public plazas, as it lacks sufficient open space to support our vast increases in resident, business and tourist populations. Lower Manhattan is the nation's fourth-largest business district and New York City's fastest growing residential neighborhood having more than doubled its population since the 2000 census. It has also become a major tourist destination, with 7.4 million visitors in 2010. The Alliance for Downtown New York estimates that with the completion of the World Trade Center Museum and Memorial, Lower Manhattan can expect 10-12 million visitors annually. As the number of people living, working and visiting Lower Manhattan continues to increase, so does our need for open space and public plazas.

I urge you to give serious and thorough consideration to this application from Pace University. The 2012 Plaza Program funding can be put to use immediately to transform this site into a lively, social, open space that will be utilized by all.

Sincerely,

Julie Menin
Chairperson

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 – MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: JUNE 28, 2011

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: QUALITY OF LIFE

COMMITTEE VOTE:	7 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBER VOTE:	2 In Favor	1 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	29 In Favor	2 Opposed	1 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Manhattan Borough Board Resolution in Support of Automated Speed Enforcement Cameras

WHEREAS: The Manhattan Borough Board is deeply concerned about speed-related roadway deaths and injuries, resulted in the death of 63 people and the injury of 2,150 people in 2009; and

WHEREAS Pedestrians and cyclists are at a heightened risk of injury in speed-related crashes: if a pedestrian is hit by a car at 40 mph there is an 70% chance the pedestrian will be killed, but if a driver strikes a pedestrian at 30 mph there is an 80% chance the pedestrian will survive; and

WHEREAS: Speeding is the number one cause of deadly crashes in New York City, claiming more lives than drunken driving and distracted driving combined; and

WHEREAS: In 2009, 170 cyclists and pedestrians were killed on New York City's roads; and

WHEREAS: Law enforcement agencies, with increasing responsibility and without commensurate increases in staffing levels, are considering technologies to improve their efficiency; and

WHEREAS: "Automated speed enforcement cameras," when used in conjunction with traditional means of traffic enforcement and public education complement law enforcement's traffic safety efforts and enforcement programs; and

WHEREAS: Automated speed enforcement cameras have been shown to reduce all crashes by 14-72% and injuries and fatalities by 40-45%; and

WHEREAS: The New York State Senate and Assembly will introduce legislation, which would authorize the City of New York to use camera technology as part of traffic safety efforts and enforcement programs; now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: The Manhattan Borough Board supports the use of “automated speed enforcement cameras” and calls on the respective houses to pass this legislation and for the Governor to sign it; and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: The Manhattan Borough Board urges the New York City Council and the Mayor to fully support this legislation.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 – MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: JUNE 28, 2011

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: SEAPORT/CIVIC CENTER

COMMITTEE VOTE:	7 in Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBERS:	2 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	40 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: 212 Front Street, application for new restaurant liquor license for The Fighting Chair LLC d/b/a The Fighting Chair

WHEREAS: The Fighting Chair LLC d/b/a The Fighting Chair is applying for an on-premise restaurant liquor license; and

WHEREAS: The total area of the establishment will be 2,400 square feet including a 710 square foot dining area with 12 tables and 50 seats and a 600 square foot bar area with 8 tables and 45 seats; and

WHEREAS: The establishment proposes to be open from 11:30AM until 12:00AM on weekdays and 11:30AM until 1:00AM on weekends for a period of a year; later hours may be permissible following this time subject to Community Board 1 review; and

WHEREAS: There will be not be music; and

WHEREAS: The applicant does not intend to apply for a cabaret license; and

WHEREAS: The applicant does intend to apply for a sidewalk café license; and

WHEREAS: The applicant does not intend to engage outside promoters, security personnel, or independent DJ's; and

WHEREAS: The applicant has stated that there are not buildings used primarily as schools, churches, synagogues or other places of worship within 200 feet of the establishment; and

WHEREAS: The applicant has stated that there are not three or more establishments with on-premises liquor licenses within 500 feet of the establishment; now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 opposes the granting of an on-premise restaurant liquor license to The Fighting Chair LLC located at 212 Front Street unless the applicant complies with the limitations and conditions set forth above.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 – MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: JUNE 28, 2011

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: SEAPORT/CIVIC CENTER

COMMITTEE VOTE:	7 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBER VOTE:	2 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	40 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Proposed street activity permit application for Thursday, August 25, 2011 to Sunday, August 28, 2011 for full sidewalk closure on Park Row between Ann Street and Beekman Street, from 10 AM to 6 PM daily for J & R Music World TechFest 2011

