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July 16, 2013

Hon. Christine Quinn
Speaker of the Council
District Office
224 W. 30th Street, Suite 1206
New York, NY 10001

Dear Speaker Quinn:

At its Full Board meeting on June 20, 2013, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB#2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

Resolution in Favor of Smoking Disclosures in Multi-Unit Residential Buildings

Whereas, the United States Surgeon General has stated that there is no safe level of exposure to second hand smoke; and

Whereas, legislation (Intro Bill 0833/2012) has been proposed in New York City but never placed on an agenda before the City Council obligating owners of multiple-unit residential buildings to disclose their building's smoking policy to prospective tenants or purchasers; and

Whereas, such an obligation on owners would still give owners the freedom to create their own smoking policies based on their own specific circumstances; and

Whereas, smoking disclosure policies will allow New Yorkers, including the vast majority who don't smoke, to make an informed choice as to where they want to live; and

Whereas, smoking disclosure policies will help to protect the health of children, the elderly and chronically ill who typically spend more time inside their home, thus increasing their exposure to secondhand smoke; and

Whereas, such legislation would not ban smoking or prohibit smoking in private homes; and

Whereas, smoking disclosure policies have already been implemented successfully statewide in Oregon and Maine, and at the municipal level, in Buffalo and Rockland County, NY; and

Whereas, existing laws have addressed similar health hazards such as lead-based paint and radon by requiring disclosure in real estate transaction documents, which has reduced exposure to these health hazards; and

Whereas, a majority of New Yorkers already support smoke-free housing and smoking disclosure policies which will allow them to know whether they're moving into a smoke-free building; and

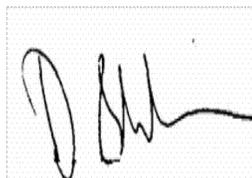
Whereas, smoking disclosure policies can help landlords avoid tenant complaints and conflicts about secondhand smoke drift;

Therefore be it resolved, CB#2, Man. urges the NY City Council to pass legislation requiring the disclosure of smoking policies in Multiple Dwelling Residential Building in the City of New York.

Vote: Passed, with 35 Board members in favor, and 9 in opposition (A. Brandt, L Cannistraci, M. Derr, S. Greene, J. Hamilton, F. Morellet, J. Paul, R. Sanz, C. Spence).

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

Sincerely,



David Gruber, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Robert Ely, Chair
Environment, Public Safety & Health
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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