DATE: NOVEMBER 27, 2012

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: EXECUTIVE

COMMITTEE VOTE: 14 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Superstorm Sandy

WHEREAS: Superstorm Sandy and the storm surge associated with it caused significant

damage in Lower Manhattan to small businesses, retailers, commercial and

residential buildings, non-profit organizations and infrastructure, and

WHEREAS: Much of Lower Manhattan was without power, telecommunications, heat, water

and public transportation for days; many buildings were flooded and the full

impact is as yet unknown, and

WHEREAS: Property owners, residents and small business owners are working tirelessly and

at great expense to restore their buildings, homes and stores and businesses, especially those businesses that have lost their inventories and the foot traffic they

depend upon for survival, and

WHEREAS: It is essential for the economic health of the City that businesses continue to seek

Lower Manhattan addresses and that retail and tourism continue to thrive downtown, and that Lower Manhattan does not lose the momentum of the past

decade of recovery since 9/11, now

**THEREFORE** 

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board 1 urges Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand

and Congressman Jerrold Nadler to include all parts of Lower Manhattan including small businesses, commercial interests, residents, property owners and non-profit organizations in any federal recovery and relief package designated for

victims of Superstorm Sandy and the storm surge associated with it.

DATE: NOVEMBER 27, 2012

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: HURRICANE RELIEF SMALL BUSINESS TASK FORCE

BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Emergency aid for District 1 small businesses affected by Hurricane Sandy

WHEREAS: Hundreds of small businesses in Manhattan District 1 have been devastated by Hurricane Sandy, with major structural damage, demolished fixtures, ruined inventory, hazardous waste contamination, loss of electrical power, water, heat, and basic telcom services, and

WHEREAS: District 1 retail merchants also face a catastrophic loss of income due to prolonged evacuation of their customer base during the holiday shopping season, which is critical to their economic survival. Many may be forced out of business before thousands of displaced local customers are able to return, and

WHEREAS: Ancillary insurance coverage for flooding is unaffordable or unobtainable by many of the smallest businesses in Flood Zone A, which comprises a significant portion of District 1, and

WHEREAS: Small retailers provide services essential to the commercial viability of Lower Manhattan, and essential to sustaining a residential population that has doubled in the past decade. Without them, temporarily displaced residents and corporations may be reluctant to return, and may threaten the future of a vibrant, 24/7 community that has become the fastest growing residential district in NYC, and

WHEREAS: Disaster relief loans offered by federal, state and city agencies may not help the smallest businesses. Many do not have collateral for a loan adequate to recoup losses and stay in business. Many will not be able to generate sufficient revenues to pay off these loans due to lack of patronage. Many more cannot afford to take on additional debt while still paying off similar loans for recovery after the events of 9/11/01, and

WHEREAS: CB 1 applauds the Alliance for Downtown New York, which responded to this crisis by establishing and funding a "Back to Business" program offering private-sector grants – not loans – to distressed District 1 merchants, and

WHEREAS: CB 1 also applauds the initiative of the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City, which on November 24 announced a grant program to extend further aid to businesses which are eligible for disaster relief loans, and

WHEREAS: Loans and private-sector grant programs established to date cannot provide the resources necessary to save local retailers after recent catastrophic events, and prevent the loss of hundreds of jobs that may result if they fail, and

WHEREAS: A federally-funded grant program to assist distressed local merchants is already in

place, administered by the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC). However, at present, merchants affected by hurricane damage are not eligible, and the program may not have adequate resources to help if they were eligible, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

**RESOLVED** 

THAT:

Manhattan Community Board 1 (MCB 1) urgently requests an immediate and substantial re-funding of the LMDC's Small Firm Assistance Program, by an amount adequate to save a small business community again in crisis, with grant eligibility extended to retailers affected by the hurricane and its aftermath, and

BE IT

FURTHER RESOLVED

THAT:

MCB 1 urgently requests that the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City revise eligibility rules to make emergency grants available to all affected small businesses, not just those capable of assuming more debt by applying for a loan, and

BE IT

FURTHER RESOLVED

THAT:

