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October 21, 2022

Desiree Beach, Acting Director
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253 Broadway, 6th Floor
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Dear Ms. Beach:

At its Full Board meeting on October 20, 2022, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

1. 10/23/22 - Financial Times Phonebooth (sponsor: Havas Street): Gansevoort Pedestrian Plaza [Pedestrian Plaza]

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 **Financial Times Phonebooth (sponsor: Havas Street)**.

Vote: Unanimous, with 41 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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William Benesh, Chair
Quality of Life Committee
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At its Full Board meeting on October 20, 2022, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

- 2. 11/10/22 (Setup Date), 11/12/22 (Start Date) - 11/12/22 (End Date), 11/13/22 (Breakdown Date) - Visit Savannah Tourism - Expect the Unexpected: Gansevoort Pedestrian Plaza [Pedestrian Plaza]**

Whereas, Visit Savannah Tourism, the destination marketing organization for the city of Savannah, GA, wishes to stage an activation in the Gansevoort Plaza in order to promote tourism to the city of Savannah; and

Whereas, the activation will include the service of Savannah-style cuisine, performances, artwork, and social media engagement opportunities; and

Whereas, the proposed event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, November 12th, from 10 AM – 6 PM; and

Whereas, the event will be free and open to the public, with 200-400 attendees expected throughout the day; and

Whereas, the majority of the setup for the event is expected to take place on Thursday, November 10th, due to the Veterans' Day holiday on November 11th, with breakdown expected to occur overnight on the night of November 12th through the early morning hours of November 13th; and

Whereas, the activation will consist of a large 60' x 60' tent placed in the middle of the Gansevoort Plaza, with the entrance to the tent facing towards the East side of the plaza, and a generator and dumpster on the Northwest side of the tent; and

Whereas, the applicant stated that despite the tent being expected to take up the majority of the Gansevoort Plaza, the applicant is planning to leave 5' of clearance on all sides of the tent and to preserve as much of the public seating in the plaza as possible; and

Whereas, the applicant has engaged private security to be present from event set-up through takedown; and

Whereas, the tent will be heated through an HVAC system powered by the generator on the Northwest side of the tent, with the applicant stating that they are seeking to use a "quiet" generator for this purpose; and

Whereas, CB2 QoL committee members and other CB2 board members present expressed the view that the proposed activation had no real ties to the City or surrounding neighborhood, and is essentially serving as an advertisement for the city of Savannah; and

Whereas, committee members and board members further expressed concern at the extended closure of public plaza space resulting from the event, noting that the large size of the tent meant it was not likely that much public seating would be preserved on the plaza, and that the proposed set-up schedule would essentially close down the plaza during the Veterans' Day holiday, when many members of the public may have otherwise been utilizing the public plaza space; and

Whereas, further concern was expressed by committee and board members at the proposed take-down schedule, which would likely create a noise disturbance for nearby neighbors throughout the night of November 12th – November 13th; now

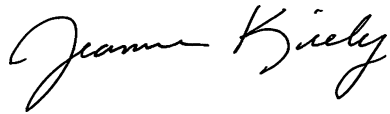
Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends **denial** of **Visit Savannah Tourism - Expect the Unexpected**.

Therefore Be It Further Resolved that should this event be approved by SAPO, CB2 Manhattan recommends that action be taken to maximize public seating preserved on the plaza during the event, and that an earlier ending time be considered for the event in order to allow take-down to be completed earlier.

Vote: Unanimous, with 41 Board Members in favor.

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

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Dear Ms. Beach:

At its Full Board meeting on October 20, 2022, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

**3. 11/12/22 – Timberland Mobile Pop Up: BBC Soho (sponsor: Game Seven Agency):
Mercer St. between Howard St. and Broome 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

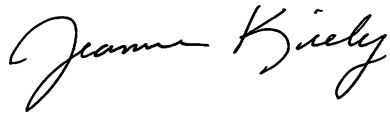
Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends **denial** of **Timberland Mobile Pop Up: BBC Soho (sponsor: Game Seven Agency)**.

Therefore Be It Further Resolved that CB2 Manhattan notes that this application is requesting a full street closure of two adjacent blocks, which per the QoL committee's understanding of current SAPO guidelines is not permitted.

Vote: Unanimous, with 41 Board Members in favor.

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

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Dear Ms. Beach:

At its Full Board meeting on October 20, 2022, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

- 4. 11/13/22 – Dance for Kindness (sponsor: Non-Profit Life Vest Inside): 1) Mulberry St. between Broome St. and Grand St., 2) Waverly Place between MacDougal St. and Washington Square East [curb lane 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 **Dance for Kindness (sponsor: Non-Profit Life Vest Inside)**.

Vote: Unanimous, with 41 Board Members in favor.

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

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Dear Ms. Beach:

At its Full Board meeting on October 20, 2022, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

5. 11/19/22 - iDE Public Restroom Pop Up - Broadway (sponsor: International Development Enterprises): Broadway between Prince St. and Spring St. [curb lane only]

Whereas, global non-profit organization International Development Enterprises (“iDE”) seeks to host a public restroom pop up event for “national toilet day,” in order to raise awareness of their organization and on the lack of toilet access in parts of the developing world; and

Whereas, the pop-up will feature a standard mobile restroom trailer, approximately 25’ in length, with 10 stalls and handwashing stations, and will feature wrapped signage promoting the organization and its mission; and

Whereas, the pop-up will be open to the public from 10 AM – 6 PM; and

Whereas, the pop-up will include security as well as a team to sanitize the restrooms throughout the day; and

Whereas, the applicant stated that the pop-up is not expected to be ADA accessible, which drew serious concern from members of the QoL committee, many of whom believed that the lack of ADA accessibility contrasted with the organization’s mission of increased access; and

Whereas, in response to QoL committee questions on ADA accessibility, the applicant stated that cost had been the deciding factor in choosing a trailer that was not ADA accessible, but that the applicant would take another look at ADA accessible options; and

Whereas, members of the public expressed concern at the applicant's initial intended location for the trailer at 541 Broadway, stating that this location would be at an extremely high traffic area and in front of a hydrant, in response to which the applicant stated they would be willing to move the trailer to 549-557 Broadway, in front of storefronts which are currently empty; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends **approval of iDE Public Restroom Pop Up - Broadway (sponsor: International Development Enterprises)**, 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.

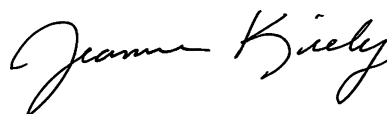
Therefore Be It Further Resolved that CB2 Manhattan strongly suggests that the applicant shift its plans to include an ADA compliant trailer.

Therefore Be It Finally Resolved that CB2 asks that SAPO coordinate with the applicant to ensure they are able to successfully move the event to 549-557 Broadway, instead of the original location at 541 Broadway.

Vote: Unanimous, with 41 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 October 20, 2022, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

FYI/Renewals:

- 6. 11/11/22 – Fall Fest (sponsor: Matthew Guerrerio): Washington Place between 6th Avenue and Barrow St. [full street closure]**
- 7. 11/21/22 – South Village Farmers Market (sponsor: David Gruber): Avenue of Americas between Carmine St. and W. 3rd St. [partial sidewalk closure]**

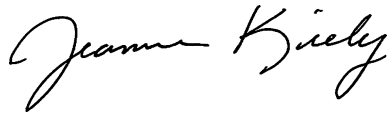
Whereas, these events have been held continuously for many years and no recent complaints have been received; now

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 41 Board Members in favor.

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