

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 – MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: DECEMBER 19, 2018

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: BATTERY PARK CITY

COMMITTEE VOTE: 7 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 26 In Favor 4 Opposed 4 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Southern Battery Park City Resiliency Project (Wagner Park)

WHEREAS: Lower Manhattan has 960 acres, much of which is in the floodplain and is highly vulnerable to sea level rise, coastal surges, and related flooding from below-ground waters, and

WHEREAS: Most of Battery Park City which was constructed on land fill forming a levee, both the existing landscape and buildings in Wagner Park are on relatively high ground, and

WHEREAS: Lower Manhattan is in critical need of effective and reliable resiliency measures to address both sea level rise and storm surge which respect the existing urban design of the community’s neighborhoods, and

WHEREAS: The Battery Park City Authority (BPCA) and their team of partners have provided numerous public presentations over the past two years to engage the public on their plans for the Southern Battery Park City Resiliency Project, and

WHEREAS: The BPCA’s primary focus for the Southern Battery Park City Resiliency project is located in Wagner Park, which comprises approximately 10% of Battery Park’s public green space, and

WHEREAS: Wagner park is home to the award winning landscape design by landscape architect Laurie Olin and award winning park pavilions designed by Machado Silvetti Architects. At Wagner Park’s opening in 1996, architecture critic Paul Goldberg called Wagner Park’s 3-1/2 acres “one of the finest public spaces New York has seen in at least a generation.”, and

WHEREAS: The BPCA provided schematic conceptual plans to the community in 2017 by Perkins and Eastman Architects and at the recent public hearing in November of 2018 by AECOM and team , showing the demolition and replacement of the Machado Silvetti pavilions and re-design of the Olin landscape, and

WHEREAS: BPCA’s current plans for the South Battery Park Resiliency Project extends resiliency measures beyond the boundaries of Battery Park City Authority’s catchment area eastward to State Street to protect a larger portion of Lower Manhattan, and

WHEREAS: At the public meeting On November 1, 2018, the BPCA’s team promised to provide the community with detailed engineering studies for all of Southern Battery Park City and the surrounding impacted areas (including the Battery Underpass/ 9A terminus and Pier A Plaza area) which connect the high points in

the immediate area. These studies are promised to demonstrate reliable and implementable interventions needed to address the most severe areas of vulnerability and to demonstrate if there is any critical need to revise the existing Wagner park landscape design and razing of the existing Machado and Silveti Pavilions, and

WHEREAS: The BPCA's team noted that that they will work with New York City agencies with regard to the development and implementation of the LMCR plans, including the current plan revisions recently presented by the Mayor's ORR for East River Park, and

WHEREAS: The BPCA agreed to provide developed plans for addressing underground movement of water which will impact the neighborhood and affect the plan, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB 1 asks that the BPCA in conjunction with the City and State develop several flood protection proposals for this area, including options that do not destroy the existing cultural resources such as Wagner Park or The Battery Bikeway, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: CB 1 asks that the BPCA present to CB1 the engineering investigations and detailed engineering analyses of the existing subsurface conditions, along with detailed options for addressing the threats of sea level rise, including design details demonstrating precisely how the proposed resiliency strategies will be effective; how the resilience measures will work atop the Battery Underpass and Brooklyn Battery Tunnel; what these measures will look like and how they will operate, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: CB 1 asks that the community be presented with the plan of how the BPCA will coordinate with City and State agencies for the use of the proposed deployable barriers, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: CB 1 urges BPCA to provide a benefit-cost analysis and detailed funding plans for all options that are under serious consideration, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: CB 1 requests that the Battery Park City Authority leave Wagner Park Pavilion restaurant and its water-side landscape intact, and

BE IT
FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: CB 1 is grateful for the time and efforts the BPCA team is providing in addressing the resiliency challenges in Battery Park City and looks forward to the CB's continued engagement on this critical issue.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 7 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Battery Park City Resident Representation on Hurricane Maria Memorial Commission

WHEREAS: In September 2018, Governor Andrew Cuomo proposed the creation of a memorial to the thousands who died in September 2017 and the months that followed in Puerto Rico as a result of Hurricane Maria. The Puerto Rican government's official death toll is 2,975, and

WHEREAS: Due to the significant Puerto Rican population in New York City, Manhattan Community Board 1 recognizes the significance of locating such a memorial in our City. The Governor has stated that the memorial could be built in Battery Park City, and

