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Matthew Driscoll Manhattan Borough Commissioner 50 Wolf Rd. Albany, NY 12232

#### Dear Commissioner Driscoll:

At its Full Board Committee meeting on September 22, 2016, Community Board #2, Manhattan adopted the following resolution:

Resolution in support of local community group's effort to improve the green way island located at the end of Jane and Horatio Streets at West Street.

#### Whereas

- 1. Representatives of a local community group came before our committee and expressed a desire to improve and maintain the greenway island that runs between Jane and Horatio Streets on West Street.
- 2. They have offered to raise funding for a modest renovation and ongoing maintenance of the space.
- 3. They have offered to provide the ongoing volunteer effort to clean and plant and generally maintain the space.
- 4. The space is used as a walkway waiting area to and from Hudson River Park across the highway, as well as a dog-walking space by local residents.
- 5. The space is owned and maintained by the NY State Department of Transportation
- 6. Contact with that NY State Department of Transportation has been made by Assemblymember Glick's office asking if representatives of the agency would meet with this local community group.
- 7. Local residents may want to weigh in on the proposed modifications and there may be some design considerations to take into account based on safety of access so close to a major traffic thoroughfare.

#### Therefore be it resolved that Community Board 2, Manhattan:

- 1. Encourages the NY State Department of Transportation to meet with this interested group of local resident volunteers and consider their offer to re-design, renovate, and maintain the space and
- 2. Asks, as part of this process and assuming NY State DOT approves this offer to consider public meetings to discuss renovation designs and
- 3. Even if this group is enabled to support the space, NY State DOT should continue to provide funding to its maintenance

## VOTE: Unanimous, with 38 Board Members in favor.

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

Sincerely,

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

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c: Hon. Jerrold Nadler, Congressman

Hon. Brad Hoylman, NY State Senator

Hon. Deborah J. Glick, Assembly Speaker

Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President

Hon. Corey Johnson, Council Member