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Dear Speaker Quinn, Commissioner Sadik-Khan and Commissioner Kelly:

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

**Resolution in support of NYC Council Intro 465 requiring barcodes on parking placards to verify their validity.**

**Whereas** NYC Council Intro 465 calls for amending the city charter to require that all parking placards have a barcode which would allow traffic enforcement agents to confirm their validity, thereby enabling identification of illegal parking placard use and facilitating enforcement; and

**Whereas** Community Board No. 2, Manhattan (CB2) adopted a resolution at its Full Board meeting November 18, 2010 (see attached) citing the need for enforcement against illegal use by motorists of bogus parking placards and urging the NYC Council to advance a requirement for a modernized system to track and enforce illegal parking placard use through technological applications such as electronic scanning and barcodes, and Intro 465 addresses the need for barcodes, covering all City issued placards; and

**Whereas** "Totally Bogus," Transportation Alternatives' recent study on illegal parking placard use in New York City, reports that 57% of parking placards are currently being used illegally; and

**Whereas** separate bills addressing illegal parking placard use also are before the NYC Council for items that can enhance barcode applications or related technology, including QR-Code (using smart phone technology), infrared coding (to be used with handheld devices), stickers, and issuing a single placard format applying to all issuing City agencies (instead of distributing different placards from each issuing agency as currently done);

**Therefore Be It Resolved** that CB2 supports the passage of NYC Council Intro 465 requiring barcodes on parking placards to verify their validity; and

**Be it further resolved** that CB2 supports exploring the use of other such technology for tracking and enforcing against illegal parking placard use, including QR-code, infrared coding, and electronic scanning of stickers; and

**Be it further resolved** that CB2 supports issuing a single placard format applying to all issuing City agencies; and

**Be it further resolved** that CB2 encourages the development of a mechanism and procedure that would enable private citizens to report parking placard abuse; and

**Be it finally resolved** that CB2 encourages future consideration of the use of license plate recognition to identify illegal parking placards through a single registration system.

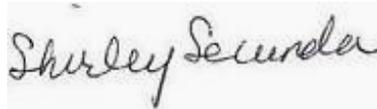
**Vote:** Unanimous in favor with 38 Board members in favor.

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

Sincerely,



Jo Hamilton, Chair  
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Shirley Secunda, Chair  
Traffic & Transportation Committee  
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c: Hon. Jerrold L. Nadler, Congressman  
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Manhattan Borough President  
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New York, New York, 10007

Dear Commissioner Sadik-Khan, Commissioner Benepe, Commissioner Kelly and  
Manhattan Borough President Stringer:

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

### **Resolution in support of a Motor Vehicle Free Central Park.**

**Whereas** Central Park was designed as a refuge within the city; its loop drive was intended for uses that integrate seamlessly into the pastoral ambiance of the park (by contrast, the East-West transverses, located several feet below grade, were designed to accommodate vehicular traffic with minimum impact on park users); and

**Whereas** private motor vehicles on the loop drive impede the healthy environment, peaceful enjoyment, and use patterns of pedestrians, runners, cyclists, carriages, and pedicabs; and

**Whereas**, the presence of private motor vehicles necessitates traffic management tools that do not necessarily provide for safe, shared use of the loop drive by pedestrians, cyclists, runners, carriages, and pedicabs; and

**Whereas** recent measures that restrict the use of private motor vehicles on the loop drive have not resulted in noticeable negative impacts on surrounding streets; and

**Whereas** private motor vehicles are still permitted on the loop drive during weekday periods when, outside of weekends, visitors and local residents most use the park (early mornings and early evenings, before and after business hours); and

**Whereas** more than 100,000 people have signed petitions asking for a car-free Central Park; and

**Whereas** serious consideration of any proposal to prohibit private motor vehicle traffic warrants an objective study of duration sufficient to observe adaptive shifts in traffic behavior and their impacts during both low- and high-volume periods of traffic;

**Therefore Be It Resolved** that CB2 requests that the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT), in conjunction with the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), prohibit the use of private motor vehicles on the loop drive of Central Park (including taxis, but excepting vehicles necessary for park maintenance, concessions, and emergencies) in order to allow for car-free enjoyment of the park during the summer months through Labor Day 2011; and

**Be It Further Resolved** that while the loop drive of Central Park is free of private motor vehicles, CB2 asks that the DOT study traffic impacts and, if necessary, extend the prohibition beyond Labor Day 2011 for a length of time sufficient to accurately measure and assess the potential impact of permanent prohibition of private motor vehicles on the loop drive of Central Park; and

**Be It Finally Resolved** that CB2 requests that while the loop drive of Central Park is free of private motor vehicles, the Central Park Conservancy and the DPR study and begin to implement measures that enhance safety and optimize shared use of the loop drive by pedestrians, runners, cyclists, and pedicabs in the absence of private motor vehicles.