WHEREAS: Community Board 1 strongly requests a process be set up with communication and transparency with the community prior to the placement of any new memorials in Battery Park City - or anywhere else in Lower Manhattan, and

WHEREAS: When the commission is formed, Community Board 1 insists that residents, local leaders as well as government officials, consider the advisability of placing such a memorial in Lower Manhattan and that process is done with an open and transparent process, and

WHEREAS: Community Board 1 applauds recent progress made by the Battery Park City Authority in collaborating with residents and stakeholders on projects, such as the inclusion of residents on committees that have helped to formulate policy and similarly welcoming resident feedback on major initiatives such as resiliency planning, and

WHEREAS: Despite these strides forward, Community Board 1 has ongoing concerns about the Battery Park City Authority with only two Battery Park City residents on the board that governs and makes decisions that impact the lives and futures of people who live in the community, and

WHEREAS: Residents of Battery Park City continue to seek a direct and larger voice in all matters relating to the community they live in, and

WHEREAS: All public land within Battery Park City has already been designated for uses on which the community relies, and

WHEREAS: Battery Park City has more memorials per square foot than any other neighborhood in New York City, and

WHEREAS: There are numerous locations within the state that could be better suited to locate

the Hurricane Maria Memorial than Battery Park City, including but not limited to Governors Island, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board 1 insist on appointing a local Battery Park City resident to participate on the commission regarding the siting of the proposed memorial in Lower Manhattan, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board 1's requires a commitment from Governor Cuomo to allow meaningful participation by residents and community leaders in all phases of decision-making related to this project, including (but not limited to): voting membership on the commission that would determine final location, design and budget for the memorial, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: All funding for the Hurricane Maria Memorial come from a variety of sources including but not limited to State budgets, fundraising campaign led by a non-profit organization, and other sources but not paid for by the funds collected by the Battery Park City Authority in any form, including but not limited to ground rent, pilot or bond debt.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE VOTE:	5 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC VOTE:	2 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	34 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Superstorm Sandy 6th Anniversary – Critical Need for Resiliency Master Plan for Lower Manhattan

WHEREAS: At a height of seven feet, Community District 1 (CD1) experienced one of the highest inundation levels in Manhattan during Superstorm Sandy in October 2012. Two people in our district drowned and the storm resulted in billions of dollars of damage to infrastructure, housing and commercial property and utilities; and

WHEREAS: As we mark the sixth anniversary of Superstorm Sandy, Community Board 1 (CB1) is concerned about both short-term and long-term time frames as Lower Manhattan remains largely unprotected. We face an increasing potential for suffering extreme weather events and subsequent damage to Lower Manhattan; and

WHEREAS: CB1 has worked collaboratively with City, State and Federal partners since October 2012, when Sandy devastated our community. We thank the City for the funds it has already contributed towards resiliency in Lower Manhattan. The Lower Manhattan Coastal Resiliency (LMCR) project is underway, but there is a substantial funding shortfall; and

WHEREAS: CD1 has unique jurisdictional issues. State entities such as the Hudson River Park Trust (HRPT), the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, and the Battery Park City Authority (BPCA), have oversight over portions of the district not addressed by ORR and LMCR. While the PA and BPCA are moving forward with resiliency plans of their own, HRPT has not taken up meaningful resiliency planning for their area and it is unclear how this area will be protected as it is not covered by LMCR; and

WHEREAS: There have been piecemeal efforts to improve resiliency in Community District 1 but most of the work has been done through various utility companies and entities such as the MTA and individual City agencies by upgrading their infrastructure, or by the PA and BPCA who have been implementing plans to make areas under their jurisdiction more resilient. While those efforts will help us to recover more quickly after another similar storm event, we are lacking a single, unified plan for resiliency; and

WHEREAS: As the LMCR project continues with study, analysis and preliminary design stages, more is uncovered that adds challenge to an already monumental task. Not only is Lower Manhattan surrounded by water on three sides, but all of the edges have been built out on landfill presenting unique vulnerability and engineering challenges. The Office of Recovery and Resiliency (ORR) team is uncovering more complexity in protecting Lower Manhattan than was ever imagined and this will lead to greater challenges, cost and commitment; and

