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Madelyn Wils  
Hudson River Park Trust  
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New York, NY 10014

**Re Funding for Security Updates on Hudson River Park**

Dear Ms. Wils:

The Waterfront, Parks and Environment Committee (the "Committee") of Manhattan Community Board 4 thanks you for your presentation to the Committee on behalf of the Hudson River Park Trust (the "Trust") outlining the funding request to increase security in the Park made by the Trust to the office of Manhattan Borough President Gail Brewer. The Committee enthusiastically supports your application for increased funding.

The Committee believes that improved lighting, better signage and the deployment of additional personnel will make the Hudson River Park a safer place for all visitors. We would like to see more use of the 3-wheeled patrol vehicles now in use. We also agree with the Trust that an increased use of technology, whether the expansion of the camera system now in use at Pier 40 to other areas of the Park or through using variable electronic message boards will also accomplish this goal.

The Committee also urges the Trust to investigate placing an increased emphasis on water safety. This should include an increase in the availability of water rescue equipment throughout the Park and the placement of ladders (made of a non-corrosive material) at certain key points where egress from the river may be required in an emergency situation.

Obviously, all of these improvements will cost money, but the Committee believes these improvements are necessary. By copy of this letter to Borough President Brewer, we urge her office to approve the Trust's funding request in the amount of \$200,000.

Sincerely,



Delores Rubin  
Chair



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Co-chair  
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Cc: Hon. Gail Brewer, Manhattan Borough President