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Raymond Kelly, Commissioner
NYC Police Department
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Margaret Forgione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
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New York, NY 10038

Dear Commissioner Kelly and Manhattan Borough Commissioner Forgione:

At its Full Board meeting January 19, 2012, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution in support of recommendations by the Hudson Square Connection to facilitate loading dock access, promote pedestrian safety and relieve congestion on Spring Street between Varick Street and Avenue of the Americas.

Whereas loading dock access on the north side of Spring Street between Varick Street and Avenue of the Americas is heavily blocked by double parking, by taxis stopping in the middle of the street outside the double parking, by vehicles standing for long periods of time on the north curb of Spring St., by vehicles waiting on the south side of the street in violation of regulations; and

Whereas among those affected is 150 Varick Street, that for countless years has had a very active loading dock on weekdays from 8 am to 6 pm, used by trucks up to 60 ft. long, which is dependent on having both loading dock access and a sufficient radius for large trucks to back in, in order to conduct and maintain business; and

Whereas curbside loading activity at the Trump SoHo Hotel on the south side of the street often occupies two lanes during hotel peaks with only one travel lane (if that) available during peak periods, and this activity needs to be monitored and managed by the hotel, so that curbside regulations are maintained there; and

Whereas this Spring St. congestion often results in vehicle queues extending back through the Varick St. intersection, the backup exacerbated by Holland Tunnel traffic; and

Whereas the Hudson Square Connection has conducted a study of these conditions and presented the following recommendations to Community Board No. 2, Manhattan (CB2) for improving truck access and traffic flow:

- Convert “No Parking 8am-6pm Mon-Fri” curb regulation on the north side of Spring Street between Varick Street and Avenue of the Americas to “No Standing except trucks loading and unloading 8am-6pm Mon-Fri.” (to prevent vehicles from staying there)
- Maintain and manage curbside regulations on south side of the street
- Enforcement of curbside regulations by the NYC Police Department (NYPD)
- Lane striping on Spring Street at that location;

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 fully supports the Hudson Square Connection’s recommendations and asks that the NYC Department of Transportation change the “No Parking 8am-6pm Mon-Fri” regulation on the north side of Spring Street between Varick Street and Avenue of the Americas to “No Standing except trucks loading and unloading 8am-6pm Mon-Fri.” and to install lane striping on the street there, as soon as possible; and

Be It Further Resolved that CB2 urges the Trump SoHo Hotel to follow these recommendations by actively monitoring and managing curbside activities on its south side of the street to ensure that the curbside regulations are maintained there, and access and safe passage is sustained; and

Be It Finally Resolved that CB2 asks that the NYPD strictly and steadily enforce curbside regulations on both the north and south sides of Spring St. between Varick Street and Avenue of the Americas and continually work to assure that truck access is maintained and that traffic flows safely and smoothly on that block and from Varick onto Spring Street.

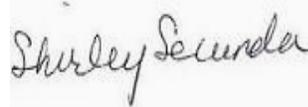
Vote: Unanimous, with 39 Board members in favor.

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

Sincerely,



Brad Hoylman, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Shirley Secunda, Chair
Traffic & Transportation 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
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