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March 23, 2012

Raymond Kelly, Commissioner
NYC Police Department
One Police Plaza
New York, NY 10038

Dear Commissioner Kelly:

At its Full Board meeting March 22, 2012, Community Board #2, Manhattan, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution Calling on the New York Police Department to assign more officers to the precincts in our district

Whereas, there have been three highly-publicized events of public disruption, violence, and unruly behavior within the last year at the McDonald's restaurant on West 3rd St & 6th Ave, with the most recent event occurring on March 17th; and

Whereas, the Minetta playground has reopened and its overwhelming success could put our neighborhood children in harms way from the behavior previously described; and

Whereas, during the past year there has been a continuing stream of quality of life complaints made by the public to the CB2 office, especially regarding noisy bars, illegal vending and the large and, at times, unruly visitors who come to our district in the summer; and

Whereas, there is strong evidence that crime decreases and quality of life improves when there are local beat officers deployed on our streets who know our local neighborhoods well, and such a local police presence makes residents and visitors to the area feel safer.

Therefore Be It Resolved, that CB2 requests the New York Police Department assign additional "beat cops" to our local police precincts (i.e., the 1st, 5th, 6th, and 9th Precincts) this summer; and

Be it Further Resolved, that CB 2 requests that McDonald's restaurant work with the NYPD to explore community policing techniques to reduce the incidents of public disruption at its West 3rd St. location, such as a partnership with the NYPD whereby restaurant staff members would be trained to learn how best to respond to these kind of incidents.

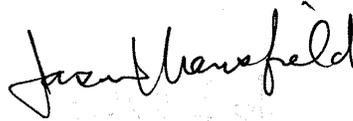
Vote: Unanimous with 45 Board members in Favor.

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

Sincerely,



Brad Hoylman, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Jason Mansfield, Chair
Environment Public Safety & Public Health Committee
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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c: Hon. Jerrold L. Nadler, Congressman
Hon. Thomas K. Duane, NY State Senator
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Hon. Sheldon Silver, Assembly Speaker
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Hon. Margaret Chin, Council Member
Hon. Rosie Mendez, Council Member
Jessica Silver, CB2 liaison, Man. Borough President's Office
Pauline Yu, Community Assistance Unit

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March 26, 2012

Margaret Forgione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 35th Floor
New York, NY 10014

Madelyn Wils,
President & CEO
Hudson River Park Trust
Pier 40, 353 West St.
New York, NY 10038

Dear Manhattan Borough Commissioner Forgione and Ms. Wils:

At its Full Board meeting March 22, 2012, Community Board #2, Manhattan, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution opposing the NYC DOT petition by Spectra/Texas Eastern Energy Transmission Services, LLC. for revocable consent to install a gas main within the lands under the water of Hudson River.

Whereas, the applicant has applied to the New York City Department of Transportation for a revocable consent to install a 30" gas transmission line underneath the Hudson River; and

Whereas, there was a total of roughly 50 members of the public at two recent Manhattan Community Board 2 ("CB2") meetings on this topic and all were very opposed to the application; no one from the public spoke in favor of the application; and

Whereas, in October 2011, CB2 unanimously passed a resolution (attached) explaining that we would be unable to support this project until certain alterations were made, which included: The size of the pipeline should be reduced in size; an automatic shutoff valve should be installed at the point where the pipeline emerges from the riverbed on the Gansevoort Peninsula; the depth of the pipeline should be buried much deeper than proposed; and, several concerns were raised relating to traffic and transportation impacts during construction; and

Whereas, the pipeline remains at 30" in diameter; remote shutoff valves will be installed, but not automatic shutoff valves; the depth of the pipeline is deeper, but still not at a depth CB2 is comfortable with; and

Whereas, as evidence of the pipeline's safety, the applicants state that the Maximum Operating Pressure ("MOP") for this pipeline is 350 psi (i.e. a 'large' pipeline carrying 'low

pressure' is safe), however, it is important to note that the San Bruno, CA pipeline that exploded in September 2010 *also* operated at a MOP of 350 psi¹. While we are encouraged that this proposed pipeline will be thicker and have a much higher Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure ("MAOP") than the pipe in San Bruno, the fact remains that the MOP for this pipe would be the same as the San Bruno explosion, thus creating the potential for a similar amount of damage in the event of a failure (naturally, since Manhattan is much more densely populated than San Bruno, there would likely be many more fatalities); and

Whereas, pipeline failures are more common in New York than one might think: Con Edison has had 8 pipeline failures *since* the San Bruno explosion in late 2010²; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, it would be irresponsible for CB2 to approve this application because the concerns we raised in our October 2011 resolution have not been adopted by FERC or the applicant, so this Board remains unable to support this project; and

Therefore Be It Further Resolved that because installing a gas main within the lands under the Hudson River would constitute the initiation of this project within and incursion into the domain of CB2, CB2 opposes issuing a revocable consent to install a gas main within the lands under the water of the Hudson River.

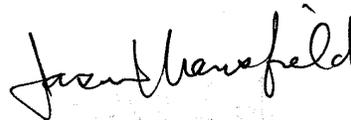
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- Noreen Doyle, Hudson River Park Trust

Attachment