WHEREAS: CB1 acknowledges that the work done by MOS and the ORR to analyze the problem of resiliency and begin to formulate a plan, both for the long-term and more recently for intermediate measures, is a herculean task that has never before been attempted. However, despite one of the main objectives of LMCR being to “facilitate robust community engagement,” there has been a breakdown in communication and chronic delays in scheduling and conducting Task Force and community engagement meetings; and

WHEREAS: The perception of LMCR is that things have stalled and delays are a regular occurrence. This exacerbates already existing doubt, anxiety and fear in our community. CB1 sent a letter to ORR in August 2018 to document this particular issue and urge ORR to accomplish whatever is necessary in order to schedule the next round of Task Force and Community Engagement meetings. Though CB1 did not receive a formal response, ORR did acknowledge receipt of the letter but to this date the next Task Force meeting has still not been scheduled; and

WHEREAS: Further aggravating the existing anxiety and doubt surrounding the LMCR project is the fact that, after years of analysis, planning and meetings with stakeholders, the City recently announced that it was drastically changing 70% of the plans for East Side Coastal Resiliency (ESCR) and that it would contribute \$700 million to cover the increased costs. Considering that LMCR is following the path forged by ESCR, it is alarming to witness these extreme and unpredictable changes; now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: It is imperative that we continue this work and engage all stakeholders often through Task Force and community engagement meetings at regular intervals. We understand that this study is an ongoing process and we do not expect ORR to have all the information and solutions in time for each Task Force meeting, but we do expect to be updated on a regular basis (at least quarterly) and kept informed about the progress of both the LMCR project and the interim flood protection measures project for the South Street Seaport area being implemented through the Office of Emergency Management (OEM); and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: It is of the utmost importance that the LMCR project is fully funded and continues to progress so that it may be implemented as soon as possible; and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: In consideration of the various jurisdictional entities in Lower Manhattan, CB1 urges ORR to establish a master plan for resiliency that integrates not just LMCR and ESCR, but all resiliency projects including those by the BPCA, Port Authority, the Hudson River Park Trust and any others. This master plan should address the entire Community District 1 area, including the critically vulnerable North West corner of Tribeca where there are no plans for protection, and ORR should collaborate with OEM to include interim measures and emergency management plans; and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: Finally, CB1 calls upon our elected officials to assist in ensuring that progress is made on these critical resiliency initiatives.

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PUBLIC VOTE:	2 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	30 In Favor	2 Opposed	1 Abstained	1 Recused

RE: CB 1 Response to Proposed City Council Legislation to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

WHEREAS: The NY City Council is proposing three pieces of groundbreaking legislation aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions, putting the City on track toward its goal of achieving 80 percent emission reduction by the year 2050; and

WHEREAS: The first is Int. No. 1251, A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to a building energy efficiency grade. This bill would update the ranges for energy efficiency grades; and

WHEREAS: The second piece of legislation is Int. No. 1252, A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing a sustainable energy loan program. This bill would establish a sustainable energy loan program for the purposes of providing certain building owners with funding for the installation of renewable energy systems or energy efficiency improvements; and

WHEREAS: The third piece of proposed legislation is Int. No. 1253, A Local Law to amend the New York city charter and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the commitment to achieve certain reductions in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. This bill would establish the Office of Building Energy Performance as well as greenhouse gas emissions limits for existing buildings. This bill would also expand existing retro-commissioning requirements to certain buildings over 25,000 square feet; now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board 1 is encouraged by the initiative and progress to reduce greenhouse gases through the proposed legislation. We strongly support the intent and concept of the legislation with the understanding that certain details will need to be worked out as the City continues their transition to cleaner energy use.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS & PRESERVATION

COMMITTEE VOTE:	6 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	34 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: 181 Front Street, an application for the approval of 2 ground floor sign bands and 1 blade sign at existing shop entries

WHEREAS: The applicant has proposed a new sign covering a granite lintel above the storefront entries on the Front Street and Maiden Lane facades of 181 Front Street, and

WHEREAS: The committee requested a sign design where the background or field color more-closely matches the grey tone of the granite lintels they are attached to and the applicant agreed to make this design change, and

WHEREAS: All signage attachments will be made in the mortar joints, thus reversible, and

WHEREAS: A single appropriately sized and designed blade sign will be attached to an existing arm above a window on the Front Street facade, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB 1 recommends that the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve the installation of 2 new band sign and 1 new blade sign with the revised background color design.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: NEW BUSINESS

