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July 20, 2012

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 July 19, 2012, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

Request for hotel loading zone at 523 Greenwich St. (bet. Spring St & Vandam St, west side)

Whereas, the area was posted, community groups notified and there were no community members present regarding this application, and the requestor's representative, Mark Cherchio of Fortuna Realty Group, was present, and

Whereas, this request is for a guest loading zone for a new hotel with 122 rooms with a lot frontage of 50 feet which should open for business around the end of 2013 on a block where the parking regulations are currently Street Cleaning 9:00am – 10:30am Tue & Fri, and

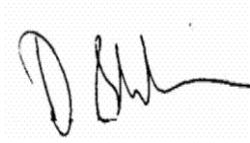
Whereas, it was confirmed by NYC DOT that a loading zone was allowed for hotels with 100 or more rooms, and the exact length would be determined by an NYC DOT study of the specific conditions,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 2 Manhattan recommends **APPROVAL** of this request for a **hotel loading zone at 523 Greenwich St. (bet. Spring St & Vandam St, west side)**

VOTE: Unanimous, with 38 Board members in favor.

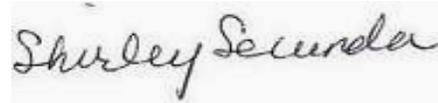
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Sincerely,



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Dear Manhattan Borough Commissioner Forgione:

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

Request for Alternate Side Parking, west side of Elizabeth St. bet. Spring and Prince Sts.

Whereas, the area was posted, community groups notified and there were community members present regarding this application, and the requestor, William Bray, who is a member of the Board of Community Board 2 Manhattan, was present, and

Whereas, the request is to change the parking regulations on the west side of this block from the current No Parking 8:00am – 6:00 pm Mon-Fri, to Alternate Side Parking while the east side of Elizabeth St would remain No Parking 7:00am – 6:00pm Except Sunday, and

Whereas, Mr. Bray gave the committee a petition in support of the proposal with approximately 100 signatures with the assertion that the area is no longer as commercial as in the past and the parking is needed by residents, and

Whereas, a petition with approximately 92 signatures – many of them residents – opposing the proposed change was presented under the signature of Julia Alvidrez of Gawker Media which is located on this block at 210 Elizabeth St with the assertion that the limited parking allows delivery vehicles, taxis, and other vehicles to load and unload without double parking and this reduces the inevitable issues such as horn honking, etc, and

Whereas, Colleen Chattergoon from NYC DOT suggested the possibility of doing just the south half of the proposed block, but most people in attendance also did not favor this, and

Whereas, as the immediate community seems substantially divided on the value of this change and the committee generally questions the value of alternate side parking in any case,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 2 Manhattan recommends **DENIAL** of this request for **Alternate Side Parking, west side of Elizabeth St. btw Spring St & Prince St**

Vote: Unanimous, with 38 Board members in favor.

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Dear Manhattan Borough Commissioner Forgione:

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

Proposal by NYC DOT to route CitySights tour buses coming south on 7th Ave. S. to turn left (east) onto W. 4th St., then right (south) onto Broadway (alternative to current Bleecker St. route)

Whereas, the area was posted, community groups notified and there were community members present regarding this application, and the NYC DOT representative, Colleen Chattergoon, was present, and

Whereas, the proposal is to reroute tour buses operated by CitySights NY from their current route east along Bleecker St between 7th Ave S and Broadway to a route using W. 4th St instead, and

Whereas, this proposal is based in part on the greater width of W. 4th St and the assertion that it is less residential than Bleecker, although several speakers strongly contested that assertion, and

Whereas, numerous community members agreed with the position articulated by CB2 Board member Tobi Bergman that this proposal would simply move the buses from the least desirable route to the 2nd least desirable route, which is complicated by its proximity to the newly renovated Washington Square Park and the presence of large number of pedestrians from the park and NYU, and

Whereas, one member of the community pointed out that Gray Line buses already use Greenwich Ave/W. 8th St as their eastbound route and Ms. Chattergoon felt that might be a preferable route and DOT would discuss the proposal with CitySights, and

Whereas, Ms. Chattergoon was also asked why a route from 7th Ave S down to Houston St. (which is currently one way westbound) and then east to Broadway had been ruled out, and Ms. Chattergoon committed to providing CB2 with that rationale,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 2 Manhattan recommends **DENIAL** of this proposal by NYCDOT to route **CitySights tour buses coming south on 7th Ave. S. to turn left (east) onto W. 4" St., then right (south) onto Broadway (alternative to current Bleecker St. route)**

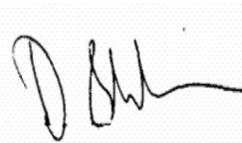
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Community Board 2 Manhattan requests DOT examine the feasibility of routing CitySights buses east from 7th Ave S along Greenwich Ave and then on 8th St to Broadway;

AND that DOT provide CB2 Manhattan with the rationale for ruling out the use of Houston St – specifically the block between 7th Ave S and 6th Ave – as an option for this bus traffic

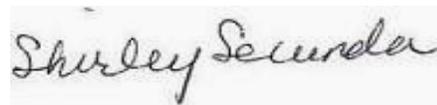
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Dear Manhattan Borough Commissioner Forgione:

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

Presentation by NYC DOT on "Street Racks" for Cafe Habana (corner of Prince St & Elizabeth St)

Whereas, the area was posted, community groups notified and there were community members present regarding this application, and the NYC DOT representative, Wallace Murray, was present, and

Whereas, the proposal is to replace the first parking space on the west side of Elizabeth St north of Prince St with 5 bike racks (with space for 10 bikes) bordered on each end by flexible bollards and large planters as part of a relatively new program at DOT, and

Whereas, this is proposed in partnership with Café Habana which has agreed to be the maintenance partner and be responsible for cleaning and snow removal of the space and care of the planters and plantings, and

Whereas, the project also includes parking lane striping along the west side of that entire block of Elizabeth St. and posting a restriction on turns from Prince St for trucks more than 33 feet long, and

Whereas, one member of the community expressed concern about the loss of parking and noted that if a large garbage can bin, two tree pit fence/benches – which DOT confirmed were illegal – and additional illegal freestanding benches were removed there would be enough room for bike racks on the sidewalk, and

Whereas, while some of the committee support removal of the illegal benches around the tree pits, all of the committee felt the street bike racks were a far better idea than ones on the sidewalk, and

Whereas, a few speakers thought a location further up Elizabeth St – bordered on both ends by parked cars – might be safer, particularly from vehicles turning from Prince St onto Elizabeth St, the committee prefers the location as presented, particularly as it is simply a reuse of an existing parking space and there was no evidence offered that there have been issues with turns in that location, and

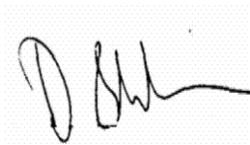
Whereas, one member of the committee questioned the southwest/northeast orientation (counter to the direction of Elizabeth St traffic) and Mr. Murray committed to have DOT look at that issue,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 2 Manhattan recommends **APPROVAL of Street Bike Racks on the west side of Elizabeth St. at the northwest corner of Prince St.**

VOTE: Unanimous, with 38 Board members in favor.

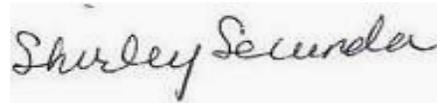
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