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City Planning Commission Public Meeting

South Street Seaport Pier 17

**Testimony by Jeff Galloway
Chair, CB1 Planning Committee**

**Wednesday, December 19, 2012
22 Reade St, New York, NY
10:00 AM**

Good morning Chairperson Burden and members of the City Planning Commission. I am Jeff Galloway, Chair of CB1's Planning Committee. We thank you for the opportunity to comment on Pier 17.

As previously stated, Community Board 1 has been engaged in a long and complex public review process in regards to the plan proposed by the Howard Hughes Corporation for Pier 17.

CB1's public review process yielded a wide range of crucial concerns and viable suggestions regarding the redevelopment of Pier 17. I will briefly outline the most prominent themes drawn from the testimonies, both written and spoken, including:

1. ensuring that the engineering design of Pier 17 and the redevelopment area incorporate best practices in engineering so that they would not be damaged if there were to be another storm like Superstorm Sandy
2. incorporating flexible, multi-use pier design for maritime use, including the installation of cleats and bollards, gates in pier fences to permit safe access to maritime programs, and the inclusion of life rings and ladders
3. extending the deadline for the Clipper City's eviction from June 30, 2013 to September 30, 2013, to permit operation through the summer season
4. restoring sailing to the pier
5. assuring that the design comports with a comprehensive waterfront plan for maritime uses
6. incorporating into rooftop space a fully equipped theater that could be utilized year-round

7. concerns that the proposed performance stage adjacent to Pier 16 would adversely affect the operations of the South Street Seaport Museum, obstruct view corridors and impede pedestrian access and circulation
8. requiring HHC to enter into a restrictive declaration to ensure compliance with the agreement on waterfront public access and the visual corridor
9. preserving the de-mapped Fulton Street view corridor
10. clarifying the boundary between the South Street Seaport Museum leased property at Pier 16 and the HHC leased property
11. limiting the rezoning occurring as part of this application to that made necessary by the proposed project itself and that such rezoning not extend to areas, such as the New Market Building and Tin Building, that are not part of the proposed project
12. expanding the boundaries of the South Street Seaport Historic District to include the northern part of Pier 17 to match the Federal historic district boundaries
13. preserving at least the equivalent quantity and quality of public space that was specified by the City when Pier 17 was originally built in 1985 is maintained

In conclusion, Community Board 1 supports the Pier 17 plan under the condition that the concerns and suggestions outlined above are considered as well as those presented by previous speakers.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Pier 17 proposal.