MCB 1 urgently requests that the "Rapid Repairs" program for home owners recently announced by the NYC Mayor's Office be extended immediately to small businesses, to help expedite restoration of essential goods and services needed by affected communities, and

BE IT

FURTHER

**RESOLVED** 

THAT:

MCB 1 requests that all disaster-relief funds received by distressed local merchants – whether from public or private sources – be exempt from federal and state taxation, and

BE IT

FURTHER

**RESOLVED** 

THAT:

MCB 1 strongly supports and encourages the initiatives of U.S. Representative Jerrold Nadler, NY State Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, NY State Senator Daniel Squadron, City Council Member Margaret Chin, Assembly Member Deborah Glick, and Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer to establish additional publicly-funded programs for grants, repairs, tax incentives and other programs adequate to sustain small businesses in our community during this time of crisis.

DATE: NOVEMBER 27, 2012

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused BOARD VOTE: 32 In Favor 1 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: 66 Reade Street, application for rooftop addition and storefront renovation

WHEREAS: The application is for a one-story rooftop addition of 2,275', and

WHEREAS: The elevator 18' 7" bulkhead will be visible from the street, and

WHEREAS: The materials will be clear glass, aluminum and brick, and

WHEREAS: The façade will be cleaned and new three-over-three wooden windows installed,

and

WHEREAS: There will be a new wooden and clear glass storefront, and

WHEREAS: The Committee felt the addition was appropriate except it felt it was not necessary

to have elevator access to the roof garden – and in so doing this would reduce the

elevator bulkhead from 18' 7" to 9' 7" and remove the visibility issue, now

**THEREFORE** 

BE IT

**RESOLVED** 

THAT: CB#1 recommends the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve the

application on the condition that the elevator bulkhead is no more than 9'7" in

height and that the Committee make a site visit to view the mock up.

DATE: NOVEMBER 27, 2012

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused BOARD VOTE: 5 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: 134 Duane Street, application for open roof deck

WHEREAS: The application is to install a 834' open roof deck, and

WHEREAS: Access will be from the existing stair bulkhead, and

WHEREAS: The wooden roof deck was designed sensitively to reduce visibility, and

WHEREAS: The deck is minimally visible from Church and Reade Streets, and

WHEREAS: The code required railing will be provided by the wooden planters, and

WHEREAS: The Committee felt the application was appropriate and noted that LPC had

approved the application without modification, now

**THEREFORE** 

BE IT

**RESOLVED** 

THAT: CB #1 commends the Landmarks Preservation Commission for approving the

application.

DATE: NOVEMBER 27, 2012

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused BOARD VOTE: 5 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: 127 Hudson Street, application for signage and logo

WHEREAS: The application is to replace the existing Citibank signage with new signage that

follows new Citi brand guidelines, and

WHEREAS: The new signs will be smaller than the existing signs, and

WHEREAS: The new signs will not be illuminated and be in the same location as the existing

signs, and

WHEREAS: The Committee felt the smaller signs were appropriate, now

**THEREFORE** 

BE IT

**RESOLVED** 

THAT: CB #1 recommends the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve the

application.

DATE: NOVEMBER 27, 2012

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused BOARD VOTE: 5 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: 78 Reade Street, application for fire escape

WHEREAS: The application is to renew an expired application from 1992, and

WHEREAS: The work that was done has received violation notices for not following the

approved application, and

WHEREAS: The decorative detailing on the railings will now be installed, and

WHEREAS: The heavier bracket material would be hard and disruptive to now remove, so the

applicant is hoping for a legalization of this element.

WHEREAS: The Committee felt the application and legalization was appropriate, now

**THEREFORE** 

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB#1 recommends the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve the

application and legalization of the bracket material.

DATE: NOVEMBER 27, 2012

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused BOARD VOTE: 5 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: 302 Canal Street, application for ADA ramp

WHEREAS: The application is to install an ADA ramp on the rear entrance of this retail store

on Lispenard Street, and

WHEREAS: The material is steel diamond plate and 1 1/2" metal railing painted black, and

WHEREAS: The Committee felt the application was appropriate, now

**THEREFORE** 

BE IT

**RESOLVED** 

THAT: CB #1 recommends the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve the

application.

