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Dear Manhattan Borough Commissioner Castro and Mr. Redmond:

At its Full Board meeting on July 23, 2009, CB#2-Man., adopted the following resolution:

### 1. A resolution supporting proposed plaques for Petrocino Park

**Whereas** a representative of the New York City Parks Department presented two proposed historical plaques to be installed as part of the restoration of Petrocino Park; and  
**Whereas** these plaques are attractive and durable bronze reliefs; and

**Whereas** the plaques appropriately commemorate the life of Joseph Petrocino, a New York City police officer who was a brave pioneer in the fight against organized crime and will serve to inform the public regarding his life; and

**Whereas** the plaques will be considered for approval by the New York City design commission;

Therefore it is resolved that CB-2 supports the installation of the proposed plaques commemorating the life of Joseph Petrocino at Petrocino Park.

**Vote:** Unanimous, with 33 Board members in favor.

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

Sincerely,

Jo Hamilton, Chair  
Community Board #2, Manhattan

Tobi Bergman, Chair  
Parks, and Recreation & Open Space Committee  
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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Dear Manhattan Borough Commissioner Castro and Mr. Redmond and Associate Vice President Hurley:

At its Full Board meeting on July 23, 2009, CB#2-Man., adopted the following resolution:

**2. A resolution supporting the proposal for public open space to be built above the NYU Co-generation Plant of Mercer Street.**

**Whereas** New York University will soon complete construction of a Co-generation plant, serving numerous NYU buildings, on property belonging to the New York City Department of Transportation, located on the west side of Mercer Street between West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and West 4<sup>th</sup> Street; and

**Whereas** this plan was created with the participation of a neighborhood task force including members of the nearby community, members of Community Board 2; and representatives of local elected officials; and

**Whereas** members of the task force attended this public hearing and spoke very favorably of the process and the outcome; and

**Whereas** the proposal does not contradict any of the planning principles approved in the document called "A Roadmap to a New York University Campus Plan" and positively conforms to principals in that document including improving the quality of open space, implementing input from the community in the design process, reaching out early and often for community consultation; and committing to a community-oriented public process; and

Whereas the previous use of the space was fenced in and provided very little public use or access but did include healthy and mature trees that had to be cut down to allow construction of the Co-generation plant; and

Whereas the space will include trees that will mature and grow to substantial height; and

Whereas the space will be an open public space with benches and planting areas; and

Whereas the entire space will be wheelchair accessible;

Whereas the New York City Parks Department has made a commitment to reduce the use of wood from tropical rain forest trees, including those harvested in an approved way such as the wood proposed for the pavings and benches of this park;

Therefore it is resolved that CB-2 praises the process and endorses the plan; and

It is further resolved that CB-2 expresses its appreciation to the members of the task force who devoted many hours to working with NYU and its consultants to develop this plan; and

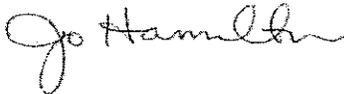
It is further resolved that CB-2 considers the process for this project to be a model for open community involvement in development of public open space that should be emulated by the NYC MTA at a similar underground project for installation of emergency subway fans at Mulry Square; and

It is further resolved that CB-2 asks NYU and its consultants to further review the use of tropical hard woods and to consult with the New York City Parks Department in this regard.

**Vote:** Unanimous, with 33 Board members in favor.

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

Sincerely,



Jo Hamilton, Chair  
Community Board #2, Manhattan



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