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William T. Castro
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Parks
Arsenal West, 24 61st St.
New York, New York 10023

Robert Redmond,
Director of Capital Budget
NYC Department of Parks
Arsenal West, 24 61st St.
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Dear Manhattan Borough Commissioner Castro and Mr. Redmond:

At its Full Board meeting on May 21, 2009, CB#2-Man., adopted the following resolution:

Planned event at West 4th Street Courts.

Whereas four representatives of an event production firm MKG Productions came to present the details of an event planned for West 4th Street Courts on May 18; and

Whereas MKG stated they initially applied for the permit "about a month and a half ago"; and

Whereas the event is a commercial event for an anticipated 75 invited guests to view models wearing men's suits; and

Whereas Parks and the event sponsors have agreed at the Parks committee's request there will be no screens to prevent spectators from viewing the event; and

Whereas Parks has informed the committee that a fee of approximately \$17,000 will be paid to the general fund of the City of New York; and

Whereas Parks and the event sponsors have agreed at the Parks committee's request there will be an additional small contribution from the event sponsor for use to maintain and improve plantings in nearby parks; and

Whereas in the past Parks has always consulted with CB-2 prior to issuing permits for commercial use of parks in our district; and

Whereas CB-2 was not informed of this event soon enough to allow meaningful input on the question of the appropriateness of this event for this park; and

Therefore it is resolved that CB-2 requests that Parks present all future proposals for commercial events to CB-2 in a timely manner; and

It is further resolved that CB-2 does not favor closing a park in our park-starved neighborhood for an entire day in the peak park-use season with insufficient prior consultation with CB-2; and

It is further resolved that CB-2 appreciates Parks responsiveness to our specific requests with regard to this event.

Vote: Unanimous, with 30 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



Tobi Bergman, Chair
Parks, Recreation & Open Space Committee
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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cc: Hon. Jerrold Nadler, Congressman
Hon. Thomas K. Duane, NYS Senator
Hon. Deborah Glick, NYS Assembly Member
Hon. Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Christine Quinn, Council Speaker
Hon. Alan J. Gerson, Council Member
Hon. Rosie Mendez, Council Member
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