WHEREAS: The applicant, J & R Music World has applied for a street activity permit for a sidewalk closure for Thursday, August 25 from 10:00 AM until Sunday, August 28, 2011 at 6:00 PM on Park Row between Ann Street and Beekman Street; now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 does not oppose the proposed street activity permit as submitted above by J&R Music World, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Lower Manhattan Construction Command Center reviews the application and determines that it is compatible with nearby construction activity that is expected to be simultaneously underway; and
2. Traffic control agents are deployed as needed to ensure that there is no significant adverse impact from the event on traffic flow.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 – MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: JUNE 28, 2011

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: SEAPORT/CIVIC CENTER

COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 In Favor 2 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBER VOTE: 0 In Favor 2 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: *MOTION TO POSTPONE UNTIL JULY*

RE: Opposition to Street Co-Naming Request for J & R Music World

WHEREAS: The applicant, J & R Music World, has applied for a street co-naming of Park Row between Ann Street and Beekman Street to J & R Row; and

WHEREAS: The applicant stated that it occupies most of the block and owns the residential building 15 Park Row and has received the support of over 75% of the tenants in the building as well as support of Weinstein & Holtzman Hardware, the only other business on the street; and

WHEREAS: The applicant stated that this request coincides with the 40th anniversary of J & R as a member of the Lower Manhattan Business Community and it has the reputation of being the “mega-store” for electronics and J & R’s CEO has become a prominent business figure in New York City; and

WHEREAS: The applicant stated that J & R was one of the first companies to re-open its doors after 9/11 and was a crucial part of the rebuilding and revitalization of Lower Manhattan and remains committed to maintaining a long-term vital and vibrant business in Lower Manhattan; and

WHEREAS: There was a discussion by committee members regarding Community Board One Street Co-naming policy; now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 opposes the request that Park Row between Ann Street and Beekman Street be co-named J & R Row.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 – MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: JUNE 28, 2011

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: SEAPORT/CIVIC CENTER

COMMITTEE VOTE:	7 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBER VOTE:	2 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	39 In Favor	0 Opposed	2 Abstained	1 Recused

RE: Seaport Museum New York

WHEREAS: Community Board 1 expresses its strongest support for maintaining and enhancing the Seaport Museum New York in its stated mission of preserving the maritime history of New York and its historic ships and waterfront; and

WHEREAS: The Museum has been involved in discussion with the City of New York to develop a transition strategy that includes a plan for financial sustainability and new leadership; and

WHEREAS: The Museum has assured Community Board 1 that its sole priority is to ensure that visitors, including residents of the downtown community, will be able to experience New York's dynamic waterfront history and culture for years to come; and

WHEREAS: Community Board 1 has made requests over the past several months to the Museum to meet to discuss our concerns about the future viability of the museum and the status of its historically significant assets; and

WHEREAS: There is concern in the community that the vessels Pioneer, Lettie G. Howard, and W. O. Decker are deteriorating due to lack of use and are lacking necessary recertification by the Coast Guard and are becoming a danger to themselves and to the community; and

WHEREAS: There is concern that the City is suffering financially from the loss of potential income from rental of the vessels and that the community is suffering from the loss of potential use of the vessels for educational purposes; and

WHEREAS: An opportunity is being lost for the Seaport to bid for docking rights on the north side of Pier 15 while the future of the vessels is uncertain; and

WHEREAS: There is fear that the vessels might be subject to deaccession, (removal from the Museum's collection) without consultation with the community; and

WHEREAS: There is fear that Bowne & Co., Stationers and other properties such as the Melville and Lord Galleries and the Library face an uncertain future; now

THEREFORE

BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board 1 urges that every effort be made and all steps be taken to ensure that the Museum, its collection, its environs and its historic ships are protected and continue to be available to the public; and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board 1 strongly urges the Seaport Museum New York and the Office of the Mayor to meet with Community Board One to provide an update to the public, in an open transparent process, about discussions regarding the future of the museum; and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board 1 urges the Museum to consult with it before contemplating deaccession of any Museum land based or water based collection items; and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board 1 urges local elected officials to join in the effort to create a transparent process for discussion about the future status of Seaport Museum New York.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 – MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: JUNE 28, 2011

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: TRIBECA

COMMITTEE VOTE:	5 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBERS:	1 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	40 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: 363 Greenwich Street (formerly filed as 365 Greenwich Street), application for new restaurant liquor license for Nicholas McKeon d/b/a Tribeca Tap House

WHEREAS: Nicholas McKeon d/b/a Tribeca Tap House is applying for an on-premise restaurant liquor license; and

WHEREAS: The total area of the establishment will be 4,800 square feet including a 2,200 square foot dining area with 30 tables and 60 seats and a 1,000 square foot bar area with 8 tables and 15 seats; and

