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July 19, 2019

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 July 18, 2019, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

7/19/19 – 7/27/19 – Fila Pop Up Store Opening (Marty Barnes, Inc.): Howard St. between Broadway and Crosby St. [curb lane closure only]

Whereas, the applicant failed to appear on behalf of this application and a resident of Howard Street appeared in opposition to this application; and

Whereas, this event is to begin one day after the Community Board 2 meeting and illustrates problems with the SAPO application process because this event will proceed without community board input; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends **denial** of **Fila Pop Up Store Opening (Marty Barnes, Inc.): Howard St. between Broadway and Crosby St. [curb lane closure only]** from **7/19/19 – 7/27/19**.

Vote: Passed unanimously with 37 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 July 18, 2019, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

Saturday, August 17, 2019 – SDC 9th Ave. Pop-Up (Stonewall Democratic Club): Hudson St. between West 13 St. and West 14th St. [full street closure]

Whereas, this is the first application for an event on this block and was chosen after the Meatpacking BID asked the applicant to move the event from further north in CB4; and

Whereas, this block is not ideal for a street festival because of bus routes dependent on this block that service many elderly residents; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends **denial** of — **SDC 9th Ave. PopUp (Stonewall Democratic Club): Hudson St. between West 13 St. and West 14th St. [full street closure]** on August 17, 2019.

Vote: Passed unanimously with 37 Board member in favor.

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Dear Mr. Grybauskas:

At its Full Board meeting on July 18, 2019, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

August 23, 2019-September 20, 2019 – New York Fashion Week: The Shows (IMG Worldwide Inc. DBA IMG Fashion): 1) Greenwich St. between King St. and West Houston St., 2) Varick St. between Watts St. and Grand St., 3) Varick St. between Grand St. and Canal St. [curb lane closure only]

Whereas, these events are part of New York Fashion Week and the applications are for curb lane closures for each listed block for the loading and unloading of delivery trucks, 40 Lexus automobiles, and pick up and drop off for participants, crew, and observers; and

Whereas, although the applicants stated that the curb lane closures will be used intermittently during the four weeks there will be no guidance to neighboring residents and businesses when these parking spots will be used and therefore the residents and businesses will not be able to rely on using any of the aforementioned blocks during these four weeks; and

Whereas, a letter was received and a representative was present from the Hudson Square BID, expressing concerns about the negative impact on traffic congestion that these curb lane closures have been observed to cause during past events; and

Whereas, the Hudson Square BID employs traffic monitors to help mitigate Holland Tunnel back-up traffic on Varick Street and these monitors observed that “barricaded areas were creating unnecessary traffic and cars were weaving in and out of the barricades, thereby holding up traffic” along the Varick Street corridor; and

Whereas, a neighboring resident appeared in opposition to these curb lane closures expressing that the past closures have had a negative impact on the quality of life of residential neighbors; and

Whereas, the traffic and congestion surrounding the Holland Tunnel cause this area to be uniquely unfit to absorb the impacts of NY Fashion Week and the applicants should look at other options going forward; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends **denial** of – **New York Fashion Week: The Shows (IMG Worldwide Inc. DBA IMG Fashion): 1) Greenwich St. between King St. and West Houston St., 2) Varick St. between Watts St. and Grand St., 3) Varick St. between Grand St. and Canal St. [curb lane closure only] from August 23, 2019-September 20, 2019.**

Vote: Passed unanimously with 37 Board members in favor.

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

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Dear Mr. Grybauskas:

At its Full Board meeting on July 18, 2019, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

Friday, September 6, 2019 and Friday, October 4, 2019 – SoHo Broadway First Fridays – Weekend Walks (NYCDOT Weekend Walks – Kyle Gorman): Howard St. between Mercer St. and Crosby St. [full street closure]

Whereas, this applicant, the SoHo Broadway Initiative (a Business Improvement District); is partnering with the Department of Transportation to host these Weekend Walks; and

Whereas, “Weekend Walks” are multi-block, multi-day events on commercial corridors that promote the use of streets as public space. Community based organizations apply to close commercial streets and provide programming that highlights local businesses and New York City’s unique neighborhoods and they are intended to create opportunities for New Yorkers to gather and see their neighborhoods in a new way; and

Whereas, the applicant hosted a recycling event in April on Howard Street that, despite rain, was a success; and