BOARD VOTE: 23 In Favor 7 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: 375 Pearl Street, Board of Standards and Appeals application 771-76-BZ for an amendment to a previously approved signage variance

WHEREAS: This application seeks an amendment to an approved variance from 1977 that modified the sign regulations of Zoning Resolution Section 32- 655 that permitted the installation of a sign above the permitted height and greater than the permitted surface area at the site; and

WHEREAS: In 1977 the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA) granted the original variance to allow the construction of an illuminated accessory sign for the New York Telephone Company (the original sign). Pursuant to the original variance, the original sign was authorized to have a maximum height above curb level of 541'-5" and a maximum surface area of 1,018 sq. ft. In 2002, the BSA authorized, by Letter of Substantial Compliance, a modification to the original variance to permit the replacement of the original sign with the logo for the Verizon; and

WHEREAS: The underlying zoning regulations for signs have been varied by the original variance. Therefore, a compliant sign must be consistent with the original variance. To be compliant with the prior BSA approvals and plans, the proposed sign must maintain the following characteristics:

1. Surface area: The proposed sign cannot exceed a surface area of 1,018 sq. ft., the same surface area as the existing sign.
2. Illumination: The proposed sign can be illuminated.
3. Height: The proposed sign cannot exceed 541' 5".
4. Accessory Use: The proposed sign must remain accessory to the principal uses on the zoning lot.

WHEREAS: The owner seeks approval to digitize the sign. The proposed sign is entirely consistent with the sign under the applicable provisions of the Zoning Resolution and the original variance. The proposed sign is an illuminated, non-flashing accessory sign:

1. Surface area: The proposed sign will have a surface area of 1,018 sq. ft., the same surface area as the existing sign.
2. Illumination: The proposed sign will be illuminated and compliant with NYC Department of Buildings (DOB) illumination standards.
3. Height: The proposed sign will be located at a maximum height of 541'5"

4. Accessory Use: The proposed sign will remain accessory to the principal uses on the Zoning Lot.

WHEREAS: There are two differences between the existing sign and the proposed sign: (1) the proposed sign will be digital instead of static; and (2) the proposed sign will be able to display messages for any principal use on the zoning lot, as opposed to a single principal use on the zoning lot. Neither of these changes alters the existing degree of waivers under the original variance and neither triggers analysis under any other provision of the Zoning Resolution; and

WHEREAS: Although there are two differences between the existing sign and the proposed sign, additional waivers are not sought because such differences remain consistent with the original variance and underlying zoning regulations. The proposed sign will be an illuminated, non-flashing sign. Nothing in the Zoning Resolution suggests that digital signs are regulated differently than static signs, so long as the digital sign is not a "flashing sign." The owner seeks to use technology to improve an existing entitlement. The proposed sign will not exceed the degree of illumination established by DOB and is not expected to project or interfere with the reasonable use of buildings in the immediate surrounding area. Additionally, the proposed sign will remain accessory. The proposed sign will operate in full compliance with these requirements and will at no time exceed the surface area or height authorized under the original variance. Therefore, the proposed sign is consistent with the original variance and zoning resolution; and

WHEREAS: In April 2018 the applicant submitted a request to the BSA for a Letter of Substantial Compliance to allow for the proposed modifications. The request was denied on the basis of the BSA's concern with the neighborhood character; and

WHEREAS: The applicant has stated that the new sign cannot exceed the amount of lumens produced by the current sign; and

WHEREAS: The applicant has represented that each logo will be displayed for 30-36 seconds with a 6 second fade in/out and that they will explore extending the time that each logo is displayed; and

WHEREAS: As a stipulated condition of Community Board 1's non-objection to this BSA application, and in direct relation to the consideration of neighborhood character, the applicant agreed that it will investigate the feasibility of and will consider extending the display interval, from 30-36 seconds to at least 60-120 seconds, and the fade in/out interval from 6 seconds to some longer period of time; and

WHEREAS: As a stipulated condition of Community Board 1's non-objection to this BSA application, and in direct relation to the consideration of neighborhood character, the applicant agreed that it will investigate the feasibility of and will consider placing the proposed new sign higher on the façade on the building; and

WHEREAS: As a stipulated condition of Community Board 1's non-objection to this BSA application, and in direct relation to the consideration of neighborhood character, the applicant agreed that it will engage in direct communications with the management, board or tenant associations of the adjacent residential buildings; and

