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A. J. Pietrantone
Executive Director
Friends of Hudson River Park Trust
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Dear Ms. Wils and Mr. Pietrantone:

At its Full Board meeting on June 23, 2011, Community Board #2, Manhattan adopted the following resolution:

HRPT/Friends of HR Park Agreement.

WHEREAS:

1. The Hudson River Park Trust (“HRPT”) and Friends of Hudson River Park (“FOHRP”) have entered into an agreement pursuant to which FOHRP will become the official fundraising arm of the HRPT, with the goal of raising private contributions to aid park maintenance;
2. The Park is very much in need of additional funds to support park maintenance (such as repairing the decay of Pier 40);
3. Friends has largely been an advocacy group and not a group raising funds for the Park, but has decided to shift its mission;
4. Friends has, over the years, played an important advocacy role, lobbying for State and City capital funds, litigating to enforce the Hudson River Park Act (getting the Sanitation Garage off the Gansevoort Peninsula and ending tourist helicopter rides in Chelsea) and organizing elected officials in the community to oppose inappropriate proposals (such as the proposed recycling facility on the Gansevoort Pier);
5. The loss of a publicly oriented and advocacy group requires stepped –up park advocacy by the Advisory Council, CB1, CB2, and CB4;
6. The HRPT will be lending Friends \$500,000 to enhance and professionalize Friends fundraising activities;

7. Overall, the enhancement of Friends' ability to raise funds for the Park is a positive step, therefore be it

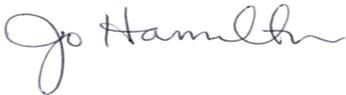
RESOLVED that CB2:

1. Approves of the agreement between HRPT and Friends of Hudson River Park.
2. Supports all efforts to raise private funds for park maintenance, provided that such efforts do not give those with private interests any special role in park planning or governance.
3. Pledges to work with the Advisory Council, CB1, and CB4 to redouble advocacy and watchdog efforts involving the Park, so as to assure that the voice of the community continues to be held in park planning and governance.
4. Looks forward to working with Friends and the Trust to resolve the Park's funding problems over the years to come.

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

Vote: Unanimous, with 38 Board members in favor

Sincerely,



Jo Hamilton, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan

Arthur Z. Schwartz, Chair
Waterfront Committee
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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