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January 19, 2018

Deborah Glick
NYS Assemblymember
853 Broadway, Suite 2007
New York, NY 10003

Dear Assemblywoman Glick:

At its Full Board meeting on January 18, 2018 Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB#2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

Presentation regarding Assemblymember Deborah Glick's bill (A-8779) to deter bird collisions by incorporating bird-safe building materials and design features, including bird-friendly building glass, with consideration of a resolution regarding this legislation:

Whereas, New York City is located along the Atlantic Flyway—one of North America's most important bird migration routes that cuts across the East Coast; and

Whereas, humans depend on birds for critical ecological functions, such as insect and rodent control, crop pollination and seeding, and the limitation of diseases such as West Nile Virus, Zika and malaria; and

Whereas, a study published in *The Condor: Ornithological Applications* estimates that between 100 million and 1 billion birds are killed annually in the United States as a result of collisions with buildings and particularly collisions with windows; and

Whereas, the study found that 56% these collisions occur at low-rise buildings between 4-11 stories, and 44% at residences between 1-3 stories; and

Whereas, New York City continues new building development at a marked pace and advances in glass technology have increased the amount of glass used in construction; and

Whereas, bird-friendly design has become recognized as part of sustainable design and has been recognized with a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) pilot credit for reducing bird collisions (LEED Pilot Credit 55); and

Whereas, the Jacob K. Javitz Convention Center recently underwent renovation and installed all new glass panels imprinted with tiny dots (fritting) that are only perceptible upon close examination and have reduced bird deaths at the Javitz Center by 90% and have made the building more economical and environmentally sensitive; and

Whereas, other jurisdictions, including San Francisco, Toronto, and Minneapolis, have successfully enacted legislation or guidelines for the use of bird-safe design elements in urban construction; and

Whereas, New York State Assemblymember Deborah Glick, representing the 66th Assembly District in Lower Manhattan, has introduced an act (A-8779) to amend the administrative code of the City of New York, in relation to deterring bird collisions; and

Whereas, A-8779 would require that whenever a building undergoes construction work or substantial reconstruction work, such building shall be designed and constructed to comply with bird collision deterrent safety measures; and

Whereas, A-8779, when enacted and implemented, will contribute to the decrease in building-related bird collisions and deaths; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan supports the passage and implementation of Assemblymember Glick's Assembly Bill number A-8779—to deter bird collisions in the City of New York.

VOTE: Unanimous, with 37 Board Members in favor.

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to these resolutions.

Sincerely,



Terri Cude, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Joseph Gallagher, Chair
Quality of Life Committee
Community Board 2, Manhattan

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Luis Sanchez
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
Department of Transportation
55 Water St. 9th Floor
New York, NY 10041

Dear Commissioner Sanchez:

At its Full Board meeting on January 18, 2018 Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB#2, Man.) adopted the following resolutions:

Application for a revocable consent to construct, maintain, and use a fenced-in planted area on the south sidewalk of Christopher Street between Washington and West Streets, in front of 642 Washington Street:

Whereas, the applicant wishes to construct this fenced-in area to contain a planted soil area that will be contiguous with an existing planted area surrounding the West Village Housing complex and will align with an existing planted area at an adjacent property on Christopher Street; and

Whereas, the applicant wishes to construct this area to assist in controlling site drainage, to provide a security buffer to a West Village Housing maintenance office building, and to provide an aesthetic continuity to the existing landscape elements, now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends **approval** for a revocable consent to construct, maintain, and use a fenced-in planted area on the south sidewalk of Christopher Street between Washington and West Streets, in front of 642 Washington Street.

**VOTE: Passed, with 36 Board Members in favor.
1 Recusal (K. Bordonaro)**

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to these resolutions.

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Community Board #2, Manhattan



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Lorelei Salas, Commissioner
NYC Department of Consumer Affairs
42 Broadway
New York, NY 10004

Dear Commissioner Salas:

At its Full Board meeting on January 18, 2018 Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB#2, Man.) adopted these sidewalk café renewal resolutions:

1. **Innovation Kitchens LLC, d/b/a Dominique Ansel Kitchen, 137 7th Avenue South**, with 5 tables and 24 chairs (2019224-DCA).
2. **002 Mercury Tacos, LLC, d/b/a Otto's Tacos, 131 7th Avenue South**, with 8 tables and 25 chairs (2019200-DCA).
3. **Nisida, LLC, d/b/a Rosso Pomodoro, 118 Greenwich Ave.**, with 8 tables and 16 chairs (2023070-DCA).

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends approval of the subject renewals.

VOTE: Unanimous, with 37 Board Members in favor.

4. **Village Restaurant Group, LLC, d/b/a Hudson Clearwater, 447 Hudson Street** with 6 tables and 12 chairs (2028884-DCA).

Whereas, this application was not placed on the agenda for a public hearing, however, the committee received an email from a local resident expressing opposition to the renewal of this sidewalk café because the resident did not believe the operator was compliant with the sidewalk café permit; and

Whereas, the committee received this email without the requisite time to invite the applicant to appear before the committee to speak to the issues raised in the email; and

Whereas, the committee urges the Department of Consumer Affairs to review the compliance of this sidewalk café; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends approval of this subject renewal.

VOTE: Unanimous, with 37 Board Members in favor.

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to these resolutions.

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