WHEREAS: As a stipulated condition of Community Board 1's non-objection to this BSA application, and in direct relation to the consideration of neighborhood character, the applicant agreed that it will return to Community Board 1, within two years from the date the sign is placed into service, to discuss and consider adjustments to the light emission, image intervals, and other mechanical controls of the display, in the event there are any complaints regarding the new proposed sign; now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board 1 approves BSA application 771-76-BZ for an amendment to modify the existing approved sign located at 375 Pearl Street as long as the applicant complies with the limitations and conditions set forth above.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: NEW BUSINESS

BOARD VOTE: 30 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: 106 Franklin Street, A proposal to remove portions of an existing original fire escape

WHEREAS: The applicant proposes to remove the existing fire escape ladders at all floors, and

WHEREAS: The applicant will preserve the decorative fire escape landings, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB 1 recommends removal of the fire escape ladders while preserving the decorative landings.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: NEW BUSINESS

BOARD VOTE: 29 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: 87 Lafayette Street, A proposal to renovate the easternmost window on White Street (based on an expired LPC permit)

WHEREAS: The applicant proposes to install an all glass double-door with sidelights and a digital zipper band wrapping around under a painted steel canopy, and

WHEREAS: The applicant's proposal previously received an LPC permit preceded by a favorable recommendation of the proposal from Community Board 1 in 2009.

WHEREAS: The applicant's current proposal is exactly the same as their 2009 proposal, and

WHEREAS: The applicant required additional time and resources to complete this ambitious construction project and therefor needs a non-expired permit, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB 1 recommends the landmarks re-approve this application.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: STREET FAIRS TASK FORCE

COMMITTEE VOTE: 2 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Sponsorship of Street Fairs for Fundraising by CB 1 in 2019 and renewal of task force

WHEREAS: CB 1 adopted a resolution on January 17, 2006 establishing procedures to follow in connection with its future use of street fairs for fundraising, and

WHEREAS: The Chair of CB1 appointed a task force of the Board (the “Street Fair Task Force”) in 2006 to implement the new procedures, and

WHEREAS: The total amount to be raised by street fairs in 2019 and used by CB1 to support its work is expected to be at least \$21,000 which amount would have to be replaced by some other source of funds in the event that the street fairs are discontinued in order to avoid an adverse impact on the work of the organization, and

WHEREAS: The Board deems it desirable to grant the Street Fairs Task Force some additional flexibility in determining whether it is necessary to again solicit bids from street fair promoters for the 2020 street fairs sponsored by CB 1, as was done for the 2017 street fairs sponsored by CB 1, and

WHEREAS: Under the by-laws of CB 1, the Street Fair Task Force will automatically dissolve one year from its creation unless continued by a resolution of the Board or the Executive Committee for a specified period of time, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB1 hereby (1) authorizes the sponsorship of street fairs by CB1 in 2019 to raise funds to support the work of the organization, (2) extends the existence of the Street Fairs Task Force for an additional year, subject to the appointment of members by the Chair of CB1 as provided by the by-laws, and (3) grants the Street Fair Task Force the authority to determine whether it is appropriate to solicit bids from street fair promoters for the 2020 street fairs sponsored by CB1, following an evaluation by the Street Fair Task Force of (a) the manner in which the current promoter has performed its obligations with respect to the 2017-2019 street fairs and (b) any proposal that promoter may choose to make to conduct the 2020 street fairs, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: The Street Fair Task Force has ask the promoter of its street fairs in 2019 to ensure that all of its personnel working at the fairs sponsored by CB1 are able, when asked, to name the sponsoring organization and to direct questions to on-site management, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board 1 has decided to renew its relationship with Mardi Gras Productions for 2019.