DATE: NOVEMBER 27, 2012

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused BOARD VOTE: 5 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: 105 Chambers Street, application for staircase bulkhead

WHEREAS: The application is to install HVAC equipment on the existing stair bulkhead, and

WHEREAS: The equipment is 11' 6" long and 5' high and is highly visible above the ornate

pediment on the front of this magnificent Carey Building, and

WHEREAS: The Committee felt it would be more appropriate to work the HVAC equipment

through the building and to vent it through a louver on the Church Street side wall in an uniform manner with the window fenestrations – which the applicant agreed

to do, now

**THEREFORE** 

BE IT

**RESOLVED** 

THAT: CB#1 recommends the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve the

application on the basis that the HVAC equipment is vented through the Church

Street side wall.

DATE: NOVEMBER 27, 2012

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: PERSONNEL

COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused BOARD VOTE: 5 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Land Use and Planning Consultant

WHEREAS: CB #1 has traditionally been a leader in leveraging land use and planning

discipline to promote its City objectives. In order to further that function and augment our staff, a solicitation for a part time land use and planning consultant

was prepared, and

WHEREAS: This solicitation was developed and conducted pursuant to the requirements

governing small purchases under the New York City Procurement Policy Board

(PPB) Rules; and

WHEREAS: The land use and planning consultant would report to our Director of Land Use

and Planning and be responsible for providing technical assistance and support on

initiatives involving land use, and

WHEREAS: The CB1 Personnel Committee determined that Diana Switaj's response was

responsive to the Solicitation and would be advantageous to the work of CB1; and

recommended awarding the consultant position to her; now

**THEREFORE** 

BE IT

**RESOLVED** 

THAT:

CB#1 shall award the position of land use and planning consultant to Diana Switaj pursuant to a written contractual agreement and authorizes the District Manager to execute such contract on behalf of CB#1 pursuant to the terms of the

solicitation, and

BE IT

**FURTHER** 

**RESOLVED** 

THAT: The term of this contract will be for six (6) months commencing December 3,

2012 and can be mutually renewed for up to three (3) additional six months

periods with an average of 28 hours per week

BE IT

**FURTHER** 

**RESOLVED** 

THAT: The maximum compensation to be paid to the consultant for any six month

period, including all fees and costs, shall be \$15,000.00.

DATE: NOVEMBER 27, 2012

COMMITTEES OF ORIGIN: EXECUTIVE, PLANNING/SEAPORT CIVIC CENTER

WATERFRONT/LANDMARKS AND ARTS &

ENTERTAINMENT TASK FORCE

COMMITTEE VOTE: 23 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused PUBLIC MEMBERS: 1 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: South Street Seaport Renovation Project

C 130052 ZMM, C 130053 ZSM, C 130054 ZSM, C 130055 ZSM

C 130059 PPM; N 130080 ZRM

WHEREAS: The South Street Seaport Limited Partnership, an affiliate of Howard Hughes Corporation (collectively, "HHC") and the New York City Department of Small Business Services have applied for approval of a rezoning and waterfront special permits, authorizations, and a certification, as well as a property disposition and a zoning text amendment in order to facilitate the reconstruction of the existing three-story Pier 17 building retail structure at the South Street Seaport in Lower Manhattan, and

WHEREAS: In order to facilitate the proposed project, the applicants are proposing the following nine actions:

- 1) a rezoning of the project area from C2-8 to C4-6;
- 2) a special permit pursuant to Section 62-834 of the Zoning Resolution to permit a modification of the use and bulk regulations applicable to the pier portion of the zoning lot;
- 3) a special permit pursuant to Section 74-743(a)(2) of the Zoning Resolution, applicable to general large-scale developments, for modifications to the waterfront yard regulations applicable to the zoning lot;
- 4) a special permit pursuant to Section 74-744(c) of the Zoning Resolution, applicable to general large-scale developments, for modifications in the surface area and height of signage and roof signage on the Pier 17 Building;
- 5) an authorization pursuant to Section 62-822(a) of the Zoning Resolution to allow a modification of the waterfront public access

requirements;

