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October 25, 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 October 24, 2019, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

Saturday-Sunday, November 2-3, 2019 – Madhappy Block Party (Fourth the Kids Foundation): Howard St. between Lafayette St. and Crosby St. [full street and sidewalk closure]

Whereas, the applicant did not appear to speak on behalf of this application; and

Whereas, the application states that the set-up for this event is to begin at 4:30 PM on November 2, the event would take place between 8 PM and 2 AM on November 3, and breakdown would be complete by 4:30 AM; and

Whereas, the application states that the event is expected to attract up to 999 people; and

Whereas, the application states that there will be amplified sound, multiple generators, and food and drink at this event; and

Whereas, an all night and into the morning street closure with amplified sound will be disruptive to the neighboring residents and businesses on this block; and

Whereas, the event is being produced by Madhappy, a clothing brand, which is operating a pop-up store on this block from October 12-November 12; and

Whereas, a full street closure for a temporary tenant of a storefront on this block is not in the best interest of the community; and

Whereas, this application is part of an ever increasing trend to commercially exploit the Village, Chinatown, NoHo, Little Italy and SoHo with a bombardment of requests to use public space for private commercial use while the aforementioned communities receive nothing in exchange but crowds, noise, garbage, congestion, and the like; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends **denial** of – **Madhappy Block Party (Fourth the Kids Foundation): Howard St. between Lafayette St. and Crosby St. [full street and sidewalk closure]** from **November 2-3, 2019**.

Vote: Passed unanimously with 41 Board member in favor.

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

Sincerely,



Carter Booth, Chair
Community Board 2, Manhattan



Joseph Gallagher, Chair
Quality of Life Committee
Community Board 2, Manhattan

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c: Hon. Jerrold Nadler, Congressman
Hon. Brian Kavanagh, State Senator
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