

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

JANUARY 8, 1991

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

COMMITTEE VOTE:	3 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	17 In Favor	2 Opposed	3 Abstained

**RE: Finn Square Temporary Installation, Request for Extension**

**WHEREAS:** Members of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Committee did not endorse the current temporary installations by Linda Cunningham, and members continue to believe them aesthetically weak, and

**WHEREAS:** Ms. Cunningham is required by the NYC DOT to remove the work from Bogardus Triangle by 2/10/91 to make way for the Hudson St. reconstruction project, and

**WHEREAS:** The Finn Square site, even without the current installation is a difficult one, being already cluttered by street trees, plantings and potted shrubs, and

**WHEREAS:** The artist is proposing to relocate some elements of the Bogardus Triangle installation to Finn Square; and because no specific proposal has been submitted in this regard such transfer is deemed inappropriate, and

**WHEREAS:** Furthermore, the existing installation is controversial, at best, within the community, now

**THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED**

**THAT:** CB #1 strongly urges that the NYC DOT not approve the request by Linda Cunningham for an extension of the temporary installation of her sculptural piece in Finn Square, as it exists or with additional elements.

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**COMMITTEES OF ORIGIN: EXECUTIVE & LANDMARKS**

EXECUTIVE VOTE:	8 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
LANDMARKS VOTE:	3 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	22 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

**RE: 416-424 Washington St., proposed designation as a NYC Landmark**

**WHEREAS:** 416-424 Washington St., is a key building of major proportion in the calendared Tribeca North Historic District that contributes significantly to the distinctive character of the district, now

**THEREFORE**

**BE IT**

**RESOLVED**

**THAT:** CB #1 firmly supports the designation of 416-424 Washington St., by the Landmarks Preservation Commission as a NYC Landmark, and

**BE IT**

**FURTHER**

**RESOLVED**

**THAT:** Community Board rejects the request of American Savings Bank, current owner, to demolish the building, and further, CB #1 requests that the bank seek creative alternatives to demolition, and (the Board) offers its good offices to assist in the sale of the building.

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COMMITTEE VOTE:	3 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	21 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

**RE: "Bill of Rights", Proposed Extension of Temporary Installation**

**WHEREAS:** On May 8, 1990 CB #1 recommended that the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Department of Transportation approve the temporary installation of "Bill of Rights" by William Fulbrecht at five sites, and

**WHEREAS:** Permits for the original 6 month installation expire at the end of December, and the artist is requesting an extension of 6 months, and

**WHEREAS:** The installation has thus far been well received and maintained, now

**THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED**

**THAT:** CB #1 recommends the approval of an extension for the temporary installation of "Bill of Rights" through June 1991.

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**COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: YOUTH**

COMMITTEE VOTE:	6 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	22 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

**RE: Board of Education Budget Cuts**

**WHEREAS:** The Board of Education has already received over \$40 million in budget cuts and \$95 million in further cuts are now planned, plus a predicted \$250 million cut for FY 92 and

**WHEREAS:** 17% of city tax levy dollars now go to the Board of Education but the City is demanding that 37% of the City's cuts come from the Board of Education, and

**WHEREAS:** These additional cuts will mean that classrooms will be severely overcrowded and schools will lose security guards, counselors, afterschool programs, art, music, foreign language and advanced math and science instruction, and

**WHEREAS:** Schools will suffer loss of staff, materials and services and teachers from other schools and districts who have seniority will displace teachers with less seniority, destroying continuity in the classroom, morale in the school, as well as a school's ability to keep teachers that fulfill a special focus a school may have, and

**WHEREAS:** This policy compounds the effects of the budget cuts and completely undermines school and community based planning, and

**WHEREAS:** Equal opportunity will be a meaningless phrase in this city if we cannot provide quality public education, and further cuts to schools will severely threaten the maintenance of even minimum educational standards, and will not only eliminate the possibility of equal opportunity but create dangerous and expensive problems with an undereducated and underemployed population in the future, now

**THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED**

**THAT:** Community Board #1 strongly opposes further budget cuts to the Board of Education and urges the Mayor to show his commitment to youth by designating the education of our youth as the City's highest priority, and

BE IT  
FURTHER  
RESOLVED  
THAT:

Community Board #1 seriously questions the Board of Education's distribution of budget cuts that excessively burdens schools and classrooms and calls on the Board of Education to absorb a much higher percentage of any necessary cuts at the central administration level.

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BOARD VOTE:	22 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

**RE: Department of Youth Services Budget Cuts**

**WHEREAS:** CB #1 has learned that the NYC Dept. of Youth Services (DYS) has proposed agency cuts that include laying off the Community Board Youth Coordinators on January 15, 1991, and

**WHEREAS:** According to the "Letter of Agreement between the DYS and Community Boards" and the "Youth Coordinator Tasks and Standards", Youth Coordinators are staff to the community boards and therefore the Dept. of Youth Services has no authority to lay off Youth Coordinators without consultation with and approval of the community boards, and

**WHEREAS:** Youth Coordinators make up approximately one third of the professional staff of community boards and if cut, would significantly decrease the abilities of the community boards which are supposed to be strengthened in the new City Charter, and

**WHEREAS:** Youth Coordinators are the means by which the City fulfills the State-mandated community based comprehensive plan for youth services which allows NYC to draw down the maximum dollars per youth from the State, and

**WHEREAS:** The salary of Youth Coordinators is partially paid for by the State, and the City will not save their full salaries by laying them off, and

**WHEREAS:** Youth Coordinators, while not direct service providers, serve as an indispensable resource to NYC communities far beyond their responsibilities regarding DYS programs including: bringing additional youth services to communities from businesses, and private organizations, organizing new programs, tapping neighborhood resources to enable youth programs to stretch their services, fundraising, program development, and other technical assistance to youth programs, providing information and referral services to individuals and groups, and advocating for local youth needs, open space, recreation, education, and health issues to the broader community, and

**WHEREAS:** The Mayor has proposed a Safe Streets Safe City program, that if approved, will increase funds to the Police Department and the DYS, and without Youth

Coordinators to ensure that local, ongoing, day to day needs are being addressed, we fear this program will not make meaningful contributions to this City's youth, and

WHEREAS: The Community Board has also learned that the DYS has proposed cutting the discretionary funds of the Councilmembers if the Youth Coordinators are not cut in January, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT:

CB #1 vehemently oppose the DYS laying off the Community Boards' Youth Coordinators on the basis of its legality as well as its extreme adverse effects on the viability of Community boards and local youth services, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT:

CB #1 demands to be a full partner in negotiating with the Mayor's Office any cuts or alternatives to the Youth Coordinator position, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT:

CB #1 finds it unacceptable for the DYS to consider the Council's discretionary funds as part of the DYS budget and to play the Council and the Community Boards against one another for their survival.