- 6) an authorization pursuant to Section 62-822(b) of the Zoning Resolution to allow a modification of the visual corridor permitted obstructions requirements and a modification of the design requirements for waterfront public access areas;
- 7) a certification pursuant to Section 62-811 of the Zoning Resolution regarding compliance with the waterfront public access and visual corridor requirements, as modified;
- 8) a property disposition approval to allow a modification of the use restrictions of the existing lease for the applicable portion of Pier 17;
- 9) A zoning text amendment is required because under the current Waterfront Zoning Regulations, which would govern the renovated Pier 17, waterfront public access areas must be open to the public during designated hours not more or less and the required waterfront signage must reflect those hours; the proposed text amendment would allow the waterfront public access area on Pier 17 to remain open for 24 hours, as is the current practice, and for the signage to reflect these extended hours; and
- WHEREAS: The proposed project will replace the existing Pier 17 building with a proposed new building that will provide new retail space on the pier, and will provide improved waterfront public access amenities including a publicly accessible open area and a flexible event space on the roof of the building, and
- WHEREAS: The new building design is intended to evoke the industrial heritage of the City's working waterfront, provide visual corridors from within the building to the Brooklyn Bridge, improve pedestrian access to the waterfront, including a redesign of the two-story Link Building located between the Pier 17 building and South Street to complement the aesthetic of the proposed new Pier 17 building, and
- WHEREAS: The proposed redevelopment is intended to foster the revitalization of the South Street Seaport as a premier New York City destination for local residents, workers, and tourists alike, while enhancing access to and enjoyment of the waterfront, and
- WHEREAS: The existing C2-8 zoning district permits a maximum of 10.0 FAR for residential or community facility use and 2.0 FAR for commercial use, and restricts commercial uses to the first two floors of a building and below 30 feet, and
- WHEREAS: The Waterfront Zoning Regulations impose a maximum height limit of 40 feet on the existing pier, as well as requirements regarding the provision of waterfront access, visual corridors, and the spacing of buildings, and

WHEREAS: Pier 17 encompasses both a platform and a pier and the existing Pier 17 building and the two-story Link building, along with their adjacent waterfront public access areas, would be subject to the proposed special permits, whereas the platform portion of Pier 17 contains the vacant Tin Building and New Market and are not part of the proposed project, and

WHEREAS: The floor area of the Pier 17 Building and the Link Building will be increased from approximately 206,700 square feet to approximately 282,679 square feet and the FAR on the zoning lot will increase from 1.14 to 1.56; there will be no increase in the roof height of the building of 77'-1 "but mechanical equipment on the roof of the proposed new building will increase the overall height to 82'-4," and

WHEREAS: The proposed project would contain large-floor plates suitable for retail anchors and is intended to extend the Lower Manhattan street grid onto the pier and to provide new view corridors, a major entertainment venue or an event space on the second and third floors, as well as 83,861 square feet of waterfront public access area including 40,000 square feet on the roof and approximately 32,000 square feet on the north side, which will be recast as the "front porch" of the project, and

WHEREAS: A rezoning from a C2-8 zoning district to a C6-4 zoning district, would reduce the maximum residential FAR from 10.0 to 3.4 and would increase the permitted commercial and manufacturing FAR from 2.0 to 3.4 but the maximum amount of community facility use of 3.4 would not change, and

WHEREAS: A rezoning from C2-8 to C4-6, which is subject to Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP), is proposed in order to allow the larger retail stores on the upper levels of the proposed new Pier 17 building, by eliminating the current limitation in the C2-8 district on retail stores above the level of the second story and will create a consistent zoning framework for the East River waterfront within the Special LM District, from Whitehall Street to the Brooklyn Bridge, and

WHEREAS: The only other potential development site within the proposed rezoning area is the site currently occupied by the Tin Building and the New Market Building, which is owned by the City of New York, and no disposition or no development could proceed on it without a further ULURP action, and

WHEREAS: Three special permits, which are subject to ULURP, are required to allow for modification of the use, height and setback regulations for the pier to allow for the creation of large floor plates for retail use and open space on the roof; and to allow for modifications of the applicable yard regulations to allow for public open space; and to allow for modification of the signage regulations to allow for additional signage to identify tenants, and

