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LAND USE & HOUSING COMMITTEE AND SOHO/NOHO WORKING GROUP JOINT MEETING MINUTES

December 2, 2021

Manhattan Community Board 2 Land Use & Housing committee held a joint meeting with the SoHo NoHo Working group on Thursday, Dec. 2 @ 5 PM via video conferencing.

Land Use committee members present via Zoom: Frederica Sigel (Chair), Eugene Yoo (Vice Chair), Anita Brandt, Michael Levine, John Paul DeVerna, Susan Wittenberg, Donna Raftery, Katy Bordanaro, Sean Sweeney (public member)

Land Use committee members absent without notice: David Gruber

SoHo NoHo Working Group members present via Zoom: Anita Brandt (Chair), Eugene Yoo (Vice Chair), Michael Levine, Antony Wong, Frederica Sigel, Carter Booth

SoHo NoHo Working Group members absent with notice: Akeela Azcuy

CB2 members present via Zoom: Jeannine Kiely (CB2 chair), Ryder Kessler, Valerie de la Rosa, Coral Dawson

Representatives of NYC agencies and our electeds in attendance: Assemblymember Deborah Glick, City Councilmember-elect Chris Marte, Kana Ervin (CM Chin's deputy chief of staff), Anthony Drummond (CM Chin's director of Land Use), Chelsea Kelley and Angelina Martinez-Rubio (NYCC Land Use division), Irak Cehonski (Special Assistant to CM Rivera), Andrew Chang (Community Liaison in MBP Gale Brewer's office)

Representatives of NYC agencies and our electeds not in attendance: CM Margaret Chin, Speaker Corey Johnson, CM Carlina Rivera, Gonzalo Casals (Commissioner of the DCLA), and any representative from the Department of Buildings

1. Intro 2443-2021 by Margaret S. Chin: A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the City of New York in relation to increasing penalties related to using joint living work quarters for artists contrary to zoning. This bill would increase the penalties for using joint living work quarters for artists contrary to the requirements of the zoning resolution, including, if applicable, that the unit be occupied by an artist certified by the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs.

The LU committee and the SoHo NoHo Working Group listened to a presentation from Kana Ervin and Anthony Drummond of CM Chin's office regarding the proposed bill. More than 120 people attended the virtual meeting, many of whom spoke. The public session ended when CM Chin's staffers were unable to answer most of the committees' and the public's questions.

During executive session, Land Use committee members and Working Group members voted unanimously against recommending passage of Intro 2443, and the decision was make to send a letter to City Council and other electeds by Monday, December 6.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederica Sigel
Chair, CB2 Land Use and Housing Committee

Anita Brandt
Chair, SoHo NoHo Working Group