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July 28, 2022

Stefan Grybauskas, Director
CECM/Street Activity Permit Office
100 Gold Street, 2nd Floor
New York, NY 10038

Dear Mr. Grybauskas:

At its Full Board meeting on July 21, 2022, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

1. 7/26/22 – Jackie Robinson Museum Grand Opening (sponsor Amir Shayegan): Varick St. between Canal Street and Grand Street [full street closure]

Whereas, the Jackie Robinson Museum plans to hold a grand opening ceremony for the museum on the street in front of the museum, on Varick Street between Canal and Grand Streets; and

Whereas, the event will consist of a handful of speakers and attendees seated in chairs on the street, as well as a ribbon cutting, with various public officials expected to attend; and

Whereas, the ceremony is expected to run from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM, with setup beginning at 6 AM and breakdown complete by 2:00 or 2:30 PM, and;

Whereas, the vacant lot across the street from the museum bound by Grand, Varick, Canal and Sullivan Streets will be used for other festivities and activities related to the museum opening, which are not subject to the SAP review process; and

Whereas, the proposed block of Varick street is subject to extremely heavy traffic flow, with the street divided between lanes entering the Holland Tunnel and lanes carrying traffic further downtown in Manhattan; and

Whereas, given the heavy traffic on the block and its location just outside the entrance to the Holland Tunnel, the proposed street closure has the potential to cause significant traffic disruption not only on the surrounding streets but also further beyond; and

Whereas, the applicant stated that they had been working with NYPD to prepare the event, and though they had not yet developed a detailed traffic mitigation plan, they intended to share such a plan with the QoL committee when it was ready; and

Whereas, the applicant stated that as part of such traffic mitigation plan, it may be required to close additional block beyond those included in the SAPO application, such as the block of Varick between Watts and Broome Streets; and

Whereas, at the suggestion of CB2 members, the applicant expressed their willingness to speak with DOT and NYPD about the need to deploy VMS signs alerting southbound drivers on Varick of the street closures, with such signs needed to be placed as far north as Houston Street; and

Whereas, the applicant also expressed their attention to alert members of the media (radio and TV stations, etc.) of the closures ahead of time so that they could assist in alerting drivers to the closures during their traffic updates; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends **approval** of **Jackie Robinson Museum Grand Opening**, provided that the application conforms with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations—including any and all COVID related orders and/or restrictions—and clearance requirements.

Therefore Be It Further Resolved that CB2 Manhattan expresses its deep excitement and support for the event and welcomes the historical, cultural and educational value that the Museum will add to our community.

Therefore Be It Finally Resolved that given the unique traffic challenges presented by the street closures required for this event, it is imperative that the applicant engage with DOT and NYPD ASAP to ensure the placement of VMS signs **as far north as Houston Street** as part of a detailed traffic mitigation planned developed with said agencies.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board Members in favor.

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

Sincerely,



Jeannine Kiely, Chair
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Quality of Life Committee
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At its Full Board meeting on July 21, 2022, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

2. 8/13/22 – Charlton Street Fair (sponsor: Village Visiting Neighbors): Greenwich Ave. between 7th Ave. and W. 12 St. [full street closure]

Whereas, nonprofit organization Visiting Neighbors wishes to hold a street fair in order to raise funds to support the organization’s mission; and

Whereas, Visiting Neighbors has had a longstanding and valuable presence in the neighborhood, and is now celebrating its 50th anniversary; and

Whereas, the organization has provided critical services to seniors since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, including the expansion of new programs such as a “therapeutic walking program”; and

Whereas, the proposed event is a standard street fair, with minimal expected disruption to the community, and the opportunity for attendees to learn more about Visiting Neighbors and its services; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends **approval of Charlton Street Fair (sponsor: Village Visiting Neighbors), provided that** the application conforms with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations—including any and all COVID related orders and/or restrictions—and clearance requirements.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board Members in favor.