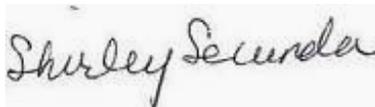
Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

Vote: Passed, with 37 Board members in favor and 1 against-(Sanz)

Sincerely,



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Community Board #2, Manhattan



Shirley Secunda, Chair  
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Dear Speaker Quinn, Commissioner Sadik-Khan, Commissioner Kelly and Manhattan Borough Commissioner Sanchez:

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

**Resolution in support of a time-limited-metered parking program for charter tour buses to the World Trade Center Memorial and favoring incentives to have these buses park outside Manhattan and to promote the use of ferries, PATH and other mass transit to the Memorial destination.**

**Whereas** Community Board No. 2, Manhattan (CB2) expresses its thanks to NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) Lower Manhattan Borough Commissioner Luis Sanchez for presenting plans to accommodate parking for an expected 60 to 100 charter tour buses daily to the World Trade Center Memorial site after it opens in September 2011, to maintain the quality of life for local residents and businesses, and to encourage use of public transit and ferries to minimize the impact of charter tour buses; and

**Whereas** DOT is proposing a Traffic Rules amendment that would establish a 3-hour maximum stay for tour buses in Lower Manhattan between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. daily south of Houston St. from the East River to the Hudson River, with the creation of metered parking spaces designated and regulated for authorized tour bus parking (limited to the 3 hours), signs prohibiting standing in these spaces, and accompanied by a requirement that tour bus operators obtain a separate single issue DOT permit/placard to park in one of these spaces for each individual trip they make; and

**Whereas** the fee for tour bus parking at these new metered spaces will be \$20 an hour, a rate that CB2 considers quite low but recognizes will be subject to change, while also acknowledging that this is the first time-limited-metered tour bus parking program, one that can test a potential new approach to manage tour bus parking on a broader basis; and

**Whereas** a Transportation Partners program is being set up, through which tour bus carriers can receive tickets for preferred visiting times to the 9/11 Memorial if they park off Manhattan Island (e.g. at Liberty State Park, Long Island City, Jersey City) or in private off-street facilities, providing for their groups to use ferries, PATH and other mass transit access to the Memorial; and

**Whereas** DOT is working with the MTA to update transit maps, a trip planner is being prepared with transit directions to facilitate the trip by transit, and a wayfinding system is being developed to direct people from the subway to the 9/11 Memorial; and

**Whereas** enforcement by the NYC Police Department (NYPD) will be required, and increased enforcement will be advanced, while compliance will be monitored and parking placards withheld in the event of noncompliance; and

**Whereas** DOT is in the process of setting up charter tour bus routes now, and has indicated that information on them will be forwarded to CB2 as soon as it is ready;

**Therefore be it resolved** that CB2 supports the establishment of a 3-hour maximum stay for tour buses in Lower Manhattan between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. daily south of Houston St. from the East River to the Hudson River, with the creation of metered parking spaces designated and regulated for authorized tour bus parking (limited to the 3 hours), signs prohibiting standing in these spaces, and accompanied by a requirement that tour bus operators obtain a separate single issue DOT permit/placard to park in one of these spaces for each individual trip they make; and

**Be it further resolved** that CB2 urges that the hourly fee for authorized tour bus metered parking be increased substantially, according to demand (as in the DOT Park Smart scheme), as the program progresses; and

**Be it further resolved** that CB2 fully supports the distribution of tickets for preferred 9/11 Memorial visiting times to tour bus carriers who park outside Manhattan, promoting their groups to use ferries, PATH and other mass transit access to the Memorial, and encourages particular consideration of passenger drop off at the Newport Mall in Jersey City, a commercial area with plenty of space for buses, where the Newport PATH station is just one stop from the World Trade Center; and

**Be it further resolved** that CB2 supports all efforts to encourage the use of mass transit, including updated MTA maps, trip planners and a wayfinding system to facilitate mass transit travel and directional orientation, and also recommends the use of a 2-day unlimited-ride public transit pass to reach the 9/11 Memorial site and its surrounding neighborhood; and

**Be it further resolved** that CB2 asks that the NYPD intensify enforcement activities in the 9/11 Memorial area to ensure that tour buses are in compliance with the 3-hour maximum stay metered parking rules for tour buses in the designated Lower Manhattan area; and

**Be it finally resolved** that CB2 looks forward to receiving information on the charter tour bus routes that are being set up and asks that DOT send the Board this information as soon as it is ready.

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

Vote: Passed, with 37 Board members in favor and 1 against-(Sanz)

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