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November 23, 2010

Ms. Gigi Li
Chinatown Working Group
c/o Community Bd #1 Manhattan
49-51 Chambers St., Rm 715
New York, New York 10007

Dear Ms. Gigi:

At its Full Board meeting on November 18, 2010, CB#2-Man., adopted the following resolutions:

Re: Support for Chinatown Working Groups' Education and Schools Preliminary Action Plan

Whereas, the diverse community of residents in the greater Chinatown area result in the need for increased specialized programming, such as – but not limited to ELL programming for adults, teens and children, as well as discontinuing measures that adversely impact ELL learners, such as high-stakes testing; and

Whereas, existing schools and daycares needs to be preserved and adequate space ensured for the existing community and be able to accommodate for the future community, without inviting displacement of the longstanding community; and

Whereas, Chinatown school administrators should be encouraged to provide meaningful input in order to create rational school policies that take into account Chinatown's unique circumstances and needs; and

Whereas, every child, regardless of need should have the option of attending a quality school, daycare and/or after-school programming within their neighborhood, and

Whereas, schools play an integral role in the lives of children, youth, parents and the community as a whole; and

Whereas, the Chinatown Working Group's (CWG) Education and Schools working team has developed a Preliminary Action Plan (PAP), attached, based on feedback from a wide array of community stakeholders through a series of meetings as well as two town halls; and

Whereas, Community Board 2, Manhattan, is a voting member of the CWG board, and has supported their efforts to improve the quality of life in Chinatown; and

Whereas, both Community Boards 1 and 3, Manhattan, which border our district, are in support of the PAP as it relates to their jurisdictions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2-Manhattan supports the CWG's education and Schools PAP as part of a precise, comprehensive, meaningful, timely and broadly supported community-based plan to improve the greater Chinatown community.

Vote: Unanimous, with 47 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



Keen Berger, Chair
Social Services & Education Committee
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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cc: Hon. Jerrold L. Nadler, Congressman
Hon. Thomas K. Duane, NY State Senator
Hon. Daniel L. Squadron, NY State Senator
Hon. Sheldon Silver, Assembly Speaker
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Dear Ms. Gigi:

At its Full Board meeting on November 18, 2010, CB#2-Man., adopted the following resolutions:

Re: Support for Chinatown Working Groups' Immigrant Affairs and Social Services Preliminary Action Plan

Whereas, Chinatown and its neighboring communities' diverse foreign born and American born Populations are an asset to our area, and

Whereas, there is a need to ensure access to opportunities, social services, health care to immigrants, families, youth, adults and the disabled in Chinatown and its neighboring communities, and

Whereas, steps need to be taken to maintain and create truly affordable housing and good jobs in Chinatown and its neighboring communities, and

Whereas, translation and interpretation services provided by the institutions (schools, hospitals, police department, fire department, city, state, and federal agencies) that serve our communities need to be maintained and improved, and

Whereas, Chinatown and its neighboring communities will benefit from increased funding, resources, space, and as well as partnerships between those that serve our area, and

Whereas, the Chinatown Working Group's (CWG) Immigrant Affairs and Social Services working team has developed a Preliminary Action Plan (PAP), attached, based on feedback from a wide array of community stakeholders through a series of meetings as well as two town halls; and

Whereas, Community Board 2, Manhattan, is a voting member of the CWG board, and has supported their efforts to improve the quality of life in Chinatown; and

Whereas, Community Board 3, Manhattan, which borders our district, is in support of the PAP as it relates to their jurisdiction, and Community Board 1, Manhattan, will be taking up the issue at their December meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB2, Manhattan, joins Community Board 3 in support of the CWG's Immigrant Affairs and Social Services PAP, as part of a precise, comprehensive, meaningful, timely and broadly supported community-based plan to improve the greater Chinatown community.

Vote: Unanimous, with 47 Board members in favor.

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