Resolution XX: To provide each NYC school a full-time social worker

Co-Sponsors:

WHEREAS,students experience a range of mental health issues including: anxiety, depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder and eating disorders;

WHEREAS,8% of New York City high school students have attempted suicide and 13,000 students report feeling depressed each year;

WHEREAS,one in five people suffer from a mental health condition, and with 1.1 million students in the system, the New York City Department of Education has an average of 220 thousand students with mental health illnesses;

WHEREAS,many students do not have consistent access to a mental health support nor do they currently trust any adult in their life to support them;

WHEREAS,students face barriers receiving mental health services including: transportation, expense, guardian intervention, and social stigma;

WHEREAS,the New York City Department of Education has successfully created an education system that continuously produces the smartest students of each generation, in which students are put under immense amounts of stress and competition beginning at a very young age that can reveal or form many underlying mental illnesses;

WHEREAS,half of mental illnesses begin developing at age 15 and grow to three quarters by age 24;

WHEREAS,students can feel massive amounts from parents, teachers, and their peers to perform well in their already over-achieving schools with no source to go to for help;

WHEREAS,many gifted students from low-income families and neighborhoods test into specialized high schools and must keep up their performance in school with massive amounts of work while, in some cases, aiding and providing for their family at home;

WHEREAS,mental health significantly impacts a student's academic, social, psychological, physiological, and emotional development;

WHEREAS, other systems of support provided by schools, such as guidance counselors, are insufficient in times of crisis as they must also handle admissions and mediation, among other tasks;

WHEREAS, school social workers are trained mental health professionals who address mental health concerns, behavioral concerns, and provide positive behavioral support, academic and classroom support in consultation with guardians, teachers and administrators;

WHEREAS, the District 2 Middle School Leadership Council (D2 MSLC) focused on the issue of student mental health throughout the 2017-2018 school year;

WHEREAS, the D2 MSLC presented a recommendation to the Community Education Council D2 (CECD2) that each school within District 2 and across New York City be provided dedicated funding for a full-time social worker;

WHEREAS, the (D2 MSLC) further recommends that each school maintain a 1:100 ratio of social workers to students;

WHEREAS, student mental health impacts student learning, the school environment and school safety;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the CECD2 urges the Department of Education (DOE) to provide a dedicated funding stream toward a social worker in each NYC school with a ratio of at least 1 social worker for every 100 students;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CECD2 urges the DOE to engage the D2 MSLC in a further discussion of student mental health and the need for access to adequate mental health literacy and supports.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: TRANSPORTATION & STREET ACTIVITY PERMITS

COMMITTEE VOTE: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 25 In Favor 9 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Street Activity Permit Application for New York Fashion Week

WHEREAS: IMG Worldwide INC DBA IMG Fashion has applied for a Street Activity Permit for New York Fashion Week: The Shows from Thursday, February 7, 2019 to Wednesday, February 13, 2019; and

WHEREAS: Setup for the event will begin at 12:00AM on Sunday, January 27th. The event will run from 9:00AM on Thursday, February 7th to 9:00PM on Wednesday, February 13th. Breakdown will conclude at 11:59PM on Monday, February 18th; and

WHEREAS: This is recurring event. The estimated attendance is 1,000 to 4,999; and

WHEREAS: There are no changes between this event and the February 2018 event; and

WHEREAS: The applicant is seeking a curb lane only closure on the following streets:

- St Johns Ln between Laight St and Beach St
- Laight St between Varick St and St Johns Ln
- Varick St between Broome St and Watts St
- Laight St between St Johns Ln and 6 Ave
- Greenwich St between King St and West Houston St
- Varick St between Watts St and Grand St
- Varick St between Grand St and Canal St
- Varick St between Laight St and Beach St
- Varick St between Dominick St and Broome St

WHEREAS: The applicant is not seeking use of Beach St; and

WHEREAS: The applicant is seeking a full sidewalk closure on Varick St between Laight St and Beach St where there will be a tent similar to if not the same as the tent used at the February 2018 event; and

WHEREAS: In the past there have been issues of limited access on Varick St between Laight St and Beach St where the tent will be placed. 5 feet of clearance will be maintained on the sidewalk for pedestrian circulation and personnel will be present to guide the flow of pedestrian traffic; and

WHEREAS: The applicant will use St Johns Ln to load and unload between 7:00AM and 7:00PM. Anything that arrives after 7:00PM will be loaded through Varick Street. There were no issues or complaints last year related to the loading and unloading; and

