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December 20, 2013

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

Dear Borough Commissioner Castro:

At its Full Board Committee meeting on December 19, 2013, Community Board #2, Manhattan adopted the following resolution:

### **A resolution favoring a proposal for temporary art installation at Duarte Square.**

Whereas:

1. The artist Juanli Carrión presented the proposal, called Outer Seed Shadow 01, to the committee. Mr. Carrión was introduced to us (via email) by and selected by Parks Department public art coordinator, Jennifer Lantzas. She was unable to attend this meeting.
2. The exhibit will be installed on May 15, 2014, and will be open to the public for a period of six months commencing on June 15, 2014.
3. The piece is called "Outer Seed Shadow 01" and was described as "an investigation about the diversity of migrant communities and their experiences in New York City through flora." Working with the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, Mr. Carrión has been interviewing immigrants across the borough about where they are from and he has been asking them to represent their roots through identification of a plant. These plants with origins from around the world will make up a garden art project laid out in the shape of Manhattan and the plants will sit according to where its' immigrant interviewee lives in the borough.
4. Mr. Carrión said his project is being supported by the Horticultural Society of New York, who will help plant and maintain the garden. There will be public programming and workshops involving the garden on Saturdays.
5. The garden will be built off-site and then installed (size: 140 ft x 300 ft) in Duarte Square.
6. The artist was very receptive and responsive to noise concerns raised by neighbors and committee members, as the recent Mayoral "Talking Transition" tent used generators that made a great deal of noise. He stated that this project will involve no amplified sound or generators.
7. The planned development of a new residential building with a public school and community center will not start before this installation has been removed and therefore will not interfere with this installation. In addition, the bikeshare station in the square will not need to be moved, nor will the

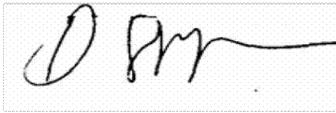
statue of Juan Pablo Duarte, Father of the Dominican Republic, be disturbed. Mr. Carrión has pledged to speak with the Dominican group that looks after the statue to ensure their support.

Therefore it is resolved that CB2 approves this proposal for a temporary installation by artist Juanli Carrión and appreciates the ongoing efforts of the Parks Department to install interesting art in our community parks.

**Vote:** Unanimous, with 36 Board members in favor.

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

Sincerely,



David Gruber, Chair  
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Richard Caccappolo, Chair  
Parks/Waterfront Committee  
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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