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September 30, 2011

Honorable Margaret Chin
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Dear Council Member Chin and Manhattan Borough Commissioner Forgione:

At its Full Board meeting September 22, 2011, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution in support of co-naming the northwest corner of Elizabeth and Spring Sts. "William and Sarah Richio Corner.

Whereas a request to co-name the northwest corner of Elizabeth and Spring Sts. "William and Sarah Richio Corner" has been accompanied by strong and compelling evidence that this application fully meets the requirements of **Community Board No. 2, Manhattan's (CB2) Street Co-Naming Guidelines, Rev. Feb. 9, 2010 by the CB2 Traffic and Transportation Committee and Approved by the CB2 Full Board Feb. 18, 2010**, as follows:

- Both William and Sarah Richio spent their lives being dedicated advocates for improving health care and social welfare and serving those in need in their community in and surrounding this locale, such as helping to establish and preserve the Judson Healthcare Clinic on Spring St. and as active members in the activities of the Gouverneur Hospital Healthcare Services Advisory Board; advocating for better housing conditions and instrumental in creating the first affordable housing in Little Italy in over 75 years at 21 Spring St.; and organizing job, recreational and advisory programs for local children, youths, adults and seniors, thereby making a significant contribution both to their block and their community.
- Both William and Sarah Richio were long-time residents of the immediate community with a home office at 264 Elizabeth St., right at the corner of

- Elizabeth and Spring Sts., thus having a longstanding and direct presence and relationship with the community in the vicinity of the proposed co-naming and a special significance on the block.
- A petition with over 50 signatures of block residents and occupants (some located right at the proposed corner) in support of the co-naming was submitted by the Little Italy Restoration Association, Inc., an established and long-time community group that initiated the co-naming process, as well as a letter of support from Gouverneur Healthcare Services.
- Information sheets about both William and Sarah Richio were submitted, providing details on their contributions to the community, and indicating their decease dates (both in 2008, far in advance of the CB2 passage of two years requirement prior to co-naming initiation); and

Whereas this application does not promote commercial activity and benefit, does not memorialize victims of accidents or disaster, and asks for only one sign (all additionally in accordance with the CB2 Street Co-Naming Guidelines;

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 supports the co-naming of the northwest corner of Elizabeth and Spring Sts. “William and Sarah Richio Corner.”

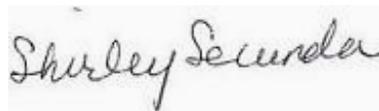
Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

Vote: Unanimous with 40 Board members in favor.

Sincerely,



Brad Hoylman, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Shirley Secunda, Chair
Traffic & Transportation 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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October 3, 2011

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Dear Mr. Ward and Manhattan Borough Commissioner Forgione:

**At its Full Board Committee meeting on September 22, 2011,
Community Board #2, Manhattan adopted the following
resolution.**

**Resolution in support of installing a high-visibility crosswalk at
the intersection of Canal and Hudson Sts. (across Holland
Tunnel entrance).**

Whereas a woman was struck and killed by a truck at Canal and Hudson Sts.
(crossing from the north side of Canal to the south side) on July 14, 2011; and

Whereas this Canal/Hudson St. intersection is exceptionally complex and
dangerous, and many concerns have been received from the community about its
hazardous nature and the need to accommodate pedestrians and facilitate their
access there; and

Whereas with the increased residential and working population in Hudson
Square (the locale of this intersection) there is an ever increasing demand for
pedestrian and mass transit access across this intersection, and people will
continue to use it; and

Whereas the Hudson Square Connection Business Improvement District (BID)
has been studying this intersection in depth in an effort to find an immediate
solution to this exceedingly dangerous situation, in keeping with the pedestrian
and traffic management improvements recommended in the BID's interim traffic
management plan; and

Whereas as a result of these observations, the BID has asked the NYC
Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Port Authority of New York and

crosswalk that follows the desire lines of current pedestrian crossing use traversing both Canal St. and the Holland Tunnel approach on the north side; and

Whereas this situation needs to be addressed immediately before further crashes and fatalities occur; and

Whereas in addition to the immediate installation of a high-visibility crosswalk, this hazardous crossing location at Canal and Hudson Sts. calls for long-term solutions to accommodate pedestrian access and safety there, e.g., extended sidewalks;

Therefore be it resolved that Community Board No. 2, Manhattan (CB2) strongly urges that DOT and PANYNJ immediately install the high-visibility crosswalk recommended by the BID at the intersection of Canal and Hudson Sts. (across the Holland Tunnel entrance) and work in consultation with CB2, the BID, and the community to implement this and to discuss other improvements there consistent with the community's goals of not only pedestrian safety, but also pedestrian access; and

Be it further resolved that CB2 urges that DOT and PANYNJ quickly address the need for permanent solutions at that location and present proposals to CB2 and the BID for a capital build-out there in the near term.

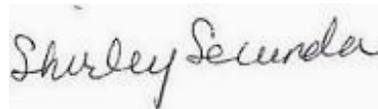
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