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At its Full Board meeting on July 21, 2022, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

- 6. 9/07/22 (Setup Date) 9/08/22 (Start Date) – 9/08/22 (End Date) 9/09/22 (Breakdown Date): TH-MNY FW 22 (sponsor: Theory): Gansevoort Pedestrian Plaza [Pedestrian Plaza Closure]**

Whereas, apparel brand Theory seeks to hold an activation of the Gansevoort Plaza with a theme of highlighting influential voices in movement and dance; and

Whereas, the activation will feature live dance performances in the Plaza occurring during a four-hour time slot from 2:00 to 6:00 PM on September 8th; and

Whereas, the applicant anticipates set-up beginning at around 8:00 AM on September 8th and breakdown completed by 11:30 PM on the same day; and

Whereas, the event will feature amplified sound during the live dance performances from 2:00 to 6:00 PM; and

Whereas, the exact schedule and structure of the dance performances is not yet finalized, but the applicant stated that they wish to feature “superstar” New York choreographers; and

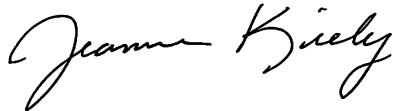
Whereas, Theory has a longstanding presence as a member of the Meatpacking District community; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends **approval** of **TH-MNY FW 22 (sponsor: Theory), provided that** the application conforms with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations—including any and all COVID related orders and/or restrictions—and clearance requirements.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board Members in favor.

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Dear Mr. Grybauskas:

At its Full Board meeting on July 21, 2022, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

- 7. 9/11/22 – 9/12/22 – Fashion Week – Live Fashion Show – 13 St. (IDEKO): 1) W. 13th St. between 9th Ave. and Washington St. (Note: Load in would be on sidewalk and curb lane only. Show day would be a full street closure), 2) Washington St. between Little West 12th St. and West 14th St. (Note: For model lineup) [curb lane only], 3) West 13th St. between Washington St. and 10th Ave. [curb lane only], 4) 9th Ave. between W. 14th St. and W. 13th St. [curb lane only], 5) 9th Ave. between W. 13th St. and W. 12th St. [curb lane]**

Whereas, fashion magazine Vogue, celebrating its 130th birthday, seeks to hold an outdoor fashion show during New York Fashion Week on West 13th street between 9th Avenue and Washington Street; and

Whereas, the fashion show will take place during a 30-minute time slot from 7:45 to 8:15 PM on September 12th, with set-up taking place in the curb lanes on September 11th and a short rehearsal on the evening of September 11th; and

Whereas, the show will feature a “New York” theme, with a backdrop including street food carts, and the show itself featuring “marathon runners”, dancers, a runway walk, and a finale with a musical performance by a to-be-determined artist; and

Whereas, the applicant has made significant outreach to and engagement with local business on the block and on surrounding blocks, with several local restaurants being used for catering, including Fig & Olive and Catch; and

Whereas, the applicant has developed a security plan including 6 private security guards in the area ahead of the fashion show, ballooning to 15-20 security guards during the show itself, in addition to NYPD officers; and

Whereas, the applicant has developed a sanitation plan which will include a recycling and garbage team as well as working with an “eco-conscious” producer; and

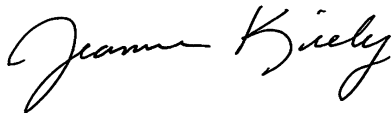
Whereas, the event will be open to the public, though attendees will have to pass through a bag check and “light screening” to enter the block during the show; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends **approval** of **Fashion Week – Live Fashion Show – 13 St. (IDEKO)**, **provided that** the application conforms with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations—including any and all COVID related orders and/or restrictions—and clearance requirements.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board Members in favor.

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

Sincerely,



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Community Board 2, Manhattan



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At its Full Board meeting on July 21, 2022, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

Street Activity Application FYI/Renewals

9. 7/29/22 – Silent Disco at Astor Place (sponsor: Village Alliance): Astor Place Plaza (South) [Pedestrian Plaza]
10. 9/03/22 – Washington Square Outdoor Art Exhibit: University Place between Waverly Place and E. 13th St. [sidewalk and street closure]
11. 10/08/22 – Marco Polo Festival Pageant (sponsor: Two Bridges Neighborhood Council): Grand St. between Mulberry St. and Mott St. [full street closure]
12. 10/29/22 – Astor Place Festival (sponsor: Ninth Precinct Community Council): Astor Place between Broadway and Lafayette [full street closure]
13. 10/31/22 – NYU and CB2 Children’s Halloween Parade: West 4th St. between Washington Square East and Greene St. [full street closure]
14. 9/04/22 – Washington Sq. North Fair (Sponsor: Greenwich House): Washington Square North between Washington Square West and Washington Square East. [full street closure]