WHEREAS: Two authorizations, which are subject to approval by the City Planning Commission only, are required to allow for modification of dimensional requirements for waterfront public access because of the proposed new building's size and to waive requirements for waterfront view corridors to match the building's configuration; and to waive certain design requirements for seating, planting, and lighting and other improvements because these elements would interfere with pedestrian circulation around the pier, or with water views, and

WHEREAS: A certification, which is subject to approval by the Chair of the City Planning Commission only, is required to show that appropriate site plans have been submitted for visual corridors and public access and minimal design requirements, and

WHEREAS: A property disposition action, which is subject to Uniform Land Use Review Procedure, is required to allow a modification of the existing lease between the South Street Seaport Limited Partnership and the New York City Department of Small Business Services so that any uses allowed by the special permit and the proposed C4-6 zoning, which will allow a broader range of uses, will also be allowed under the lease, and

WHEREAS: A zoning text amendment is required to allow the waterfront public access area on Pier 17 to remain open for 24 hours, as is the current practice, and for the signage to reflect these extended hours; and

WHEREAS: The public hearing held on this application on October 4, 2012, attracted a large public audience and numerous speakers making and submitting comments on the application, which were generally, but not unanimously, supportive of the proposed redevelopment of Pier 17, and which also raised a number of concerns and constructive comments, including:

- 1) that the redevelopment incorporate a flexible, multi-use pier design for maritime use, including the installation of cleats and bollards, gates in pier fences to permit safe access to maritime programs, and the inclusion of life rings and ladders;
- 2) extension of the deadline for the Clipper City, New York Waterways and other business establishments' eviction from June 30, 2013 to September 30, 2013, to permit operation through the summer season;
- 3) restoration of sailing to the pier;
- 4) assurance that the design comports with a comprehensive waterfront plan;
- 5) that the rooftop space incorporate a fully equipped theater that could be utilized year-round;
- 6) that the proposed performance stage adjacent to Pier 16 would

- adversely affect the operations of the South Street Seaport Museum, obstruct view corridors and impede pedestrian access and circulation;
- 7) that HHC be required to enter into a restrictive declaration to ensure compliance with the agreement on waterfront public access and the visual corridor;
- 8) that the de-mapped Fulton Street view corridor be preserved;
- 9) that the boundary between the South Street Seaport Museum leased property at Pier 16 and the HHC leased property be clarified;
- 10) that the rezoning the occurs as part of this application be limited to that made necessary by the proposed project itself and that such rezoning not extend to areas, such as the New Market Building and Tin Building, that are not part of the proposed project; and

WHEREAS: CB1 is concerned that there may be a loss of public space and that this matter is reviewed and clarified, including the definition of public space; and

WHEREAS: Since 2008 CB1 has passed separate resolutions calling for the extension of the Seaport Historic District to include the New Market building; and

WHEREAS: CB1 is disturbed by HHC's insistence that it has no master plan for the Seaport area, combined with its refusal to discuss even in a conceptual sense its thinking regarding New Market Building and Tin Building, as to which it has an option to propose a Mixed Use Project, and HHC's related insistence that CB1 evaluate HHC's Pier 17 plans in a vacuum without benefit of HHC's thinking regarding the context in which Pier 17 would be redeveloped; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT: CB1 approves this ULURP application, with the following modifications:

- that HHC restore the Seaport to its vibrancy as quickly and safely as possible since there are currently many stores shuttered on Fulton Street;
- 2) that HHC extend the deadline for the Clipper City, New York Waterways and other business establishments' eviction from June 30, 2013 to September 30, 2013, to permit operation through the summer season;
- 3) that HHC be required to submit a master plan for the Seaport area prior to the City Planning Commission review of this application, so that CPC may properly evaluate the application in the context of the anticipated development by HHC of the full Seaport area;
- 4) that at least the equivalent quantity and quality of public space that

