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Dear Director LeFrancois, Commissioner Pincar, and Deputy Director Pettinati:

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

A RESOLUTION REGARDING MEATPACKING BID'S PLAN TO INSTALL PLANTERS AND TREE PITS ON SIDEWALKS OF WEST 14TH STREET BETWEEN 9TH AND 10TH AVENUES

WHEREAS:

- 1) The Meatpacking BID desires to add planters and trees to the sidewalks of 14th St. between 9th and 10th Avenues in order to make the street more attractive and increase foot traffic by creating visual linkage from the "Chelsea Triangle" and Gansevoort Plaza to the High Line; and
- 2) The design of the planters will reflect and extend the design esthetic of the High Line; and
- 3) Most of the 12 planned planters will be above ground and movable, if necessary. They will contain up to 17 inches of soil and will be filled with herbaceous plants; and
- 4) Some of the planters will house medium size trees, in which cases the sidewalk below the planters will be opened up and some excavation below the pavement will be done to give the tree roots room to expand; and

5) The BID insists the installation of the planters and trees will be completed ahead of the impending L train shutdown (scheduled for next April 27); and

6) The BID is confident the sidewalks are wide enough to handle both the new planters and any increased levels of foot traffic due to the shutdown of the L train, though it does not expect the shutdown to drive pedestrians west of the 8th Avenue subway station.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT COMMUNITY BOARD 2, MANHATTAN Supports this project but urges that the design fit the neighborhood and that the project be completed before the L train shutdown commences.

VOTE: Unanimous, with 37 Board Members in favor.

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

Sincerely,



Terri Cude, 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, NYS Senator
- Hon. Deborah J. Glick, NYS Assembly Speaker
- Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
- Hon. Corey Johnson, NYC Council Speaker