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William T. Castro
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
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Dear Manhattan Borough Commissioner Castro:

At its Full Board meeting on July 18, 2019, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution in support of stronger enforcement of rules in Washington Square Park:

WHEREAS:

- 1) Noise in Washington Square Park, both during and after closing hours, is a longstanding pervasive problem and source of misery to nearby residents; and
- 2) Skateboard use and bicycle riding is rampant and illegal within the park and constitutes a large portion of the summonses NYPD issues within the park; and
- 3) PEP officers in the park cannot use decibel readers for noise enforcement unless they are legally certified to do so, and most PEP officers assigned to the park are not certified; and PEP officers appear to be most effective at enforcing park rules when they establish relationships with frequent visitors to the park, whether these be musicians, skateboarders, homeless individuals, or distributors of expressive matter, but are often reassigned to other locations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT CB2, MANHATTAN,

- 1) Requests that at least some portion of PEP officers assigned to Washington Square Park be trained and certified in the use of decibel readers to enforce noise regulations; and
- 2) Requests that PEP officers be given longer-term assignments to Washington Square Park to permit them the opportunity of establishing and retaining relationships with frequent park users, in the interest of better enforcement of park rules and improving park conditions.

VOTE: Unanimous, with 35 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



Richard Caccappolo, Chair
Parks & Waterfront Committee
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Susanna Aaron, Chair
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