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COMMUNITY BOARD No. 2, MANHATTAN

3 Washington Square Village New York, NY 10012-1899

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February 21, 2020

Stefan Grybauskas, Director CECM/Street Activity Permit Office 100 Gold Street, 2nd Floor New York, NY 10038

Dear Mr. Grybauskas:

At its Full Board meeting on February 20, 2020, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

Friday-Sunday, February 28-March 1, 2020 – Spotify Black History Month Pop-Up Event (Matte Projects): Wooster St. between Prince St. and Spring St. [partial sidewalk closure – west side; curb lane on 2/28/20 only]

Whereas, the applicant is planning a pop-event for one weekend at a storefront on this block and will offer a walk-through experience highlighting Black musicians; and

Whereas, the applicant wishes to use the public sidewalk outside of the location to queue expectant attendees who will be welcomed to the event on a first-come, first serve basis; and

Whereas, the applicant stated that no products will be sold at the event but that there would be celebrity branded merchandise give-a-ways every two hours during the weekend and that Spotify would announce these free giveaways using its social media accounts (Spotify Twitter followers: 3.3 million, Spotify Instagram followers: 4.8 million); and

Whereas, the applicant stated that a two-person security team would be on premises to monitor the queue and to keep a portion of the sidewalk free for pedestrians; and

Whereas, Spotify has no storefront or offices on this block and is using this space solely for this one weekend event and members of the Committee were concerned that the applicant is not incentivized to be a good neighbor during this event because of the short-term nature of the event; and

Whereas, in July 2019 Adidas conducted a product launch out of a pop-up storefront at Bowery and Rivington, selling sneakers for 99 cents, that descended into chaos and an NYPD spokeperson told Business Insider that two people were assaulted at the event and taken to the hospital; and

Whereas, limited-quantity give-a-ways and product launches have wreaked havoc in SoHo over the past several years and certain companies have opted to use line-control apps that restrict the amount of people who will show up for a product launch; and Whereas, Spotify is not using any sort of line control technology for this event and cannot be sure of how many people will respond to their social media posts announcing the free merchandise give-a-ways; and

Whereas, a sidewalk and curb lane closure for a temporary tenant of a storefront on this block is not in the best interest of the community; and

Whereas, this application is part of an ever-increasing trend to commercially exploit SoHo with a bombardment of requests to use public space for private commercial use while SoHo residents and neighboring, long-term businesses receive nothing in exchange but crowds, noise, garbage, altercations, congestion, and the like; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends denial of Spotify Black History Month Pop Up Event (Matte Projects): Wooster St. between Prince St. and Spring St. [partial sidewalk closure – west side; curb lane on 2/28/20 only] from February 28-March 1, 2020.

Vote: Passed unanimously with 41 Board members in favor.

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

Sincerely,

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

CB/jt

c: Hon. Jerrold Nadler, Congressman

Hon. Brian Kavanagh, State Senator

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Dear Mr. Grybauskas:

At its Full Board meeting on February 20, 2020, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

Saturday-Sunday, March 7-8, 2020 – Intermix Voting Booth (AWESTRUCK Marketing Group): Prince St. between Mercer St. and Greene St. (directly in front of 98 Prince St.) [partial sidewalk closure – south side only]

Whereas, the applicant is applying for a partial sidewalk closure in front of its Intermix storefront to place a mock voting booth that measures 4 feet wide x 5 feet long x 8 feet tall; and

Whereas, in addition to the booth, the applicant wishes to reserve public sidewalk space to queue expectant customers who wish to enter the booth; and

Whereas, the applicant stated that there was room in the storefront for this booth but that Intermix wanted to increase visibility for this booth by placing it directly on the public sidewalk; and

Whereas, this block of SoHo experiences hordes of pedestrians, bicyclists, and traffic and is a block from the Prince Street subway station entrance/exit; and

Whereas, this application is part of an ever increasing trend to commercially exploit SoHo with a bombardment of requests to use public space for private commercial use while SoHo residents and neighboring, long-term businesses receive nothing in exchange but crowds, noise, garbage, altercations, congestion, and the like; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends denial of — Intermix Voting Booth (AWESTRUCK Marketing Group): Prince St. between Mercer St. and Greene St. (directly in front of 98 Prince St.) [partial sidewalk closure – south side only] from March 7-8, 2020.

Vote: Passed unanimously with 41 Board members in favor.

