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Tom Finkelpearl
Commissioner
NYC Department of Cultural Affairs
31 Chamber Street
New York, NY 10007

Kathleen Hughes,
Assistant Commissioner
NYC Department of Cultural Affairs
31 Chamber Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Commissioner Finkelpearl and Assistant Commissioner Hughes:

At its Full Board meeting on December 21, 2017, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution regarding The Collapsible Hole's appeal to the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCLA) to reverse its decision to decline the organization's FY2018 application for funding.

WHEREAS

1. CB2 Manhattan has a long history of supporting local cultural and educational institutions, which are vital to our community and CB2's identity; and
2. The Collapsible Hole is an Obie-winning artist-driven partnership that was founded in Williamsburg in 2000; and
3. The Collapsible Hole develops, creates, supports and presents original theater performances that have had a role in developing over 100 projects in the last 22 years for New York City audiences; and
4. The Collapsible Hole moved to Westbeth Artists Housing complex at 155 Bank Street in 2016 and presents a year-round program in a 5,000 square foot raw industrial space at the location; and
5. The Collapsible Hole appeared before the CB2 Arts and Institutions Committee because their FY2018 application for DCLA funding was denied; and
6. The Collapsible Hole had been consistently awarded funding by DCLA since at least 2003; and
7. The Collapsible Hole submitted an appeal to the DCLA on November 17, 2017; and
8. Without funding from DCLA The Collapsible Hole is faced with the possibility of having to permanently close The Collapsible Hole in FY2018; and
9. The Collapsible Hole has at least four letters or statements from other arts organizations in support of their appeal to the DCLA

Therefore Be It Resolved that Community Board 2 Manhattan strongly supports The Collapsible Hole's appeal and calls upon the DCLA to reverse its decision and reinstate funding for this important and unique artistic collective.

VOTE: Unanimous, with 34 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



Robin Rothstein, Chair
Arts and Institutions Committee
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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