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September 23, 2016

Dawn Tolson, Director  
CECM/Street Activity Permit Office  
100 Gold Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10038

Dear Ms. Tolson:

At its Full Board meeting on September 22, 2016, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

**9/25/16 – II Buco Pig Roast, 47 Bond St. between Bowery and Lafayette St.**

### Whereas:

1. The date of the event has been changed from September 18 to September 25, 2016.
2. The event consists of a fire pit or smoker that cooks two pigs; cooking begins between 1:00 and 2:00 a.m. and concludes at about noon; the event is open to the public from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.; admission is \$35; beer, wine and lemonade are sold in a special area immediately in front of the restaurant; beverages are sold by the serving; serving and seating areas are arranged along the sidewalk in front of adjoining buildings; street closure is limited to one half of the street, so traffic will not be impeded in the rest of the roadbed.
3. The owner of II Buco and a number of her staff, accompanied by two customers of the restaurant, appeared to present the case for recommending approval of the event.
4. NoHo Bowery Stakeholders presented spoken and written testimony in opposition to the application, and forwarded an email from a resident who opposes the application.
5. There were no other members of the public to speak in favor of or against the application.
6. The application is controversial because of problems that had been experienced in previous years, especially regarding smoke from the fire pit and placement of service areas, tables and chairs on the sidewalk and/or in the curb lane in front of businesses and buildings that did not want aspects of the event in front of their premises. These concerns were presented in the spoken and written testimony from NoHo Bowery Stakeholders.

7. The applicant spoke to and submitted written responses to the objections presented in the NoHo Bowery Stakeholders written testimony.
8. The applicant attested that all necessary approvals regarding food service, and beer and wine service have been received, and that the applicant is consulting with the local police precinct and fire department regarding parking limitations and signs.
9. The applicant said that she is investigating using a smoker rather than an open pit for cooking, and explained other measures that can control smoke. The applicant added that the cooking will be better managed this year by a better trained culinary crew. The incompleteness of the cooking plans were of particular concern to the committee, and the applicant agreed to make all best efforts to minimize the impacts from the cooking operation, including exploring the feasibility of directing the smoke from the pit to the smoke-handling equipment inside the restaurant's kitchen.
10. Although a Special Permit does not require the participation of a 501(c)(3) charity, the applicant said that the proceeds of the event will be donated to the City of Amatrice, which has been severely damaged by recent earthquakes in Italy.
11. The applicant submitted a printout of an online petition, signed by approximately 500 people, and a hand-written petition signed by 16 people, in support of the event.

**Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends denial of the Il Buco Pig Roast Special Event** on September 25, 2016, and if this event is approved, CB2 Manhattan recommends that SAPO, NYPD, DEP, & DOHMH monitor the event to assure no nuisance is created and in particular monitor impacts of smoke from open flame cooking.

Vote: Passed with 36 Board members in favor and 2 Board members in opposition (J. Gallagher, L Raccusin)

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

Sincerely,



Tobi Bergman, Chair  
Community Board 2, Manhattan



Robert Woodworth, Chair  
Quality of Life Committee  
Community Board 2, Manhattan

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