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December 22, 2010

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Robert W. Walsh, *Commissioner*
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Dear Madam Chair Burden, Commissioner Walsh and Ms. Dewberry:

At its Full Board meeting on December 16, 2010, CB#2, Manhattan (CB#2-Man.), adopted the following resolution:

Proposed CHINATOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT and the DISTRICT PLAN

Whereas, There was significant support for the BID at the public hearing though there were also a few in opposition, **And**,

Whereas, In addition to required mailings, the steering committee has shown documentation of the strong outreach and the extensive support from the bid area with over a 90% response rate in favor of the BID, **And**,

Whereas, The Board recognizes the hard work that the steering committee has done in preparation for this proposal, **And**,

Whereas, The local City Council Member expressed strong support and great need for the formation of this BID, **And**,

Whereas, The Chinatown Partnership has been providing sanitation services in this area, however, the partnership no longer has a source of funding needed to service this area, **And**,

Whereas, The bid assessment is very low and the monies will be mostly used for sanitation services, **And**,

Whereas, The proposed BID will provide a range of services beyond the sanitation services and there is a survey shows a clear need for these services, And,

Whereas, CB#2, Man. has the will have a permanent non voting membership on the Board of Directors, And,

Whereas, The Steering Committee stated they would provide a mechanism to offer assistance to residents for whom such assessments are financially burdensome; And,

Whereas, The Steering Committee also promised to reach out to advise all coop tenants of the availability of such assistance; And,

Whereas, The Steering Committee expressed an understanding of the importance of establishing a board that is truly reflective of the district, And,

Whereas, The Steering Committee agreed to work closely with CB#2, Man. to continue to reach out to all businesses and residents as the process moves forward; And,

Whereas, The Board requests the removal of the west side of Lafayette St from Grand St. to Broome St because, while the boundaries of neighborhoods are often not strict lines, the block in question is not just official SoHo: it has a SoHo look and feel, a SoHo-ness, and

Whereas, the block on the west side of Lafayette Street between Grand Street and Broome Street is included in the proposal district but some retail stores on the block have a character more typical of SoHo; and

Whereas, CB#2, Man. recognizes that neighborhoods are not divided by defined borders, but instead are knit together in a way that adds interest and vitality to the urban quality of a broader area; and

Whereas, including this block in the district may conflict with the marketing strategy included in the district to create “a strong image” and “brand identity” for the district and to “highlight its unique character”: and

Whereas, including this block creates an irregular and confusing northern delineation for the district; and

Whereas, opposition to including this block in the district was persuasively expressed at the hearing and in subsequent letters received by CB#2, Man.;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. supports this application for a proposed CHINATOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, And

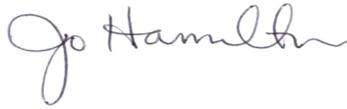
THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. requests that the block on Lafayette Street between Grand Street and Broome Street be removed from the proposed district; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. urges the applicants to work with businesses and residents in neighboring communities to assure that their interests are well-served by the BID with regard to preserving and enhancing established neighborhood identities.

Vote: Passed, with 40 Board members in favor and 1 abstention (S. Sweeney).

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

Sincerely,



Jo Hamilton, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan



David Reck, Chair
Land Use and Business Development Committee
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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cc: Hon. Jerrold L. Nadler, Congressman
Hon. Thomas K. Duane, NY State Senator
Hon. Daniel L. Squadron, NY State Senator
Hon. Deborah J. Glick, Assembly Member
Hon. Scott M. Stringer, Man. Borough President
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December 17, 2010

Amanda Burden, *Chair*
Department of City Planning
22 Reade Street
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Dear Chair Burden:

At its Full Board meeting on December 16, 2010, CB#2, Manhattan (CB#2-Man.), adopted the following resolution:

433 Broadway, (Block: 231, Lot:14) Department of City Planning Special Permit pursuant to Section 74-781 of the New York City Zoning Resolution for modification of Section 42-14D(2)(b) to allow for retail / commercial use, Use Group 6, on the cellar and ground floors, of a proposed seven story building in an M1-5B district.

WHEREAS, the surrounding area was posted and there was no community opposition to this application, And

WHEREAS, The proposed usage will be consistent and compatible with the other proposed uses in this building and in the surrounding buildings and will have no adverse impacts on the neighborhood.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. is satisfied that the applicant has met the requirements for this special permit,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. supports this application for a City Planning special permit pursuant to Section 74-781 to permit Use Group 6 commercial / Retail uses in the ground floor and cellar of an existing seven-story building located in an M1-5B district.

Vote: Unanimous, with 41 Board members in favor.

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



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Community Board #2, Manhattan



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Jeff Mulligan, Executive Director, Board of Standards & Appeals
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Applicant