WHEREAS: The establishment proposes to be open from 11AM until 1AM on weekdays and weekends; and

WHEREAS: There will be background music only using MP3 players; and

WHEREAS: Sheetrocking and insulation will be installed to soundproof the establishment; and

WHEREAS: The applicant does not intend to apply for a cabaret license; and

WHEREAS: The applicant does intend to apply for a sidewalk café license; and

WHEREAS: The applicant does not intend to engage outside promoters, security personnel, or independent DJ's; and

WHEREAS: The applicant has stated that there are not buildings used primarily as schools, churches, synagogues or other places of worship within 200 feet of the establishment; and

WHEREAS: The applicant has stated that there are three or more establishments with on-premises liquor licenses within 500 feet of the establishment; now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 opposes the granting of an on-premise restaurant liquor license to Nicholas McKeon d/b/a Tribeca Tap House located at 363 Greenwich Street unless the applicant complies with the limitations and conditions set forth above.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 – MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: JUNE 28, 2011

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: TRIBECA

COMMITTEE VOTE:	6 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBERS:	1 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	40 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: 205 Hudson Street, application for new restaurant liquor license for AFNYC LLC d/b/a American Flatbread NYC

WHEREAS: AFNYC LLC d/b/a American Flatbread NYC is applying for an on-premise restaurant liquor license; and

WHEREAS: The total area of the establishment will be 8,000 square feet with a public assembly capacity of 350 and a 6,000 square foot dining area with 35 tables and 220 seats and a 1,500 square foot bar area with 10 tables and 40 seats; and

WHEREAS: The establishment proposes to be open from 7AM until 2AM on weekdays and 10AM until 3AM weekends; and

WHEREAS: There will be music using professional sound equipment and 200 amp speakers and security personnel and independent DJs will be engaged; and

WHEREAS: The applicant does not intend to apply for a cabaret license; and

WHEREAS: The applicant does intend to apply for a sidewalk café license; and

WHEREAS: The applicant does not intend to engage outside promoters; and

WHEREAS: The applicant has stated that there are not buildings used primarily as schools, churches, synagogues or other places of worship within 200 feet of the establishment; and

WHEREAS: The applicant has stated that there are three or more establishments with on-premises liquor licenses within 500 feet of the establishment; now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 opposes the granting of an on-premise restaurant liquor license to AFNYC LLC d/b/a American Flatbread NYC located at 205 Hudson Street unless the applicant complies with the limitations and conditions set forth above.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 – MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: JUNE 28, 2011

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WATERFRONT

COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained 1 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Collaboration Agreement between Friends of the Hudson River Park and the Hudson River Park Trust

WHEREAS: Friends of Hudson River Park and the Hudson River Park Trust are each committed to securing funding for the completion of Hudson River Park and to ensuring that monies are available for high quality Park programming, operation and maintenance, and

WHEREAS: Friends of Hudson River Park has committed to refocusing its core mission and programming to serve as Hudson River Park's main philanthropic fundraising entity and the Hudson River Park Trust is committed to working with and supporting Friends of Hudson River Park as a partner in providing supplemental services for the benefit of the public and the Park, and

WHEREAS: Friends of Hudson River Park and the Hudson River Park Trust have developed a collaborative agreement that will formalize their relationship to create an effective public/private partnership that will complement each other's efforts in connection with improving and caring for the Park and in continuing to serve the best interests of the public, and

WHEREAS: The agreement provides for the establishment of a Joint Committee to oversee the development of a Strategic Plan, play an advisory role in annual planning and budgeting processes and provide guidance on fundraising priorities and targets, and

WHEREAS: The Development Committee of Friends of Hudson River Park will be tasked with overseeing a process for hiring fundraising and board development consultants, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board One supports the proposal for a Collaboration Agreement between Friends of the Hudson River Park and the Hudson River Trust to ensure that monies are available for programming, operation and maintenance of Hudson River Park.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 – MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: JUNE 28, 2011

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WTC REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

WTC REDEVELOPMENT

COMMITTEE VOTE: 8 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

BATTERY PARK CITY

COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

PUBLIC MEMBERS: 8 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Continuity of Leadership at the Port Authority of NY and NJ

WHEREAS: The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ), a bi-state agency, owns the WTC site; and

WHEREAS: The Governor of New York appoints PANYNJ's Executive Director, and both the Governor of New York and the Governor of New Jersey appoint PANYNJ's Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS: In the almost ten years of recovery and rebuilding the World Trade Center (WTC) site since September 11, 2001, there has been a significant turnover in leadership: four New York State Governors, five New Jersey Governors, five PANYNJ Executive Directors, and two New York City Mayors; and

