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**J. LEE COMPTON**  
Chair

July 17, 2006

Hon. Burton R. Lifland  
United States Bankruptcy Judge  
1 Bowling Green  
New York, NY 10004

**Re: Basketball City USA**  
**06-11279-brl**

Dear Judge Lifland,

Basketball City, located on Pier 63, North River, has apparently applied for bankruptcy protection in an attempt to forestall eviction from its current premises. The fact is that this site has long been designated by both New York City and New York State jointly as part of the new Hudson River Park, and the need for Basketball City to move has been known to them from the outset. Indeed, the removal of Pier 63 to create parkland within Hudson River Park was specifically stated in the 1998 NYS legislation called the Hudson River Park Act. Basketball City has had almost 9 years to identify a new location and has failed to do so.

The failure of Basketball City to vacate the premises is currently impeding progress to develop this segment of the park, and raising costs to taxpayers in the process. Further, if Basketball City really cares about the many young people it serves, it should have seriously been making attempts to find a new location long ago, rather than to continue to take reservations in the face of an expected eviction.

Manhattan Community Board No 4 hereby asks that this charade be ended now and that the stay on this legal eviction be lifted immediately.

In order to meet a deadline, this letter was passed unanimously by the Executive Committee of Manhattan Community Board No 4 on July 17, 2006 and is subject to ratification by the full board at the next regularly scheduled meeting on July 26, 2006.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Lee Compton'.

Lee Compton  
Chair  
Manhattan Community Board No. 4

Cc: local elected officials, Basketball City, Friends of Hudson River Park, Hudson River Park Trust, Chelsea Waterside Park Association