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January 24, 2014

Margaret Forgione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 35th Floor
New York, NY 10038

Dear Manhattan Borough Commissioner Forgione:

At its Full Board meeting January 23, 2014, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

1. Resolution in support of Alternate Side Parking (street cleaning rules) on the north side of W. 12th St. bet. West Side Highway & Washington St.

Whereas current parking regulations on the north side of W. 12th St. between the West Side Highway and Washington St. specify No Parking, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m – 6 p.m., restrictions that originally were for accommodating access to commercial parking lots, all of which are now gone; and

Whereas there is now a series of new residential buildings on this block, and residents are requesting that these outdated No Parking regulations be replaced with alternate side parking/street cleaning rules to accommodate their needs; and

Whereas numerous letters of support for, as well as a petition in favor of, alternate side parking (street cleaning rules) on the north side of W. 12th St. bet. West Side Highway & Washington St. have been submitted by residents on W. 12th St. in that area and from the surrounding blocks;

Therefore be it resolved that Community Board 2, Manhattan supports the installation of alternate side parking (street cleaning rules) on the north side of W. 12th St. bet. West Side Highway & Washington St.

VOTE: Unanimous, with 36 Board members in favor.

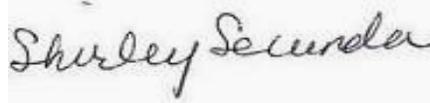
Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

Sincerely,



David Gruber, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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Shirley Secunda, Chair
Traffic & Transportation Committee
Community Board #2, Manhattan

c: Hon. Jerrold L. Nadler, Congressman
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Dear Manhattan Borough Commissioner Forgione:

At its Full Board meeting January 23, 2014, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

1. Resolution in support of request to co-name the southeast corner of W. 8th and MacDougal Sts. (on MacDougal St. bet. W. 8th St. and Washington Sq. N.) “Norman Buchbinder Way.”

Whereas Norman Buchbinder (1922-2007) was deeply and extensively involved in bringing back 8th St., including MacDougal St., from the decay it suffered in the 1970s/80s, originally dedicating his own efforts and funds to spur the renewal of this “Main Street” of Greenwich Village, including hiring, at his own expense, a small staff to photograph every building there, personally researching property ownership and tenants, and writing and phoning all those people to rally support for an initiative to restore the hope and health that 8th St. has achieved today; and

Whereas as a result of Mr. Buchbinder’s efforts, the Village Alliance Business Improvement District (BID) (which now oversees the improvement and continued well-being of 44 square blocks) was established in 1993, with Mr. Buchbinder (who was a property owner there) as its first president, under whom sidewalks were widened, trees planted, and historic lampposts installed, among many other improvements; and

Whereas a long-time resident of 8th St. and tenant of Mr. Buchbinder appeared to speak in favor of the proposed co-naming, describing Mr. Buchbinder’s “hands-on, community-minded” involvement with the street, his continuing presence and daily sojourns there, listening and responding to the people living and working there (“a collaborative approach unusual for a landlord”), and his caring attention to the street; and several occupants of the street were also present in support of the co-naming; and

Whereas a petition in favor of the co-naming was submitted with over 50 signatures from residents of 8th St. and the surrounding blocks, as well as letters of support; and

Whereas this request completely meets Community Board No. 2 Manhattan’s (CB2) Street Co-Naming Guidelines; and

Whereas CB2 has observed that people are often unfamiliar with those who streets are co-named for, since street signage only indicates a name, and believes that a plaque describing the person’s accomplishments on a building in close proximity would be of great service in clarifying these contributions, and the Buchbinder family applicants have agreed to create and put up a such a plaque;

Therefore be it resolved that CB 2, Manhattan supports co-naming the southeast corner of W. 8th and MacDougal Sts. (on MacDougal St. bet. W. 8th St. and Washington Sq. N.) “Norman Buchbinder Way;” and

Be it further resolved that CB2 looks forward to the installation nearby of a descriptive plaque of Norman Buchbinder’s contributions to the community at the same time street co-naming signage is put up.

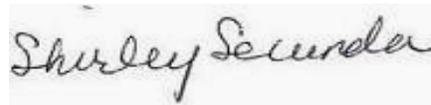
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