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Dear Mr. Grybauskas:

At its Full Board meeting on February 20, 2020, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

Wednesday, March 25, 2020 – Annual Triangle Shirtwaist Fire Commemoration (Sidney Hillman Foundation): 1) Greene St. between West 4th St. and Waverly Pl.; 2) Washington Pl. between Washington Square East and Mercer St. [full street closure]

Whereas, the applicant, the Sidney Hillman Foundation, is presenting this annual commemoration of the 1911 workplace fire that took the lives of 146 young immigrant workers; and

Whereas, the event permit starts with set-up at 8 AM, the event will take place between 11 AM and 2 PM and break down of the event will be completed by 5 PM; and

Whereas, the commemoration includes an FDNY truck raising a ladder to the top floor of the building where the tragedy occurred along with the recitation of the names of those who perished and a song sung by a labor council choir; and

Whereas, the applicant will set up an FDNY fire safety educational tent, a press box, and a small stage with amplified sound for speeches by elected officials and labor leaders; and

Whereas, there is an emergency lane reserved on Washington Place to allow for the movement of emergency vehicles; and

Whereas, Community Board 2 recommended approval for this event on these blocks in 2017, 2018, and 2019; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends approval of — Annual Triangle Shirtwaist Fire Commemoration (Sidney Hillman Foundation): 1) Greene St. between West 4th St. and Waverly Pl.; 2) Washington Pl. between Washington Square East and Mercer St. [full street closure] on March 25, 2020.

Vote: Passed unanimously with 41 Board members in favor.

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

Sincerely,

Carter Booth, Chair

Community Board 2, Manhattan

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

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Dear Mr. Grybauskas:

At its Full Board meeting on February 20, 2020, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

Sunday, May 3, 2020 – Little West 12th St. Pop-Up (Stonewall Democratic Club): Little West 12th St. between 9th Ave. and Washington St. [full street closure]

Whereas, the applicant, a Citywide LGBTQ political club founded in 1987, hopes to host a pop-up street festival at this location; and

Whereas, the pop-up festival will offer specialty food vendors and artisanal crafts; and

Whereas, the applicant hosted this same festival on this block last year with no complaints or issues; and

Whereas, set-up for the festival will begin at 8 AM, the festival will operate from 10 AM-6 PM, and breakdown will be complete by 8 PM; and

Whereas, Stonewall Democratic Club uses the funds from this event to host political rallies, hold monthly meetings, and to collaborate with other LGBTQ organizations like the Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund and to offer scholarships for LGBTQ-identifying CUNY students; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends approval of — Little West 12th St. Pop-Up (Stonewall Democratic Club): Little West 12th St. between 9th Ave. and Washington St. [full street closure] on May 3, 2020.

Vote: Passed unanimously with 41 Board members in favor.

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Dear Mr. Grybauskas:

At its Full Board meeting on February 20, 2020, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

Saturday, May 16, 2020 – Village Fair and Expo (STONEWALL Rebellion Veterans Association): Broadway between Waverly Pl. and East 14th St. [full street closure]

Whereas, this event was recommended for denial by Community Board 2 in 2019, 2018, 2017, and for many years prior, yet has received approval by the Street Activity Permits Office (SAPO) year after year; and

Whereas, the applicant appeared and stated that there was no substantial change to the sponsoring organization from years past and the applicant did not indicate that any other LGBTQ organizations within the community would be invited to participate in this event nor did the applicant indicate how any of the surplus proceeds from this event would be used to benefit the community; and

Whereas, this event has historically been held on University Place between Waverly Place and West 14th Street, and the applicant was advised by SAPO to apply for this location on Broadway instead; and

Whereas, the Committee has serious concerns about the location of this multi-street festival on Broadway between 14th Street and Waverly Place because of the recently enacted busway on 14th Street; and

Whereas, drivers trying to turn onto Broadway from 14th Street in order to avoid being ticketed by the busway regulations would be prohibited from doing so while this street festival is in operation and the applicant had no information on how this issue would be resolved; and

Whereas, this application is for a traditional Mardi Gras Productions-produced street fair with typical vendors selling sausages, socks, t-shirts, and the like; and

Whereas, placing multi-street festivals on main thoroughfares like Broadway on busy spring weekends is not prudent; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends denial of — Village Fair and Expo (STONEWALL Rebellion Veterans Association): Broadway between Waverly Pl. and East 14th St. [full street closure] on May 16, 2020.

Vote: Passed unanimously with 41 Board members in favor.

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

Sincerely,

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

CB/jt

c: Hon. Carolyn Maloney, Congresswoman

Hon. Brad Hoylman, State Senator Hon. Liz Kreuger, State Senator

Hon. Deborah Glick, Assembly Member Hon. Gale Brewer, Man. Borough President Hon. Margaret Chin, City Councilmember Hon. Carlina Rivera, City Councilmember



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Dear Mr. Grybauskas:

At its Full Board meeting on February 20, 2020, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, May 22-September 7, 2020 — Little Italy Pedestrian Mall (Little Italy Merchants Association): 1) Mulberry Street between Canal and Broome Sts. 2) Hester Street between Mott and Baxter Sts. [sidewalk and full street closure-both sides]

Whereas, this pedestrian mall began as a tourist attraction in 1996 and has operated continuously since that time but was first introduced and tested by Mayor Abraham Beame in 1974 in an effort to boost shopping and dining in the local businesses that line Mulberry Street; and

