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William T. Castro
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
Arsenal West
24 West 61st Street, 5th Floor
New York, NY 10023

Dear Commissioner Castro:

At its Full Board Committee meeting on May 18th, 2017, Community Board #2, Manhattan adopted the following resolution:

Resolution in Support of Modifications to Design of Interim Park in Duarte Square including Clarifications of use of Park by 2 Hudson Square

Whereas

1. Representatives from Trinity Church Real Estate and NYC Department of Parks & Recreation came before our committee at our February, 2017, meeting to discuss plans and present designs for an interim renovation of the brick-paved, 13,200 sq ft triangle on the north side of Canal at 6th Ave.;
2. Our committee approved the presented plan;
3. Representatives of the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation department returned to our May, 2017, committee meeting to present slight modifications to the plan, specifically a few additional benches and care-person seating for visitors in wheelchairs;
4. During the discussion following the presentation of the modifications, representatives of the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation clarified that all of Duarte Square, including the de-mapped section of Sullivan St., is designated as open space and should not be used for other purposes. Unapproved purposes include staging areas for activities at the neighboring land that will be called 2 Hudson Square, both during a time wherein that space is leased for a temporary purpose and during the construction of the eventual planned development of a large multi-story residential building.

Therefore be it resolved that Community Board 2, Manhattan

1. supports this proposed modification to the renovation design for this interim park in Duarte Square and
2. Hereby documents, strongly supports, and will look to ensure enforcement that the space that constitutes Duarte Square will always be used as unimpeded open space and not be commandeered for uses associated with activities at the bordering property.

VOTE: Unanimous, with 32 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. Daniel Squadron, NY State Senator
 Hon. Deborah J. Glick, Assembly Speaker
 Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
 Hon. Margaret Chin, Council Member