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Dana E. Christian, Acting Director
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Dear Mr. Christian:

At its Full Board meeting on October 21, 2010, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB#2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

10/16-Marco Polo Day-Grand Street, bet. Mott & Mulberry Street

WHEREAS, the applicants sponsoring the Marco Polo Day street fair described to the Committee that the purpose of their street fair is to celebrate Chinese and Italian community ties to the Little Italy/China Town area and to bring the two communities together for a cross-cultural celebration of their heritages and history in the community; and

WHEREAS, the applicants appeared before the Committee at the June Committee meeting but did not have a cohesive plan or program for their event at that time, and also agreed based on Committee feedback to seek another location not on Mulberry Street and to return to the Committee with a better developed plan and alternative location the following month; and

WHEREAS, the Committee did not hear back from the applicant until several months later when the applicant contacted Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver's office to reach out to the Committee about their street fair; and

WHEREAS, a conference call was held that included the Committee Chair and representatives from Speaker Silver's office concerning the fair, and on that call the Committee Chair again communicated to the applicant that the Committee would like the applicant to move the location of the street fair away from Mulberry Street because of the large number of street fairs that already take place on that street but the applicant indicated they would not move the location; and

WHEREAS, the applicant finally showed up again before the Committee at the October meeting but still did not have a firm plan for their street fair, including a lack of specifics on program details, times, events, and which, if any, elected officials planned to attend, and the applicant still refused to change the location of the street fair despite the repeated requests from the Committee; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee agrees to work with the applicant to plan a street fair for next year that is well thought out and acceptable to the community, but based upon the above facts and circumstances, CB#2, Man. denies the street fair permit for Marco Polo Day 2010.

Vote: Unanimous, with 38 Board members in favor.

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

Sincerely,



Ms. Jo Hamilton, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Evan Lederman, Chair
Street Activities & Film Permits Committee
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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cc: Hon. Jerrold L. Nadler, Congressman
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Hon. Daniel L. Squadron, NY State Senator
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Hon. Scott M. Stringer, Man. Borough President
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