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January 31, 2011

Hon. Carolyn Maloney
Congresswoman
1651 3rd Avenue, Suite 311
New York, NY 10128-3679

Hon. Jerrold L. Nadler
Congressman
201 Varick Street, Suite 669
New York, NY 10014

Dear Congresswoman Maloney and Congressman Nadler:

At its Full Board meeting January 20, 2011, Community Board #2, Manhattan, adopted the following resolution

Resolution in appreciation of the efforts made to pass the 9/11 Health & Compensation Act

Whereas, Community Board 2 has supported the 9/11 Health & Compensation Act (H.R. 847) for many years; and

Whereas, New York Representatives Carolyn Maloney and Jerrold Nadler authored H.R. 847, "To amend the Public Health Service Act to extend and improve protections and services to individuals directly impacted by the terrorist attack in New York City on September, 11, 2011"; and

Whereas, the House passed the bill with a strong bipartisan majority (268 to 160) on September 29, 2010; and

Whereas, New York Senator Kirsten Gillibrand was the chief Senate sponsor of the Senate version of the 9/11 Health and Compensation Act with co-sponsor Senator Charles Schumer; and

Whereas, on December 22, 2010 the Senate passed by voice vote an amended version of the bill that reduces the bill's cost to \$4.3 billion over five years; the House approved the Senate's changes shortly afterward by a vote of 206-60; and

Whereas, President Barack Obama signed the bill on Sunday, January 2, 2010; and

Whereas, the law ensures that first responders, survivors (affected residents, office workers, and students from our district and other communities), and volunteers suffering health problems as a result of the 9/11 attacks receive the specialized health care and compensation that they need and deserve; and

Whereas, CB#2 thanks the many groups that rallied together to demand that the entire Community made ill by the 9/11 attacks - responders and survivors alike - receive the health care they need and deserve. This diverse coalition includes the FealGood Foundation, Uniformed Fire Fighters and Fire Officers Unions, Policemen's Benevolent Association and other police unions, DC-37, Communications Workers Association of America District One, the construction trade unions, New York State AFL-CIO, Organization of Staff Analysts, World Trade Center Environmental Health Center Community Advisory Committee, Beyond Ground Zero, 9/11 Environmental Action, Asian American Legal Defense Fund, Community Boards #1 and #3; and

Whereas, CB#2 recognizes the important work of the medical doctors, researchers, and epidemiologists, at the various WTC Centers of Excellence: the WTC Worker and Volunteer Medical Monitoring and Treatment Program, the WTC Program of the Fire Department of New York, the WTC Environmental Health Center, who continue to provide monitoring and treatment to 9/11 responders and survivors, and who continue to document the serious and ongoing health impacts of 9/11 through a substantial and growing body of research, and

Whereas, special thanks go to the Beyond Ground Zero network, Bellevue Hospital, and Dr. Joan Reibman for creating the survivor program, and to Congressman Jerrold Nadler who led the effort to compel the federal government to tell the truth about the hazards released by the WTC disaster and to conduct proper testing and cleanup of toxic WTC dust from homes, schools and workplaces, and later worked to ensure that sick residents, students and area workers would be eligible for care and compensation under the Zadroga bill; and

Whereas, CB#2 also appreciates the invaluable work of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, NY Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Congressman Peter King, Congressman Anthony Weiner, Congressman Eliot Engel, and Congressman Frank Pallone along with all of the New York congressional delegation; and

Whereas, Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services will appoint a WTC Medical Administrator to administer the WTC medical program created under the 9/11 Health and Compensation Act, and

Whereas, Dr. John Howard, who has brought his extraordinary administrative, medical and public health expertise to the role of federal WTC Coordinator for the better part of 5 years, winning the strong support of labor, community and medical stakeholders as well as the respect of members of Congress on both sides of the aisle, is uniquely qualified and prepared to serve as WTC Medical Administrator.

Therefore be it resolved, that Community Board #2 respectfully recommends to Secretary Sebelius that she appoint Dr. John Howard to the position of WTC Program Administrator so that he can continue his outstanding work administering the WTC medical program so critical to the health and well-being of sick 9/11 responders and survivors; and

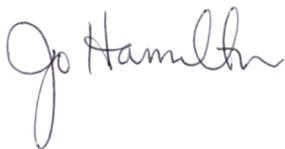
Therefore be it further resolved, CB#2 expresses its wholehearted thanks to NY Senators Kirsten Gillibrand and Charles Schumer for their very hard work towards passage of the 9/11 Health Bill; and

Therefore be it further resolved, CB#2 thanks every member of the Senate and Congress that recaptured the spirit of national unity that prevailed in the days and months after 9/11 and voted YES for the 9/11 Health and Compensation Act.

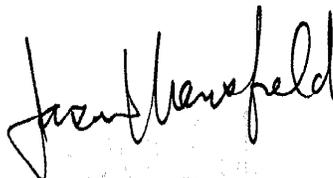
Vote: Unanimous, with 38 Board members in favor.

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

Sincerely,



Jo Hamilton, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Jason Mansfield, Chair
Environment, Public Safety & Public Health
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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c: Hon. Thomas K. Duane, NY State Senator
Hon. Daniel L. Squadron, NY State Senator
Hon. Sheldon Silver, Assembly Speaker
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January 31, 2011

Hon. Christine Quinn
Speaker of the Council
224 W. 30th Street, Suite 1206
New York, NY 10001

Dear Council Speaker Quinn:

At its Full Board meeting January 20, 2011, Community Board #2, Manhattan, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution in support of Intro 332-2010: A local law prohibiting smoking in parks or pedestrian plazas

Whereas, the United States Surgeon General released a report in 2010 that states that, “low levels of exposure, including exposures to secondhand tobacco smoke, lead to a rapid and sharp increase in endothelial* dysfunction and inflammation, which are implicated in acute cardiovascular events and thrombosis,” and

Whereas, legislation has been introduced by Council Members Brewer, the Speaker (Council Member Quinn), Arroyo, Mark-Viverito, Recchia, Cabrera, Chin, Dromm, Foster, Gennaro, Rivera, Rodriguez, Reyna, Nelson and Koo (in conjunction with the Mayor) that would ban smoking in parks, beaches, pedestrian plazas, and other public areas (but not sidewalks); and

Whereas, research shows that over 65% of New Yorkers favor smoke-free outdoor recreational areas; and

Whereas, there are 97 municipalities in the United States that have smoke free beaches, including Chicago, Santa Monica, Los Angeles, and Seattle; and

Whereas, 10 counties in New York state have enacted smoke-free policies for their beaches and 34 counties have enacted smoke-free policies for their parks; and

Whereas, tobacco kills more New Yorkers each year than AIDS, homicide, drugs, and suicide combined; and

Whereas, 75% of the litter found on New York beaches are cigarette butts, which are toxic, slow to decompose, costly to manage, and growing in volume; and

Therefore be it resolved, Community Board 2 urges the City Council to pass this legislation.

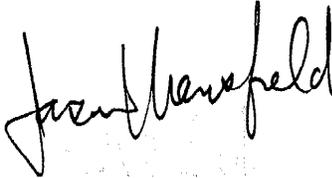
Vote: Pass, with 37 Board members in favor and 1 recusal-(Feinberg).

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

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