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James D. Solomon
90 Greene Street
New York, NY 10012

Thomas Yu
c/o Community Board #3
59 E. 4th Street
New York, NY

Dear Messrs. Solomon and Yu

At its Full Board meeting on November 18, 2010, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB#2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

Resolution: Thanking Jim Solomon and Thomas Yu for their outstanding service to Chinatown Working Group (CWG)

WHEREAS, Jim and Thomas helped transform the original Chinatown & Neighbors committee of Community Board 2, Manhattan, into the Chinatown Working Group, a community organization that encompassed the districts of Community Boards, 1, 2 and 3, Manhattan, and expanding it to include 52 voting members, representing a broad spectrum of community groups, residents, arts and cultural organizations, business and property owners, and housing and worker advocacy groups; and

WHEREAS, Jim and Thomas organized two successful Town Hall meetings with hundreds of participants from the community, conducted in English, Spanish, Cantonese, Mandarin, and Fujinese; and

WHEREAS, Jim and Thomas conducted a meeting with the United States Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, to address potential federal transportation initiatives in Chinatown as part of the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; and

WHEREAS, Jim and Thomas facilitated the receipt of a grant of \$150,000 from the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation to hire a planning consultant to work under the direction of the (CWG) to create a 197-a community plan; and

WHEREAS, in their 18 month tenure as Co-Chairs of CWG, Jim and Thomas led the group from an ad hoc coalition of a few community stakeholders to become a powerful voice for community planning in Chinatown; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, CB#2, Man. joins with Community Boards 1 and 3, Manhattan, to extend its sincere thanks and gratitude to Jim Solomon and Thomas Yu for their fine service to the greater Chinatown community.

Vote: Unanimous, with 47 Board members in favor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jo Hamilton".

Ms. Jo Hamilton, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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cc: Hon. Jerrold L. Nadler, Congressman
Hon. Thomas K. Duane, NY State Senator
Hon. Daniel L. Squadron, NY State Senator
Hon. Deborah J. Glick, Assembly Member
Hon. Scott M. Stringer, Man. Borough President
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