



## COMMUNITY BOARD No. 2, MANHATTAN

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Margaret Forgione  
Manhattan Boro. Commissioner  
NYC Dept. of Transportation  
59 Maiden Lane, 35<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10038

Dear Manhattan Borough Commissioner Forgione:

At its Full Board meeting July 23, 2009, Community Board #2, Manhattan, adopted the following resolution:

### **Resolution in support of widening the sidewalk on the south side of Spring St. bet. Washington & Greenwich Sts.**

**Whereas** the residential population on Spring St. between Washington and Greenwich Sts. has vastly increased, especially on the south side, with over 500 new neighbors in the area, along with many new commercial uses, including restaurants, resulting in greater pedestrian activity and crowding on the south sidewalk; and

**Whereas** both residents and businesses have requested that the sidewalk be widened on the south side of Spring St. between Washington & Greenwich Sts., extending out for the entire width of the current parking lane there, to alleviate this crowding and provide a more pedestrian- and neighborhood-friendly environment; and

**Whereas** the current street bed is four lanes wide, an excessive width that endangers pedestrians and is no longer needed in this formerly industrial area where UPS has ceased using this street as a roundabout, and there is less traffic because of the changed pattern to the Holland Tunnel, allowing not only sufficient space for a sidewalk widening, but also for parking on both sides of the street without encumbering traffic flow; and

**Whereas** Spring St. west of Washington St. is the anticipated site of a huge sanitation garage, and the Spring-between-Washington-&-Greenwich neighbors feel that widening their south sidewalk can offer some separation and relief from the facility's negative impacts; and

**Whereas** directly east on Spring St., between Greenwich & Hudson Sts., the street bed is narrower than between Greenwich & Washington, resulting in vehicular traffic from the east dangerously surging into the wider street;

**Whereas** the north side of Spring Street is rather barren and completely devoid of trees; and

**Whereas** the 505 Greenwich Condominium, a 103-unit building on Greenwich St. at Spring St., has spoken with merchants on the south side of Spring St., who have shown willingness to plant new trees to fill out the bare spaces between the trees already there.

**Therefore Be It Resolved** that CB2 fully supports and requests that the sidewalk be widened on the south side of Spring St. between Washington & Greenwich Sts., and asks the merchants on the south side to plant additional trees there extending out for the entire width of the current parking lane there, with parking retained on both sides of the street along with current parking regulations (No Parking 10 am-6 pm); and

**Be It Further Resolved** that CB2 requests that trees be planted on the north side of Spring St. between Washington & Greenwich Sts. to further enhance the pedestrian and community environment.

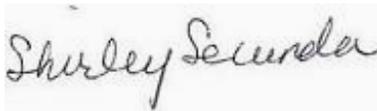
**Vote:** Unanimous, with 33 Board members in favor.

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

Sincerely,



Jo Hamilton, Chair  
Community Board #2, Manhattan



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

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