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Joyce Frank Menschel, President
Art Commission of the City of New York
City Hall, Third Floor
New York, NY 10007

Re: Design of new Pier 86 - Intrepid Sea*Air*Space Museum

Dear Ms Menschel and Commissioners:

The Waterfront and Parks Committee of Manhattan Community Board No 4 has been presented with preliminary plans for the new design and reconstruction of Pier 86, the home of the Intrepid Sea*Air*Space Museum. We understand that the ship itself will be removed during pier reconstruction and will return when the new pier is ready.

The design for the new pier as presented to the Waterfront and Parks Committee seeks to provide an industrial look consistent with that of a maritime military museum, yet provides amenities including seating, shade and lighting. It further appears to provide a considerable amount of public open space, a commodity that Manhattan Community Board No 4 has traditionally sought to increase in this park-starved community.

We have no objection to the preliminary design as shown. It will be complemented by its pier to the immediate south, Pier 84, which will have abundant greenery, trees, fountains and gardens, slated to open this fall. We believe that the design of the reconstructed Pier 86 is very appropriate for its setting as the home of the Intrepid Sea*Air*Space Museum.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Compton
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