Whereas, the applicant submitted letters of support for these events from the Chinatown BID and seven business owners from this stretch of Howard Street; and

Whereas, several residents from Howard Street appeared to express opposition to these events citing an issue with accessing their residence with a private car during the street closure in April and also worried about the congestion these events might create; and

Whereas, the applicant stated that there would be no amplified sound or food and drink sold at these events and the applicant would be providing comprehensive security and clean-up crews; and

Whereas, this is a temporary event and should not be regarded as a “pilot program” or pathway towards the permanent closure of Howard Street in the future; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends **approval** of **SoHo Broadway First Fridays – Weekend Walks (NYCDOT Weekend Walks – Kyle Gorman): Howard St. between Mercer St. and Crosby St. [full street closure]** on Friday, September 6, 2019 and Friday, October 4, 2019.

VOTE: Resolution passed with 32 Board members in favor and 5 Board members in opposition (S. Smith, S. Kent, K. Berger, K. Bordonaro, P. Laraia)

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

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Dear Mr. Grybauskas:

At its Full Board meeting on July 18, 2019, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

Saturday, August 24, 2019 – Village Crosstown Trolley – Astor Place Festival: Astor Place between Broadway and Lafayette St. [full street closure]

Whereas, this application is for the 24th Annual Village Crosstown Trolley Astor Place Festival; and

Whereas, the non-profit applicant, Village Crosstown Trolley Coalition, was founded in CB2 in 1994 by a group of neighborhood residents to develop community support for a river-to-river light-rail trolley line along 8th Street in the Village; and

Whereas, the representative of the coalition, George Haikalis, is a urban civil engineer and public member of Community Board 2's Traffic and Transportation Committee, and stated that the Mayor's plan for a light rail in Brooklyn and Queens has renewed interest in the village trolley; and

Whereas, Community Board 2 has previously recommended denial for this event citing the lack of appreciable value of this organization; and

Whereas, the Committee cited past street events that have received a recommendation of approval from CB2 based on the organizations geographical proximity to the community board district; and

Whereas, the Committee relies on Chapter 1-03(b) of Street Activity Permit Office Rules, in determining that each non-profit sponsor of a street fair is a "community-based, not-for-profit organization, association, or the like, which has an indigenous relationship to the specific street or the community or both, for which the event is proposed," and decided that this sponsor meets those criteria; and

Whereas, this event will be a traditional street fair with food, beverage, and discounted goods; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends that the **Village Crosstown Trolley – Astor Place Festival be denied.**

VOTE: Resolution passed with 24 Board members in favor and 11 Board members in opposition (J. Gallagher, B. Pape, S. Secunda, J. Liff, A. Zeldin, W. Kawalder, E. Ma, R. Sanz, J. Geballe, C. Sullivan, A. Wong)

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

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Hon. Carlina Rivera, Councilmember

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Dear Mr. Grybauskas:

At its Full Board meeting on July 18, 2019, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

Saturday, October 12, 2019 — Kara Walker Katastwof Karavan (Whitney Museum of American Art): Gansevoort St. between West St. and Washington St. [full street closure]

Whereas, the Whitney Museum is applying to host a block party on this block which would feature a collaboration between artist Kara Walker and musician Jason Moran; and

Whereas, the art piece, Katastwof Karavan, is a train wagon equipped with a 32-note steam calliope, a keyboard instrument, that uses steam whistles to create musical notes; and

Whereas, the applicant intends to place the piece on Gansevoort Street near the intersection of West Street and install sod grass on Gansevoort Street to invite the entire neighborhood and all public to observe this piece in progress; and

Whereas, a full fire lane will be available at all times; and

Whereas, the calliope will be programmed to play music periodically through the afternoon starting around 1 PM and the event will end with a live performance by Jason Moran playing an original composition commissioned for the Katastwof Karavan; and

Whereas, the Whitney Museum is in close communication with the building manager of the residential building across the way from the Whitney and all residents will be notified in advance of this event and can coordinate directly with the Whitney if any issue arises; and

Whereas, the Whitney Museum hosted a block party on this block in 2015 with no complaints and have coordinated with the High Line and the meat coop for this event and will provide full security and sanitation crews; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends **approval** of **Kara Walker Katastwof Karavan (Whitney Museum of American Art): Gansevoort St. between West St. and Washington St. [full street closure]** on October 12, 2019.

Vote: Passed unanimously with 37 Board member in favor.

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

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