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July 22, 2009

Hon. Diana Taylor
Chair of the Board
Hudson River Park Trust
Pier 40, 2nd Floor
Route 9A at Houston Street
New York, NY 10014

Re: Recommendation of the Pier 57 Community Advisory Working Group

Dear Ms. Taylor:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (“CB4”) wishes to state its support for the attached recommendation of the Pier 57 Community Advisory Working Group (the “Working Group”), which endorses the proposal of Young Woo and Associates for the development and lease of Pier 57 (the “Pier”).

CB4 agrees with the Working Group and the great majority of people in the neighborhood from whom we heard that Young Woo’s proposal for the Pier is the most appropriate for the Hudson River Park and the community. A market composed of small vendors and artists and artisans will nicely compliment the Chelsea art gallery district nearby and enrich the identity of the area and the Park while not encouraging large amounts of automobile traffic nor causing a major impact to the parkland in front of the Pier.

The proposed design of the Pier is also appealing, with the innovative use of shipping containers to house small stores and galleries. Likewise, the use of the Pier’s roof for additional park space will be of tremendous benefit to all users of the Park and we anticipate the community working through the Working Group with Young Woo on the final design of this space. Finally, it is important that the exterior of the Pier be sensitively restored and that historic features be preserved.

CB4 hopes that the Trust will follow the recommendation of the Working Group and select Young Woo's proposal for the development of Pier 57.

Sincerely,

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Jean-Daniel Noland, Chair Manhattan Community Board 4

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Capt. John Doswell, Co-Chair
Waterfronts & Parks Committee

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John D. Lamb, Co-Chair
Waterfront & Parks Committee

Cc: Hudson River Park Trust Board Members
Connie Fishman, President/CEO Hudson River Park Trust
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Arthur Schwartz, Chair, Hudson River Park Advisory Council
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Attachment