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Dear President Wils and Director Weinberg:

At its Full Board meeting on September 20, 2018, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF “DAY’S END,” A PUBLIC ARTWORK BY SCULPTOR DAVID HAMMONS TO BE PERMANENTLY INSTALLED IN HUDSON RIVER PARK

WHEREAS:

- 1) The planned art installation, “Day’s End”, the proposal for which Community Board 2 wrote and approved a resolution in October 2017, has progressed through public hearings and public commentary phases.
- 2) CB2’s resolution supported this project only with the understanding that it will undergo environmental assessments to ensure that it poses no harm to the Hudson River, neither in its construction nor its continued presence; and only with the assurances given that this sculpture will place no constraints on future uses of the parkland at Gansevoort Peninsula.
- 3) Adam Weinberg, Director of the Whitney Museum of American Art, provided an update on the project, which will be installed in Hudson River Park, along the south edge of the Gansevoort Peninsula on the former site of a warehouse that resided on Pier 52.
- 4) The sculpture will be a life-size skeletal replica of Pier 52, which will stand on the exact site where the original once stood, will appear as a “ghost pier,” a silhouette constructed of 8” diameter steel tubing with dimensions that adhere exactly to those of the original pier: 52’ tall, 325’ long, and 65’ wide.

5) The community has expressed concern that the art installation might limit what can be designed and developed on the remainder of Gansevoort Peninsula. The Hudson River Park Trust and the Whitney Museum of American Art adamantly insisted that “Day’s End” will not impinge upon or in any way limit potential future uses of the space on Gansevoort Peninsula.

6) The community has expressed concern that the art installation might limit access to the waterfront on the south side of Gansevoort Peninsula, the desire for which has been consistently communicated. The Hudson River Park Trust and the Whitney Museum of American Art adamantly insisted that “Day’s End” will not cause access to the waterfront to be limited or eliminated.

7) The community has expressed concern that installation of “Day’s End” will delay the design process and development of the passive and active park uses on Gansevoort Peninsula. The Hudson River Park Trust and the Whitney Museum of American Art adamantly insisted that “Day’s End” will not be the cause of delays of the project to develop Gansevoort Peninsula.

8) The Hudson River Park Trust has ensured that the project to develop Gansevoort Peninsula will be a public, community-based design process.

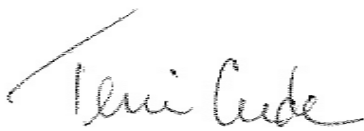
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT COMMUNITY BOARD 2, MANHATTAN

- 1) Reiterates support for the “Day’s End” sculpture to be permanently installed in Hudson River Park
- 2) Supports this project on the condition – as the Hudson River Park Trust and the Whitney Museum of American Art have affirmed - that the art installation will not reduce public enjoyment of the park by limiting the design and usage options of the peninsula; and
- 3) Supports this project on the condition of continued public community participation in the design process of the Gansevoort Peninsula within the Hudson River Park as an amenity with active or passive recreation including public access to the waterfront.

VOTE: Unanimous, with 41 Board Members in favor.

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

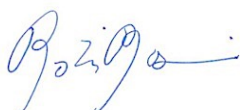
Sincerely,



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Community Board #2, Manhattan



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Parks & Waterfront Committee
Community Board #2, Manhattan



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Community Board #2, Manhattan

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