

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Financial District Committee

FROM: Howard Harrington

RE: Proposed Sidewalk Newsstand, S/W/C Wall Street and Water Street

DATE: September 6, 1990

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In lieu of holding a committee meeting solely to discuss the above referenced matter, committee chairperson Roland Peracca has asked me to poll members re: their vote on the enclosed, proposed resolution. Please call Lucy or Natasha at the Board office **by September 14th** to register your vote.

**COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN**  
**RESOLUTION**

SEPTEMBER 18, 1990

**COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: FINANCIAL DISTRICT**

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| COMMITTEE VOTE: | 11 In Favor | 0 Opposed | 0 Abstained |
| BOARD VOTE:     | 17 In Favor | 0 Opposed | 0 Abstained |

**RE: Proposed Sidewalk Newsstand, S/W/C Wall Street and Water Street**

**WHEREAS:** Community Board #1 has consistently expressed its concern regarding the proliferation of sidewalk newsstands in our busy district where most streets are heavily congested with pedestrian and vehicular traffic, and

**WHEREAS:** There is already an existing sidewalk newsstand on the N/W/C of the same intersection, now

**THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED**

**THAT:** Community Board #1 is opposed to the installation of a newsstand at the above referenced location because it will negatively impact the flow of pedestrian traffic particularly between the hours of 8:30-9:30 AM, 11:30 AM-2:30 PM, 4:30 to 5:30 PM, and

**BE IT  
FURTHER  
RESOLVED**

**THAT:** The Department of Consumer Affairs instruct City departments reviewing this application to conduct inspections during the AM and PM rush hours as well as lunch hour to make inspectors aware of the heavy pedestrian traffic and congestion at this location.

**COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN**  
**RESOLUTION**

SEPTEMBER 18, 1990

**COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

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| COMMITTEE VOTE: | 6 In Favor  | 0 Opposed | 0 Abstained |
| BOARD VOTE:     | 26 In Favor | 3 Opposed | 0 Abstained |

RE: **Criteria for Installation of Works of Art**

BE IT  
RESOLVED  
THAT:

Community Board #1 and its Arts and Cultural Affairs Committee will employ the following criteria in reviewing proposed installations of works of art in Lower Manhattan:

- Public safety
- Aesthetic merit
- Originality
- Appropriateness to the site
- New York City artist (preference given)
- Artist with limited previous public exposure in Lower Manhattan (preference given)
- Single installation in place at a time

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**COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

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| COMMITTEE VOTE: | 6 In Favor  | 0 Opposed | 0 Abstained |
| BOARD VOTE:     | 26 In Favor | 0 Opposed | 1 Abstained |

RE: **"Mixed Use District", Proposed Installation**

BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 recommends that the Department of Transportation approve the temporary installation (3 months) of "Mixed Use District" by Mimi Gross in the traffic triangle bounded by Avenue of the Americas, Church Street and White Street.

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**COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

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| COMMITTEE VOTE: | 6 In Favor  | 0 Opposed | 0 Abstained |
| BOARD VOTE:     | 26 In Favor | 0 Opposed | 1 Abstained |

RE: **"Earth's Eye", Proposed Installation**

BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 recommends that the Department of Parks and Recreation approve the temporary installation (3 months) of "Earth's Eye" by Alan Michelson in Collect Pond Park.

**COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN**  
**RESOLUTION**

SEPTEMBER 18, 1990

**COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: CIVIC CENTER**

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| COMMITTEE VOTE: | 4 In Favor  | 0 Opposed | 0 Abstained |
| BOARD VOTE:     | 19 In Favor | 0 Opposed | 0 Abstained |

**RE: Proposed Sidewalk Newsstand, N/E/C\* of Worth Street and Broadway**

WHEREAS: Community Board #1 has consistently expressed its concern regarding the proliferation of sidewalk newsstands in our busy district where most streets are heavily congested with pedestrian and vehicular traffic, and

WHEREAS: The application designates the location of the proposed newsstand at the N/E/C of the intersection, but drawings were submitted for the S/E/C, now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 is opposed to the installation of a newsstand at either the N/E/C or S/E/C of the intersection because it would negatively impact the flow of pedestrian traffic particularly between the hours of 8:30-9:30 AM, 11:30 AM-2:30 PM, 4:30 to 5:30 PM, and

BE IT  
FURTHER  
RESOLVED

THAT: The Community Board instructs City departments reviewing this application to conduct inspections during the AM and PM rush hours as well as lunch hour to make inspectors aware of the heavy pedestrian traffic and congestion at this location.

**COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN**  
**RESOLUTION**

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**COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: CIVIC CENTER**

COMMITTEE VOTE:      4 In Favor              0 Opposed              0 Abstained

RE:      **29-33 Peck Slip**

WHEREAS:      The new owners of 29-33 Peck Slip have applied to modify the existing Certificate of Appropriateness in order to convert the building to a hotel and restaurant, and

WHEREAS:      The current application proposes an enlarged rooftop bulkhead to accommodate a second elevator and a fire staircase and will add approximately 16' 9" of height to the building, and comes on top of the two additional stories totalling 20' in height which were approved by the Landmarks Preservation Commission in 1989, and

WHEREAS:      The proposed rooftop addition would bring the building to a height of 90' 4" which is considerably taller than other buildings along Peck Slip and would make it among the tallest structures in the entire South Street Seaport Historic District, and

WHEREAS:      The application also proposes an exterior glass facade on the 6th and 7th floor to accommodate a proposed restaurant, now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT:      Community Board #1 recommends that the Landmarks Preservation Commission disapprove the portions of the above referenced application which call for enlarging the bulkhead and utilizing large amounts of glass on the 6th and 7th floor facades since these alterations would produce a building which is incompatible with other structures which characterize the South Street Seaport Historic District, and

BE IT  
FURTHER  
RESOLVED

THAT:      Community Board #1 approves the proposed enlargement of the inner court in order to provide additional light and air to the building.

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**COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS**

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| COMMITTEE VOTE: | 4 In Favor  | 0 Opposed | 2 Abstained |
| BOARD VOTE:     | 23 In Favor | 0 Opposed | 0 Abstained |

RE: **416-424 Washington Street**

WHEREAS: The building at 416-424 is a handsome structure, one which contributes to an historic neighborhood, and one which the Landmarks Preservation Commission has deemed appropriate to include in the calendared Tribeca North Historic District, and

WHEREAS: This building has had a recent tortured history and which for too long has been the source of undue pain for its neighbors, including an infestation of rats, and

WHEREAS: From the time of its proposed conversion several years ago the Community Board has supported only appropriate uses and has labored ever since to get the building stable, secure and maintained, now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 calls upon American Savings Bank, the current owner of 416-424 Washington Street to preserve the existing building and to stabilize it structurally and socially, seal all windows, doorways and other openings with brick or other rat resistant material, and

BE IT  
FURTHER  
RESOLVED

THAT: The Board recommends the expedient sale of the building to a developer for conversion to appropriate uses only.

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**COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WASHINGTON MARKET**

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| COMMITTEE VOTE: | 4 In Favor  | 0 Opposed | 0 Abstained |
| BOARD VOTE:     | 22 In Favor | 0 Opposed | 0 Abstained |

**RE: "Relocation Incentive Program" (N 910007 ZRY)**

**WHEREAS:** The Department of City Planning is proposing an extension and minor changes to the Business Relocation Incentive Program (BRAC), and

**WHEREAS:** Community Board #1 has long supported retention of the industrial business in our area, and

**WHEREAS:** The Department of City Planning proposal exempts Interim Multiple Dwellings (IMD's) from the BRAC fee, as has long been urged by this Community Board and by state law, and

**WHEREAS:** The extension of the program enables industrial businesses an opportunity to receive relocation benefits until 1998; now

**THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED  
THAT:**

Community Board #1 supports the proposed modifications with the following comments:

1. We urge that BRAC fees be waived after 10 years of vacancy rather than the current 5.
2. There should be an increased effort by the City to reach affected businesses to inform them of these potential benefits.
3. BRAC fee money being used for the Industrial Retention and Relocation Program (IRR) is currently denied to businesses wishing to relocate south of 96th Street in Manhattan; we urge that this restriction be lifted.



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**COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: TRANSPORTATION AND UNIFORMED SERVICES**

COMMITTEE VOTE:      3 In Favor          0 Opposed          0 Abstained  
BOARD VOTE: TABLED FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE

**RE:      Two-way Traffic on N. Moore, Harrison and Hubert Streets**

WHEREAS:      Community Board #1 has previously gone on record requesting that portions of Harrison Street and N. Moore Street be converted to accommodate two-way traffic, and

WHEREAS:      The Department of Transportation is now recommending that N. Moore Street, Harrison Street and Hubert Street between West and Greenwich Street be turned into two-way streets, and

WHEREAS:      Hubert Street is felt to be insufficiently wide and contains too much commercial activity to allow for two-way traffic, now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT:      Community Board #1 recommends that Harrison Street and N. Moore Street between West and Greenwich Street be converted to two-way streets, and

BE IT  
FURTHER  
RESOLVED

THAT:      Community Board #1 recommends against converting Hubert Street to a two-way street, and

BE IT  
FURTHER  
RESOLVED

THAT:      Community Board #1 asks that the Department of Transportation again study the need for a traffic signal at Harrison Street and Greenwich Street in light of the decision to make Harrison Street two-way.