- was specified by the City when Pier 17 was originally built in 1985 is maintained, and that the Borough President's office confirm to its satisfaction that this is the case, making appropriate reference to the CPC Resolution, dated March 11, 1985, related to Pier 17, in performing its analysis;
- 5) that the public spaces of Pier 17 should not become de facto private space. Public space should not be used for regular boat queuing, rendering it unusable by others; the public should have access to the roof at a variety of times of the year, week, and day (e.g. the roof should not be rented out to the private sector every Thursday through Sunday from Spring through Fall).
- 6) that the requirement of the filing of a restrictive declaration be enforced as a condition to the certification sought under Section 62-811;
- 7) that the application for a special permit pursuant to ZR Section 74-743(a)(2) and an authorization pursuant to ZR Section 62-822(b) to allow a modification of the visual corridor permitted obstructions requirements and a modification of the design requirements for waterfront public access areas, to the extent that such special permit and authorization relate to the stage in Fulton Plaza, be denied;
- 8) that the special permit pursuant to ZR Section 74-744(c), related to the proposed rooftop and blade signage, be denied;
- 9) that the rooftop space incorporate a fully equipped theater that could be utilized year-round, and, in order to accommodate such a theater, that HHC agree to implement the rooftop option that does not include a "slotted" roof;
- 10) that the Pier 17 design be modified to incorporate a flexible, multi-use pier designed for maritime use, including the installation of cleats and bollards, gates in pier fences to permit safe access to maritime programs, and the inclusion of life rings and ladders;
- 11) that the engineering design of Pier 17 and the redevelopment area incorporate best practices in engineering so that they would not be damaged if there were to be another Superstorm Sandy;
- 12) that maritime usage of Pier 17 be limited to the type of use that would not adversely affect the pedestrian experience on the Pier (e.g., no party boat usage);
- 13) that HHC enforce urban renewal plan specifications for siting of street vendors and kiosks and ensure that they -- and buses -- do not interfere with the view corridor and pedestrian flow;
- 14) that HHC agree that any development of the New Market Building and Tin Building include the siting there of a public market (such as the New Amsterdam Market) and a community center;

- 15) that the Seaport Historic District be expanded to include the New Market Building, consistent with the New York State historic designations; and
- 16) that the water space adjacent to Pier 16 be clarified as within the control of the South Street Seaport Museum.

DATE: NOVEMBER 27, 2012

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: QUALITY OF LIFE

COMMITTEE VOTE: 10 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Support of the Manhattan Borough Resolution on Good Jobs and Responsible

Development

BE IT

**RESOLVED** 

THAT: Community Board #1 supports the attached resolution regarding Good Jobs and

Responsible Development set forth by the Manhattan Borough Presidents Office.

# MANHATTAN BOROUGH BOARD RESOLUTION FOR GOOD JOBS & RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT

**Whereas**, responsible economic development can be a boon to a community, its residents and workers; and

**Whereas**, economic development performed in an irresponsible manner can be both a danger to the community, as well as result in the mistreatment of workers; and

**Whereas**, real estate developers with records of irresponsible behavior may have appeared before Community Boards, or may appear before Community Boards in the future; and

Whereas, the Manhattan Borough Board has been requested to support the fair and equitable treatment of all workers by all employers at all times; and

**Whereas,** all workers have the right to seek fair and just compensation for their services, including wages, benefits, training and opportunity to advance, and the right to join together to collectively bargain with any employer in seeking such compensation, without fear of reprisals; and

Whereas, workers who are paid family sustaining wages, with affordable health care and retirement benefits help create strong communities, a strong middle class and a growing local and national economy; and

**Whereas**, many labor unions, community-based organizations and responsible employers work diligently to ensure job security, industry standard wages and benefits, safety training, advancement opportunities, secure retirement, and affordable family healthcare for their members, constituents and employees;

**Therefore, be it is resolved,** that the Manhattan Borough Board strongly supports the rights of all workers, union and nonunion alike, within its borders and beyond, to seek and receive the industry standard wages and benefits for their services; and

**Be it Further Resolved**, that the Manhattan Borough Board strongly supports the rights of all workers to seek to organize as a collective bargaining unit to negotiate with their employer, as provided by law, to secure the industry standard wages and benefits for their services; and

**Be it Further Resolved,** that the Manhattan Borough Board shall call upon all employers who appear before the Community Boards to engage, without undue delay, in meaningful, goodfaith discussion and negotiation as may be necessary to assure that the rights of all parties are recognized, respected, and protected under the law in a timely and expeditious manner; and

**Be it further Resolved**, that Manhattan Community Boards shall call on all developers and/or property owners who appear before the Board or who have a request before the board to publish their plans to ensure that the workers performing the construction, operations or maintenance on the building to receive appropriate training including opportunities through apprenticeship programs that they participate in, and an opportunity to advance in their career.