WHEREAS: The applicant has agreed to place signage at Varick St & Laight St and Varick St & Beach St to notify pedestrians of the limited sidewalk access. The representatives also noted that they will be on site for the duration of the event and that if needed, Community Board 1 (CB1) may reach out to them with any issues, including the option for a walkthrough if requested; now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB1 does not oppose the Street Activity Permit Office application for New York Fashion Week: The Shows from Thursday, February 7, 2019 to Wednesday, February 13, 2019; and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: CB1 requests that the applicant ensure that there is not a physical barrier blocking the entrance to St. Johns Ln as happened last year; and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: As St Johns Ln between Laight St & Beach St is very narrow and is not wide enough for a traditional “curb lane,” CB1 is opposed to the de-facto closure of the street due to the obstruction caused by parked vehicles and requests that enough room is left for the flow of traffic; and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: CB1 request that the applicant manage and ensure that for-hire vehicles do not double-park on Varick St between Laight St and Beach St.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Street Activity Permit Application for Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers 5K Run/Walk

WHEREAS: The Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation has applied for a Street Activity Permit for the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, September 29, 2019; and

WHEREAS: Setup for the event will begin at 12:00AM on Saturday, September 28. The event will run from 7:00AM to 3:00PM and breakdown will conclude at 5:00PM on Sunday, September 29; and

WHEREAS: This event has been held annually since 2002. The only change in operation is that the applicant is seeking to begin setting up on Vesey Street at 12:00AM instead of 8:00AM on Saturday, September 28. This time will be used to set up the stage and booths along Vesey Street. The applicant has represented that these are not noisy activities; and

WHEREAS: The applicants will continue not serving alcohol at this event and they have represented that they will keep access to the sidewalk and bikeway open on West Street throughout the event to the extent that they have control. The passage from the side of Brookfield crossing Vesey will continue to stay open through the event; and

WHEREAS: The application includes a sidewalk and street closure for Vesey Street between North End Avenue and West Street; and

WHEREAS: The estimated attendance is 10,000+ and the event will include a live musical performance. There will be about 20,000 runners participating in the event; and

WHEREAS: On-site security will be provided by GBK Security; now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board 1 does not oppose the Street Activity Permit Office application for the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, September 29, 2019.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 – MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: DECEMBER 19, 2018

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WATERFRONT, PARKS & RESILIENCY

COMMITTEE VOTE:	11 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	1 Recused
PUBLIC VOTE:	1 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	32 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	2 Recused

RE: Governors Island Athletic Field Request for Proposals

WHEREAS: Governors Island is a 172 acre island located in New York Harbor off the southern tip of Manhattan and falls within the boundaries of Community District 1 in Manhattan; and

WHEREAS: Governors Island includes a 43 acre public park offering free cultural and arts events, as well as active recreational outdoor facilities including The Parade Ground and The Play Lawn; and

WHEREAS: Community District 1 has been one of the fastest, if not the fastest, growing residential districts in New York City; and

WHEREAS: Community District 1 does not have sufficient recreational facilities to support the demand of local youth. This problem is especially pronounced in Community District 1, given the aforementioned pace of residential development *and* fewer outdoor recreational facilities in comparison to many districts in Manhattan and the outer boroughs; and

WHEREAS: Local non-profit youth sports organizations, based and operating in Community District 1, specifically Downtown Little League (“DLL”), have actively and consistently used the recreational facilities at Governors Island for approximately 15 years, which has served to enhance utilization of other resources and activities on the Island; and

WHEREAS: Local non-profit youth sports organizations, based and operating in Community District 1, have grown significantly over the past few years. DLL, serving approximately 1,100 children ranging in ages from 5-18, has grown to become the largest single chapter Little League in the United States. DLL has had a waitlist for the past 4 years due to lack of available fields both within and outside Community District 1. The projected waitlist for the upcoming Spring season is expected to be the largest in DLL’s 27 year history; and

WHEREAS: Local non-profit youth sports organizations, based and operating in Community District 1, will likely be impacted by field closures at East River Park and possibly Battery Park City and Pier 40, based on potential resiliency and redevelopment plans respectively. This will make the recreational facilities on Governors Island more essential to youth sports activities across Community District 1; and

WHEREAS: The Trust for Governors Island has issued a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) soliciting bids for multi-year permits for The Parade Grounds and The Play Lawn; and

WHEREAS: DLL has confirmed its intention to submit a request for a multi-year permit, and it is likely that other organizations based and operating in Community District 1 will also submit responses to the RFP; and