Whereas, the mall operates for 16 weekends during the summer from 5 PM-10 PM; and

Whereas, all participating business owners are in full support of the event and none appeared before the committee in opposition; and

Whereas, a member of the public appeared to express opposition to this application because of the lack of residential car access on the street; and

Whereas, the applicant stated that it places an information sheet in every building on the street with contact information in order to allow residents to have access to their cars and buildings during the pedestrian mall; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends approval of Little Italy Pedestrian Mall (Little Italy Merchants Association): 1) Mulberry Street between Canal and Broome Sts. 2) Hester Street between Mott and Baxter Sts. [sidewalk and full street closure-both sides] from May 22-September 7, 2020.

Vote: Passed unanimously with 41 Board members in favor.

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

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c: Hon. Nydia Velasquez, Congresswoman

Hon. Brian Kavanagh, State Senator Hon. Yuh-Line Niou, Assemblymember Hon. Gale Brewer, Man. Borough President Hon. Margaret Chin, City Councilmember



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Dear Mr. Grybauskas:

At its Full Board meeting on February 20, 2020, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

September 14-28, 2020 — 94th Annual Feast of San Gennaro—1) Mulberry St. between Canal and East Houston Sts. 2) Grand St. between Mott and Center Sts. 3) Hester St. between Mott and Center Sts. [full street closures]

Whereas, the Feast will operate as it has for 93 years; and

Whereas, the applicant was asked if it was necessary that individual game and food vendors required their own amplified sound to attract customers, since this is a captive audience, and the applicant stated that the possibility of banning the amplified sound would be considered; and

Whereas, this year and last year the applicant was asked why the City-required paint markings made by festival organizers lasted so long after the event had occurred and the applicant explained that all spray paint markings are made in compliance with City regulation in order to signal fire hydrant and siamese connection locations; and

Whereas, last year this Committee suggested there were vendors like Green Street Media, that offer "permanent temporary paint" that can be washed off after the feast is over; and

Whereas, the applicant stated it did not try to procure "permanent temporary paint" for last year's event but would consider it this year; and

Whereas, two neighboring residents appeared at the meeting with grievances about this event that have persisted for many years concerning noise, trash, grease and paint-stained sidewalks, congestion, and the like; and

Whereas, the Board urges the event organizers to address the following longstanding quality of life issues that impact the neighboring residents and businesses during and after the event:

- 1. paint markings on sidewalks and streets that remain for months after the event is over; and
- 2. grease stained sidewalks that require powerwashing to clean; and

- 3. individual vendors using amplified sound to attract festival-goers; and
- 4. trash buildup at intersections while the event is ongoing; and
- 5. the placement of multiple porta-potties outside of DeSalvio Playground which creates an enduring stench during the day and after the event is over; and
- 6. tree-pits being damaged by vendors building over them or too close to them.

Whereas, the San Gennaro Festival is the most famous American-Italian festival in New York City and it began in September 1926 when immigrants from Naples gathered on Mulberry Street to celebrate the Patron Saint of Naples; and

Whereas, the festival organizers should strive to protect this tradition by producing the festival in a way that has the least amount of negative impact on neighboring residents and businesses; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends approval of 94th Annual Feast of San Gennaro—1) Mulberry St. between Canal and East Houston Sts. 2) Grand St. between Mott and Center Sts. 3) Hester St. between Mott and Center Sts. [full street closures] from September 14-28, 2019.

Vote: Passed unanimously with 41 Board members in favor.

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Grybauskas:

At its Full Board meeting on February 20, 2020, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

FYI/Street Activity Renewals:

- 1. 5/8/20 Strawberry Festival (NYU Student Activities): LaGuardia Pl. between Washington Square South and West 3rd St.
- 2. 5/8/20 E-Waste Collection (Meatpacking District BID): West 14th St. between 8th Ave. and Hudson St. [curb lane only south side]
- 3. 5/14/20 Hudson Park Library Oregon Trail Summer Reading Kick-Off: Leroy St. between 7th Ave. South and Hudson St. [full street closure]
- 4. 6/7/20 Portuguese SoHo (Arte Institute): Sullivan St. between Spring St. and Prince St. [full street closure]
- 5. 9/19/20 Washington Square Arch Fair (6th Police Precinct Explorers): Washington Square North between University Pl. and Fifth Ave. [full street closure]
- 6. 10/3/20 12th Annual Marco Polo Festival (Two Bridges Neighborhood Council): Grand St. between Mulberry St. and Mott St. [full street closure]

Whereas, no member of the community called out these renewal applications for a public hearing and no member of the public appeared to oppose or support these applications.

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends **approval** of the renewal applications <u>provided that</u> the applications conform with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations and clearance requirements.

Vote: Passed unanimously with 41 Board members in favor.

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