**Be it Further Resolved,** that Manhattan Community Boards shall call on all developers and/or property owners who appear before the Board or who have a request before the board to submit their plans to ensure that all construction managers, general contractors, contractors and subcontractors provide a workplace that is safe for the workers, the nearby homes and businesses, pedestrians and traffic near the site as part of their application process; and

**Be it Further Resolved,** that Manhattan Community Boards shall call on all developers and/or property owners to appear before the Board or who have a request before the Board to grant access to City of New York Building Inspectors, OSHA and other regulatory agencies to facilitate the inspection of the workplace and relevant records to ensure compliance with local, state and federal laws; and

**Be it Further Resolved**, that Manhattan Community Boards shall call upon all developers and/or property owners who appear before the Board to include with their application for a zoning change, variance or other land use action:

- 1. a list of all projects undertaken by the developer/property owner, or any other developer/property owner having common owners, in the five boroughs of New York City during the five years preceding the application. Such list shall include the address of each project and the name and address of each project's developer/property owner.
- 2. a list of the names and addresses of all construction managers, general contractors, contractors and subcontractors of any tier which were utilized on such projects.
- 3. a list of the names and addresses of the construction managers, general contractors, contractors and subcontractors of any tier which may be utilized on the particular project before the board.

DATE: NOVEMBER 27, 2012

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: TRIBECA

COMMITTEE VOTE: 7 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Street permit application for Taste of Tribeca by Taste of Tribeca

WHEREAS: The applicant has applied for a street activity permit for Saturday, May 18, 2013

11:00 am to 3:00 pm; now

**THEREFORE** 

BE IT

**RESOLVED** 

THAT:

Community Board #1 does not oppose the proposed extension of a street activity permit submitted by Taste of Tribeca for a street activity permit for Saturday, May 18, 2013 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The Lower Manhattan Construction Command Center reviews the application and determines that it is compatible with nearby construction activity that is expected to be simultaneously underway, and
- 2. Traffic control agents are deployed as needed to ensure that there is no significant adverse impact from the event on traffic flow, and
- 3. Clean-up will be coordinated with the appropriate City Agencies, and
- 4. Bands and persons with megaphones are not situated along the route such that they disturb residents, and
- 5. Pedestrian and vehicular traffic in and out of all garages downtown remain open at all times.

DATE: NOVEMBER 27, 2012

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: YOUTH & EDUCATION

COMMITTEE VOTE: 8 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused PUBLIC MEMBERS: 1 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Department of Education Communication and Preparedness in Emergency

Situations

WHEREAS: Communication by Department of Education (DOE) has been an ongoing concern

of parents and members of our community; and

WHEREAS: Superstorm Sandy exacerbated DOE communication issues; and

WHEREAS: Superstorm Sandy forced the closure of schools for an entire week, caused a

short-term relocation of students due to damaged property, and exposed DOE communication and preparedness shortfalls in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS: Relocation announcements were made with less than 24 hour notice to parents

and students, an inadequate amount of time for families to adjust their daily

schedules; and

WHEREAS: The DOE does not have a communication platform in place to properly

disseminate emergency information. In lieu of such a system, Parent Associations

(PAs) were instructed to call every student regarding school relocation; and

WHEREAS: Students, many of whom were evacuated or did not have electricity, were

requested to upload and complete a 35 page assignment upon returning to school;

and

WHEREAS: In some cases, students were asked to return to public schools with no heat and

unsanitary conditions. Some students returned to public schools that still housed

mental patients; and

WHEREAS: Superstorm Sandy exposed a need for greater emergency preparedness and

communication; and now

**THEREFORE** 

BE IT

**RESOLVED** 

THAT: Community Board One urges DOE to study the shortcomings in their emergency response in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy and work with PAs and students to

properly plan for future emergency situations. Preparations should include:

1. A reliable emergency communication platform modeled after Notify NYC.

- 2. Reasonable expectations regarding student assignments during emergency situations.
- 3. Relocation announcements delivered with at least 24 hour notice.
- 4. A contingency plan for after school programs.
- 5. The understanding that students are not forced to attend school in buildings lacking heat and electricity. Furthermore, all people housed in schools used as temporary shelters should be removed prior to the opening of the school.

