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August 22, 2016

Dawn Tolson, Director
CECM/Street Activity Permit Office
100 Gold Street, 2nd Floor
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Dear Ms. Tolson:

At its Executive Committee meeting on August 18, 2016, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

8/20/16 – Washington Square United Church of the Village Festival; West 4th St. between 6th Ave. and Washington Square West.

Whereas, no members of the public appeared to speak about the application; and

Whereas, it was acknowledged that the committee is receiving the application for comment so late that the Board will not be able to act on the application until two days before the event; and

Whereas, the church in front of which the festival has taken place for many years has been sold and converted into condominiums so West 4th Street is no longer proximate to the sponsoring organization; and

Whereas, the Church of the Village is a consolidation of several churches, including the former church on West 4th Street, and is located at the corner of West 13th Street and 7th Avenue; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends approval of the **Washington Square United Church of the Village Festival** on 8/20/16, on West 4th St. between 6th Ave. and Washington Square West, and that, if Church of the Village intends to apply for a street activity permit for this event next year, the application be considered a new application not a renewal, and request a location proximate to the Church of the Village on West 13th Street at 7th Avenue.

VOTE: Unanimous, with 10 Committee members in favor.

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Tobi Bergman in black ink.

Tobi Bergman, Chair
Community Board 2, Manhattan

Handwritten signature of Robert Woodworth in blue ink.

Robert Woodworth, Chair
Quality of Life Committee
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Dear Ms. Tolson:

At its Executive Committee meeting on August 18, 2016, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

9/7/16 – DSNY Zero-Waste Refashion Event Block Party; Spring St. between West St. and Washington St.

Whereas, representatives of the Department of Sanitation described new efforts by DSNY to further public awareness of the work of the department and to promote the goal of zero waste and sustainability by 2030, including creation of a foundation to implement special events and marketing efforts; and

Whereas, a fashion designer approached DSNY to create an event to promote re-purposing fashion during Fashion Week; and

Whereas, the event would use the 4-5,000 square feet of open space around the Salt Shed at Spring Street and Washington Street and would also use one block of Spring Street, primarily for various large vehicles; and

Whereas, there was some concern about obstructing traffic on that block of Spring Street, and one resident of Greene Street appeared to object to the application because it adds to the disruptions that SoHo experiences because of Special Events like film shoots; and

Whereas, the application agreed to the committee's recommendation to coordinate with the Department of Transportation for signs and security personnel to direct traffic away from the block at appropriate intersections in the area; and

Whereas, the applicant agreed to maintain a 15-foot emergency lane on the block; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan commends the DSNY for their efforts to educate the public about waste management and sustainability, and recommends approval of the **DSNY Zero-Waste Refashion Event Block Party** on 9/7/16, on Spring St. between West St. and Washington St..

VOTE: Unanimous, with 10 Committee members in favor.

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Dear Ms. Tolson:

At its Executive Committee meeting on August 18, 2016, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

9/9/16-9/10/16 – Special Event: Rebecca Minkoff Fashion Show; Greene St. between Prince St. and Spring St., and Spring St. between Mercer St. and Greene St.

Whereas,

The applicant, her business partner, and her event-planning consultant presented detailed plans for a fashion show to be held in front of the applicant's store on Greene Street on Saturday, September 10, with preparations occurring on Friday, September 9;
The committee appreciated the thoughtfulness and details of the planning and presentation;

The date and time of the fashion show are set by the Council of Fashion Designers of America which organizes New York Fashion Week;

The preparations on September 9 require curb-lane permits only from 1:00-9:00 p.m. for delivery of materials and parking for production vehicles;

The event on September 10 requires curb lane and full street permits from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., with Greene Street closed to vehicle traffic from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., and partial sidewalk use;

The fashion show itself would run from 12:00-12:15 p.m. with the morning devoted to final preparations and receiving guests and with the post event clean-up ending no later than 4:00 p.m.;

Vehicles and equipment include, bleachers, food trucks, generators, sound and lighting, stage, and scaffolding;

