



New York City Economic Development Corporation

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Manhattan Community Board 4  
330 W 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, 26<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10036

Dear Manhattan Community Board 4:

Thank you for your letter dated December 11, 2015 regarding events at Piers 92/94, particularly the NYC Wine & Food Festival (“NYCWFF”) hosted by the Food Network in October 2015. We appreciate you bringing this noise concern to our attention. As our positive work together around concerts at the Piers demonstrates, we are very sensitive to potential community impacts during events.

The NYCWFF is an annual charity event that brings together world-renowned chefs, culinary personalities and wine and spirits producers to raise funds to fight hunger. As you know, this event has been successfully held at Piers 92/94, including the roof, for the past three years and had not received any prior complaints. While the programming and event attendance over the years has remained consistent, the Food Network acknowledged that a change in the location of the DJ booth this past year may have contributed to the isolated noise incident described in your letter.

As the lease administrator for Piers 92/94, NYCEDC is committed to working with the lessee, Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc. (“MMPI”), to ensure that event producers/operators minimize event-related noise impacts. All event producers/operators, including the Food Network, are required to obtain required permits, including sound permits, to ensure compliance with all laws and regulations.

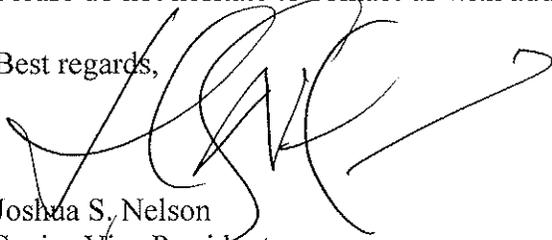
Additionally, as a response to the concerns raised by MCB4, the Food Network attended a Quality of Life Committee meeting in December 2015 to discuss the noise complaint and opportunities to mitigate noise concerns in the future. At this meeting, the Food Network agreed to improve coordination with MCB4 on future events by:

- Providing event updates and attending community board meetings as necessary;
- Creating a resident hotline for complaints;
- Returning the DJ booth to its previous location;
- Concluding Thursday and Friday events at 10pm; and
- Prohibiting Saturday evening programming on the roof.

This was well received by the MCB4 Quality of Life Committee. We will continue to monitor preparations for the October 2016 event and, of course, any other event that might utilize the roof for programming, committing MMPI and event producers/operators to communicate and coordinate with the community board.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with additional comments and concerns.

Best regards,



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