DATE: NOVEMBER 27, 2012

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: YOUTH & EDUCATION

COMMITTEE VOTE: 7 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 1 Recused PUBLIC MEMBERS: 1 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Downtown Community Center

WHEREAS: The Downtown Community Center, the offices and programs contained there

suffered catastrophic flood damage during Hurricane Sandy and is currently unusable. The center houses many activities including after school. The after school students for the community center are now transferred to the schools. The increase of children in the schools makes the existing overcrowding of the schools

even worse; and

WHEREAS: MYRR staff pumped 20 feet of salt water out of their lowest Arts and Activity

level, which also houses its boilers, pumps and pool mechanical equipment. Preliminary rebuilding estimates range from an optimistic \$1.2 million to \$2.5

million or more. Manhattan Youth does not have a fund to rebuild; and

WHEREAS: In addition the 2nd floor of the community center where PS 234 conducts classes

during the school day is currently not operable; and

WHEREAS: On the same day schools opened and with its office not operational, the

Manhattan Youth staff had all of its after school programs running in schools; and

WHEREAS: The Downtown Community Center needs to open as quickly as possible in order

to serve seniors, PS 234, and the after school program which serves the families

of children in the five schools downtown; now

THEREFORE

BE IT

**RESOLVED** 

THAT: We call upon funding agencies to help Manhattan Youth, and expediently; in

particular: the Battery Park City Authority, FEMA, Department of Youth &

Community Development, the LMDC, and State and local agencies.

DATE: NOVEMBER 27, 2012

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: YOUTH & EDUCATION

COMMITTEE VOTE: 7 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused PUBLIC MEMBERS: 1 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Recovery and reopening of community recreation facilities post-Hurricane Sandy

WHEREAS: Crucial community sports fields at Pier 40 and Pier 25 in Hudson River Park and the Battery Park City Ballfields were flooded and damaged during Hurricane

Sandy; and

WHEREAS: These sports fields have accordingly been closed, unavoidably disrupting youth

league and school sports seasons; and

WHEREAS: Potential disruptions going forward include scheduled events at the end of the fall

seasons; winter seasons beginning in December; and preparations for spring

seasons; and

WHEREAS: Heavily used playgrounds in Community Board One, flooded as well, have

reopened in some cases; and

WHEREAS: Transparency, communication, and coordination in the form of a clear timeline

for repairs and re-opening are essential during the repair and cleanup period to

support advance planning by community groups and minimize program

disruption; now

**THEREFORE** 

**BEIT** 

**RESOLVED** 

THAT: Community Board One requests that Hudson River Park Trust and the Battery

Park City Authority continue to work to restore and reopen these critical sports fields, while assisting community sports providers with temporary "bridge"

permits to keep programs running while fields are repaired; and

BE IT

FURTHER RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board One requests that Hudson River Park Trust, the New York

City Parks Department and the Battery Park City Authority consider soil-testing formerly flooded playground areas to verify the healthfulness and safety of these

heavily used areas; and

BE IT

FURTHER RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board One requests continued transparency, communication, and

coordination during the repair and cleanup period to support community planning

and minimize program disruption.

DATE: November 27, 2012

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: YOUTH & EDUCATION

COMMITTEE VOTE: 8 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused PUBLIC MEMBERS: 1 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Millennium High School - Cigar Shop Fumes

WHEREAS: Deficient ventilation in the cigar shop, Barclay-Rex Pipe Shop, has caused cigar

fumes to pervade into Millennium High School; and

WHEREAS: These fumes have been well documented for years and pose an ongoing health

issue for students, teachers and administrators at Millennium High School; and

WHEREAS: The City has campaigns against the dangers of second hand smoke; and now

**THEREFORE** 

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board One urges the School Construction Authority and the

Department of Education (DOE) to immediately remedy this ongoing health

issue.