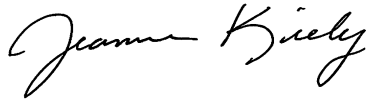
Whereas, these events have been held continuously for many years and no recent complaints have been received; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends **approval** of these renewal applications **provided that** the applications conform with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations—including any and all COVID related orders and/or restrictions—and clearance requirements.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board Members in favor.

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Dear Mr. Grybauskas:

At its Full Board meeting on July 21, 2022, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

**3. 8/14/22 – Aya Brown Block Party: Elizabeth St. between Broome St. and Kenmare St.
[full street closure]**

Whereas, the applicant did not appear on behalf of this application and the committee was unable to hear the particulars of this event; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends **denial** of **Aya Brown Block Party: Elizabeth St. between Broome St. and Kenmare St. [full street closure]**.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board Members in favor.

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

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At its Full Board meeting on July 21, 2022, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

4. 8/25/22 – 8/28/22 – Prada Fragrance Launch (sponsor: Gradient): Gansevoort Pedestrian Plaza [Pedestrian Plaza Closure]

Whereas, luxury brand Prada seeks to hold an activation of the Gansevoort Plaza in order to promote the launch of a new fragrance; and

Whereas, as part of the activation, the applicant seeks to build a semi-enclosed structure which will stand in the middle of the plaza, and will include screens showing campaign imagery, opportunities to smell the new fragrance, and a photo booth; and

Whereas, the structure will be located on the Plaza for three days, from August 26-28, with August 25th being used as a set-up day; and

Whereas, the Plaza activation will feature limited amplified sound inside the structure; and

Whereas, the structure will have security guards present overnight; and

Whereas, the applicant stated that they would attempt to maintain as much of the existing public seating in the Plaza as possible, though the applicant estimated that the activation could take up as much as half of the Plaza; and

Whereas, committee members and members of the public expressed opposition to the activation, given that it includes no obvious educational or cultural aspects, and is essentially planning the Plaza activation purely as an advertisement; now

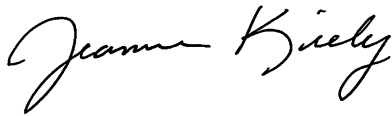
Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends **denial** of **Prada Fragrance Launch (sponsor: Gradient)**.

Therefore Be It Further Resolved that if this event is approved and permitted by SAPO, the applicant should make every effort to preserve the majority of public seating in the Plaza during the duration of the event.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board Members in favor.

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

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At its Full Board meeting on July 21, 2022, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

- 5. 9/03/22 – The First of New York Chinese Food and Cultural Festival (sponsor: Chinese Radio Network): Sixth Ave. between West Washington Pl. and West 4th.**

Whereas, the applicant was unable to attend and requested that the application be laid over to next month; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends that **The First of New York Chinese Food and Cultural Festival (sponsor: Chinese Radio Network)** be **laid over** for review next month.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board Members in favor.

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At its Full Board meeting on July 21, 2022, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

8. 7/19/22 – 7/22/22 – Love Island (sponsor: Marty Barnes Inc.): Gansevoort Pedestrian Plaza [Pedestrian Plaza]

Whereas, the Quality of Life committee would have liked to review this application given the potential impact on the community of a planned multi-day activation of the Gansevoort Plaza; and

Whereas, due to the timing of the submission of the application, with only 30 days' lead time required to apply for use of the Gansevoort Plaza in certain cases per SAPO rules, prevented the committee from effectively reviewing this application, now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan asks SAPO to consider modification of the current rules, including a possible change to the application deadline, to ensure that Community Boards including CB2 have time to fully review all relevant street activity applications, and in particular for multi-day events or those which otherwise are likely to have a significant impact on the community.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board Members in favor.

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