The Board received approximately 43 emails from nearby residents, all of which were in opposition to the application;

Approximately 12 residents appeared at the meeting to oppose the application, while largely expressing appreciation for the applicant's contribution to the business life of SoHo;

Objections to the application included: the event would exacerbate the problems of an already crowded street; Saturday is one of the busiest days for pedestrian and vehicle traffic in the neighborhood; closing traffic on Greene Street would worsen traffic congestion and noise from honking horns on Greene Street and cause residual problems in the wider neighborhood; congestion would be worsened by black cars used by VIPs; the neighborhood has already experienced very disruptive, rowdy behavior associated with Fashion Week events in the past; allowing one on-street fashion show would lead to more applications for similar special events in the future; this event adds to the disruptions that the neighborhood frequently experiences from film shoots on the streets and from product launches that take place inside businesses and draw crowds that block sidewalks; entertainment around the time of the fashion show is to include a live band, which would create even more noise problems; security for the event would interfere with access by residents to their own buildings (wristbands for residents are proposed); generators on food trucks are an ongoing concern throughout the district because their fuel, particulate emissions and noise levels are not regulated;

In response to some of the objections, the applicant expressed willingness to simplify the event (including eliminating food trucks) so that all set up and preparations could be accomplished on Saturday within the requested 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. timeframe, and there would be no closures of curb lanes and no deliveries and preparations on Friday; now,

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan very strongly recommends that the Special Event application for the Rebecca Minkoff Fashion Show, 9/9/16-9/10/16, Greene St. between Prince St. and Spring St., and Spring St. between Mercer St. and Greene St., be denied in its original form and in any other form that may be proposed, including changes to reduce the size of the event or the time of the street closure; the event should not take place in the street.

Vote: Unanimous, with 10 Executive Committee members in favor.

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Dear Ms. Tolson:

At its Executive Committee meeting on August 18, 2016, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

9/15/16 – Special Event: NBA2K Launch Party; Washington St., between Little West 12th St. and West 13th St.

Whereas, the applicant did not appear; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends denial of the **Special Event: NBA2K Launch Party** on 9/15/16.

Vote: Unanimous, with 10 Executive Committee members in favor.

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

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Dear Ms. Tolson:

At its Executive Committee meeting on August 18, 2016, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

9/16/16 – Special Event: NYU Urban Planning Student Association Parking Day; Mercer St. between West 3rd St. and West 4th St.

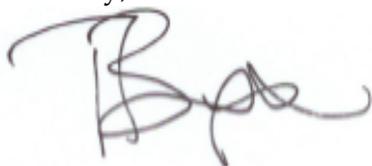
Whereas, the applicant did not appear; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends denial of the **Special Event: NYU Urban Planning Student Association Parking Day** on 9/16/16.

Vote: Unanimous, with 10 Executive Committee members in favor.

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

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Dear Ms. Tolson:

At its Executive Committee meeting on August 18, 2016, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

9/26/16 – 10Q Live Pop-up Plaza Event Astor Place Plaza; Astor Place Plaza

Whereas, representatives of Reboot, Inc., a national non-profit with offices around the country, including in New York City, described the 10Q project and distributed materials with details about the project and about the 10' by 10' tent that is to be located on Astor Plaza for four hours; and

Whereas, the purpose of the project is personal development and the intended audience is anyone who is interested; and

Whereas, the tent and the operation of the project will not interrupt traffic on the plaza; and

Whereas, William Kelly of the Village Alliance was also present and the committee encouraged the applicants to speak with him directly, especially about location of the tent; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends approval of the **10Q Live Pop-up Plaza Event Astor Place Plaza; Astor Place Plaza** on 9/26/16.

VOTE: Unanimous, with 10 Committee members in favor.

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

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Dear Ms. Tolson:

At its Executive Committee meeting on August 18, 2016, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

9/18/16 – Special Event: Cycle for the Cause, 7th Ave. between West 12th St. and West 14th St.

Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends approval of the foregoing street activity renewal application.

VOTE: Unanimous, with 10 Committee members in favor.

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

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