WHEREAS: DLL has more than doubled in size over the past several years, despite the local and national trend of decreasing participation in youth sports, and provides an inclusive, low-cost community based recreational and developmental program to children of diverse backgrounds and skill levels. The current all-in registration fee of \$200 is among the lowest of any developed youth sports program across New York City and the League provides scholarships to all families that request a waiver, with numerous families accepting this offer every year; now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB1 asks that The Trust for Governors Island support the continued collaboration and partnership with DLL that has existed for approximately 15 years and prioritize/support its request for a multi-year permit; and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: CB1 asks that The Trust for Governors Island prioritize the specific needs of youth serving organizations located in Community District 1 (i.e. Downtown Soccer League, Downtown Giants Youth Sports, etc.) based on the aforementioned rate of residential growth and limited outdoor recreational facilities. This, combined with the loss of field time at East River Park and potentially Battery Park City and Pier 40, make field access at Governors Island even more critical at this time.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 – MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: DECEMBER 19, 2018

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: YOUTH & EDUCATION

COMMITTEE VOTE:	9 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	33 In Favor	1 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Specialized High School proposal and recap of Community Education Council District 2 meeting

WHEREAS: New York City’s eight “specialized” high schools admit students strictly on the basis of performance on one test score, the SHSAT, and

WHEREAS: Though 67 percent of the city’s public school students are black and Hispanic, just 10 percent of offers to attend specialized high schools go to those students, and

WHEREAS: Mayor de Blasio has announced that despite expanding public test prep programs and boosted outreach by the city, performance by black and Hispanic students on the test has failed to increase the share of black and Hispanic students enrolling at specialized high schools, and

WHEREAS: Mayor de Blasio has announced a more aggressive two part plan to achieve more diversity in New York City’s specialized high schools, and

WHEREAS: The plan includes expanding the “Discovery Program”, where students attending schools in low income areas would be given 20% of the seats in Specialized High schools, up from the 4% now, and

WHEREAS: The 2nd part of the plan would eliminate the single admissions test in favor of a structure that incorporates the University of Texas style system where students are ranked based on course grades and test scores, and where, over the three year phase-out of the SHSAT test, the top 7% of students from every middle school would be guaranteed a spot at a specialized high school, and

WHEREAS: That plan also accommodates for 5 to 10 percent of the seats to be reserved for top private school students, who would be admitted by lottery, and

WHEREAS: The mayor claims that by implementing this plan, 45 percent of offers to specialized high schools would go to black and Hispanic students once the plan is fully phased in, and

WHEREAS: Eliminating the admissions exam in favor of the 7 percent system will require approval by the state legislature since the single test admissions procedure at three of the specialized high schools is written into state law, and

WHEREAS: Upon further investigation two years ago it was found that the Discovery program was still comprised of students who were primarily white and Asian, albeit from low income middle schools, and

WHEREAS: The proposed plan would leave out a significant number of low income students in non-low income middle schools not eligible for the Discovery program, and

WHEREAS: The changes in structure, culture and curriculum of Specialized high schools necessary to accommodate the proposed changes the plan are not included plan's outline, and

WHEREAS: The plan serves to negatively impact middle school admissions, by providing the incentive for 5th grade students to apply to schools based on where they think they can be in the top 7 percent, and

WHEREAS: Taking the top 7 percent of middle schoolers creates an environment that takes NYC schools further away from the goal the city set for them to end 'tracking' and have children 'work together'. (7 percent of a class of 120 equals 8.5 students), and

WHEREAS: The Department of Education will be creating a larger demand for New York City's screened high school seats under this plan, and yet has no additional screened high school seats included in the upcoming Five Year Capital Plan, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: While CB1 is in full support of diversifying our New York City Specialized High Schools, we do not feel as though the Mayor's existing two part plan is the right path to that goal, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: CB1 requests the Mayor's office keep the present Specialized High School Admissions model in place until an alternate and more robust plan be developed to help diversify these schools; one that addresses the important issues outlined above.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 – MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: DECEMBER 19, 2018

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: YOUTH & EDUCATION

COMMITTEE VOTE:	9 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	34 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Stuyvesant High School additional resources to be allocated for mental health at Stuyvesant

WHEREAS: Our New York City students do not have adequate access to effective mental health support services, and

WHEREAS: CECD2 passed a resolution, supplied here, that details the facts and statistics surrounding the mental health issues affecting our NYC students, and recommendations on how to improve this support, including the funding of at least one social worker for every 100 students, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB1 fully supports the CECD2 resolution (attached).