WHEREAS: In order to continue progress in rebuilding the WTC, we need continuity of competent leadership that is already familiar with the intricacies of such a large complex construction project; and

WHEREAS: The current Executive Director, Chris Ward, is the only PANYNJ Executive Director who has met with the community, and he has done so on numerous occasions; and

WHEREAS: Since Chris Ward became the Executive Director of the PANYNJ in May 2008, some key milestones that were accomplished include:

- Overhauled the engineering (2008) of the 9/11 National Memorial Museum so that it can be opened by the tenth anniversary,
- Issued a report outlining the road map for rebuilding the WTC site including timetables (October 2008),
- Created a framework to break the impasse (March 2010) and signed a financing pact between the PANYNJ and Silverstein Properties Inc. (August 2010),

- Secured agreement with Durst Organization for equity ownership in One WTC (August 2010), adding to growing market confidence and momentum of entire WTC site, and
- Signed a 25-year \$2 billion lease for 1 million square feet with Conde Nast to move into 1 WTC in late 2013 (May 2011), a signal that downtown is diversifying its job base and that it is still a competitive and vital economic center of the city; and

WHEREAS: The PANYNJ is in charge of building the 9/11 National Memorial Museum that is currently scheduled to open on September 11, 2012; and

WHEREAS: The PANYNJ is also overseeing the building of the Vehicular Security Center (VSC), which was delayed because of delays in the 130 Liberty Street deconstruction; the timely completion of the VSC is essential for the success of other site projects including One WTC and Four WTC; and

WHEREAS: After living through the 9/11 terrorist attacks, and almost ten years of recovery and rebuilding our community is extremely eager to see the WTC rebuilt; and

WHEREAS: A NY Post article (May 27, 2011) stated that, “Gov. Cuomo is planning to boot the Port Authority executive director – who’s widely credited with getting construction at the World Trade Center back on track after years of delays – following the 10-year anniversary [sic] of 9/11;” and

WHEREAS: For the first time, it is possible to envision the completion of this enormous urban redevelopment project, and it is already possible to see signs of the positive ripple effect that it is having on the surrounding residential and business community; now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board 1 strongly calls on NY Governor Cuomo to maintain continuity of leadership at the PANYNJ by keeping Director Ward in his current position until substantial implementation of the Master Plan can finally be realized.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 – MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: JUNE 28, 2011

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: YOUTH & EDUCATION

COMMITTEE VOTE:	8 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBER VOTE:	1 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	42 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: P.S. 234 waitlisted students sent out of Community Board 1 district

WHEREAS: A shortage of school space in Lower Manhattan has forced P.S. 234 to employ a lottery system and waitlist; and

WHEREAS: Parents with children on the waitlist had been promised that their children might be placed at one of the four schools downtown; and

WHEREAS: Without prior public discussion or warning, about 25 Kindergarten waitlisted students at P.S. 234 have received letters that they will be sent to P.S. 130 on Baxter Street; and

WHEREAS: P.S. 130 is about a mile away from P.S. 234, on the other side of Canal Street and outside Community Board 1 and it is likely that waitlisted students will have to be bussed; and

WHEREAS: Bussing students incurs an extra expense for city taxpayers; and

WHEREAS: The tenth anniversary of 9/11 reinforces parents' need to keep their young children close to home; and

WHEREAS: According to Inside Schools, a database of school information compiled by the New School, P.S. 130 is already 118% overcrowded; the school already has 11 in-zone siblings and 5 out-of-zone siblings on the waitlist; and

WHEREAS: Sending waitlisted P.S. 234 students to P.S. 130 could make it impossible for the siblings of students currently enrolled at P.S. 130 to attend P.S. 130; and

WHEREAS: P.S. 130 also traditionally receives a significant number of late summer enrollment; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Education has indicated that they believe the solution to overcrowding in Lower Manhattan will be to redraw school zones across Community Board 1 district lines and send Lower Manhattan children to SoHo, Chinatown, and the Lower East Side; and

WHEREAS: The current remarkable pace of residential and commercial development in Lower Manhattan could be endangered by the shortage of school space and current plans to send students out of the Community Board 1 district; now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board 1 does not believe it is a practical, economical, or acceptable solution to school overcrowding to send students out of the area especially for K-5th grade; and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board 1 recommends that the Department of Education address the school space shortage at P.S. 234 by

- using one classroom at the Tweed Courthouse, or
- temporarily using a classroom at P.S. 276 or P.S. 397 provided this solution is acceptable to the principals, or
- should there be enough attrition from the waitlist, equally distributing children among the four schools in Community Board 1.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 – MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: JUNE 28, 2011

