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**MANHATTAN BOROUGH BOARD RESOLUTION  
REGARDING COMMUNITY BOARD REVIEW OF LANDMARKS APPLICATIONS**

WHEREAS Community Boards, as the most local form of City government, are uniquely suited to offer input and expertise on individual landmarks applications and provide advisory opinions to the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC); and

WHEREAS, unlike other land use review processes that abide by a distinct timeline or schedule, LPC does not follow a uniform or defined timeline for the review of landmarks applications; and

WHEREAS, although LPC refers landmarks proposals to Community Boards for input, Community Boards are not afforded a consistent and defined period of time to provide meaningful review and evaluation for these applications; and

WHEREAS, this arrangement has led to circumstances when Community Board landmarks committees were unable to review a landmarks application prior to a LPC vote; Community Board full boards have been unable to review and vote on an application prior to a LPC vote; and Community Board full boards have overturned votes from their landmarks committees, thereby changing the position of the Board;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Manhattan Borough Board urges LPC to adopt a formal and defined timeline that allows Community Boards to provide meaningful input on all landmarks applications; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Manhattan Borough Board recommends that LPC provide Community Boards a minimum of 45 days of review between the time when a given landmarks application is calendared to when the Commission takes the official vote on the application.

*At its regularly scheduled General Board Meeting on October 5, 2011, Manhattan Community Board 10 voted to unanimously approve this resolution by a vote of 33 in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions.*