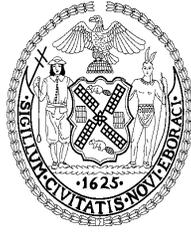


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February 26, 2013

Hon. Kate D. Levin, Commissioner
NYC Dept. of Cultural Affairs
31 Chambers Street
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Hon. Christine C. Quinn, Council Speaker
224 West 30th St. Suite 1206
New York, NY 10001

Hon. Margaret Chin, Council Member
Chatham Green 165 Park Row, Suite 11
New York, NY 10038

Hon. Rosie Mendez, Council Member
237 First Avenue, Suite 504
New York, NY 10003

Dear Commissioner Levin, Speaker Quinn, Council Member Chin and Council Member Mendez:

At its Full Board meeting February 21, 2013, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

CB2 Manhattan Resolution Re: Increasing Funding for the Arts

Whereas, Community Board No. 2, Manhattan (CB2) has long been supportive of cultural institutions and the arts, and recognizes that they are important for residents and businesses within our community and all of New York City, and

Whereas, the Greenwich Village and SoHo neighborhoods have a long, heralded history of being a haven for artists, as well as the cultural organizations that together have made critical contributions to New York City's world-renowned reputation for being a destination for arts and culture, and

Whereas, the CB2 Arts & Institutions Committee heard a presentation from One Percent for Culture stating that:

- The current budget for the arts in New York City is \$150 million, representing approximately 0.22% of the budget
- At 1% of the City expense budget, funding would be \$650 million
- An increase in the arts/culture budget would enable expansion of arts education and other beneficial efforts
- Despite an increase in capital funding, much-needed expense funding has been reduced
- There are over 1,200 cultural organizations in NYC
- NYC cultural organizations create more than 100,000 jobs

- Cultural organizations in NYC generate approximately \$7.6 billion in economic activity each year, and

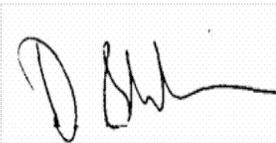
Whereas, CB2 supports One Percent for Culture's mission and goals,

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan supports increased expense and capital funding for culture/the arts, and urges our elected officials to make this a priority.

Vote: Passed, with 39 Board members in favor and 1 abstention-(Aaron).

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

Sincerely,



David Gruber, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Terri Cude, Chair
Arts and Institutions Committee
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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c: Hon. Jerrold L. Nadler, Congressman
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Hon. Daniel L. Squadron, NY State Senator
Hon. Sheldon Silver, Assembly Speaker
Hon. Deborah J. Glick, Assembly Member
Hon. Scott Stringer, Manhattan Boro. Pres. Office
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