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: YOUTH & EDUCATION

COMMITTEE VOTE:	8 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBER VOTE:	2 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	43 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Proposed site selection of Block 106 Lot 9 on the north side of Peck Slip between Pearl and Water Streets for the development of a new, approximately 476-seat primary school facility

WHEREAS: Community Board 1 members helped find the site in question and participate in Speaker Silver's Overcrowding Task Force, which advocated heavily for the site; and

WHEREAS: Community Board 1 has long suffered from school overcrowding; the Lower Manhattan population has tripled in the last 10 years; and as the population continues to grow dramatically through residential construction and conversion, the Community Board 1 district will face a shortage of school space; and

WHEREAS: This year, about 25 prospective kindergarten students from the Community Board 1 district were waitlisted for P.S. 234, and are being sent out of the Community Board 1 district because of the current shortage of space in Lower Manhattan's four schools – P.S. 234, P.S. 89., P.S. 276, and P.S. 397; and

WHEREAS: Even with the additional 476 seats currently in the budget to be built at the Peck Slip site, Community Board 1 is still likely to face a shortage of seats in the next few years; and

WHEREAS: On September 28, 2010, Community Board 1 passed a resolution calling for the Department of Education to increase its capital allocation for a new K-5 to 600 students; and

WHEREAS: Schools need more programming space beyond standard classrooms; now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board 1 applauds the selection of the Peck Slip site for the development of a new school; and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board 1 calls on the Department of Education to increase funding in the capital plan for the construction of school space for 600 students instead of the only 476 students as currently planned.

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board 1 calls on the School Construction Authority and Department of Education to build the school with enough programming space and classroom space for at least 600 students.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 – MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: JUNE 28, 2011

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: YOUTH & EDUCATION

COMMITTEE VOTE: 10 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 43 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Department of Education (DOE) plans to redraw school zones

WHEREAS: The Department of Education (DOE) released a "briefing" as part of their "Five Year Capital Plan, Fiscal Years 2010-2014 - April 2011 Amendment" that stated the administration plans to "Project Demand for Seats" differently, by extending zoning lines across Community Board 1 district borders, creating new "sub-districts"; and

WHEREAS: The new sub-districts, to be called Tribeca/Village/Lower Manhattan West and Chinatown/Lower Manhattan East, would be created by splitting downtown in half along Broadway and extending each sub-district up to 14th St; and

WHEREAS: The DOE claims that by using this new method, pockets of over enrollment in these areas could be offset by pockets of under-enrollment in the new sub-district areas; and

WHEREAS: After contacting all eight of the schools (P.S. 3, 41, 42, 1, 124, 2, 130, and 126) in these surrounding school zones that CB1 students could be zoned for under the new sub-districting plan and gathering statistics on their capacity and wait lists, it was found that 4 of the 8 schools have wait lists, and the remaining four schools are already at or over-capacity; all exceed state-mandated class size limits; and three of them have added extra sections to accommodate extra students; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Education has only two elementary schools slated for construction in the 2010-2014 Capital Plan:

- a school to be located at the former Peck Slip Post Office site with at a capacity of 476 students and 2 classes a grade, scheduled to open in 2015, and
- a school to be opened at the former New York Foundling Hospital with a capacity of 518 students and 2 classes per grade, scheduled to open in 2016-2017; and

WHEREAS: Population projections created by Community Board 1 and kindergarten enrollment projections based on data by Eric Greenleaf, which have been proven largely accurate for several years in a row, show that approximately 1,320 additional seats will be needed in Lower Manhattan within four years; and

WHEREAS: Our two new schools, P.S. 397 and P.S. 276 are already over capacity by 6 classrooms; and

WHEREAS: Both schools in the Capital Plan yet to be built could already be filled with the extra children in our schools today, and the school-age population in Lower Manhattan is likely to increase by as many as 1400 in the next four years; and

WHEREAS: The DOE's "New Capacity Program of the Fiscal Years 2010 - 2014 Capital Plan," will be grossly inadequate in providing the needed seats for the growing population in CB1 and the surrounding Community Board districts; and

WHEREAS: The proposed "sub-districts" will not only fail to assuage overcrowding in any of the proposed zones, but also fracture our communities and create immeasurable hardship by:

- increasing the need for small children to make dangerous crossings at Canal Street,
- forcing families to travel further and cross community district lines with small children, and
- potentially force parents to send siblings to different schools; now

THEREFORE
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board 1 urges the DOE to abandon its "sub-district" approach to rezoning; and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board 1 calls on the DOE to site and build two large elementary schools downtown now and to begin planning schools concurrent with residential building.