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November 20, 2023

Desiree Beach, Acting Director
Street Activity Permit Office
Office of the Mayor
253 Broadway, 6th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Dear Ms. Beach:

At its Full Board meeting on November 16, 2023, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

***11.11.23 – American Eagle Event (sponsor: Marty Barnes, Inc.), Broadway bet. W. Houston and Prince Sts. [partial sidewalk closure]**

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

Whereas, community members and CB2, Man. members raised concerns around potential sound and music associated with the event; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2, Man. recommends **denial** of **American Eagle Event**.

Vote: Passed, with 36 Board members in favor, and 1 abstention (V. De La Rosa).

We respectfully request that your agency take action consistent with the positions expressed in the above.

Sincerely,

Susan Kent, Chair
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Quality of Life Committee
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Dear Ms. Beach:

At its Full Board meeting on November 16, 2023, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

***11.11.23 – MpaBoa Sneaker Gala – Fresh Out the Box...HipHop 50th Celebration 2023 (sponsor: Mi Daakye Foundation Inc.), Broadway bet. Grand & Howard Sts. [partial sidewalk closure in front of 446 Broadway]**

Whereas, the applicant, representing a non-profit 501c3 organization, wishes to stage a sidewalk activation consisting of a red carpet and step-and-repeat wall; and

Whereas, the activation will take place at 446 Broadway on Saturday, November 11th, in support of the organization's annual gala which will be occurring inside at this location; and

Whereas, the activation will be set up from 5 to 7 PM, with guests beginning to arrive around 7 PM, and with the majority of attendees expected to have entered the gala by 8 or 8:30 PM; and

Whereas, the event is expected to have between 100 and 150 attendees, and with no celebrity appearances expected; and

Whereas, public seating will be placed on the street for attendees and passers-by, and there will be live acoustic music during the event, but no amplified sound; and

Whereas, the red carpet is only expected to take up around half of the sidewalk, with clearance for passing pedestrians; and

Whereas, the lighting associated with the activation is expected to be minimal, consisting of a single light shining on the step-and-repeat wall; and

Whereas, security will be hired and present onsite for the event; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2, Man. recommends **approval of MpaBoa Sneaker Gala – Fresh Out the Box...HipHop 50th Celebration 2023, provided that** the applications conform with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and clearance requirements.

Vote: Passed, with 36 Board members in favor, and 1 abstention (V. De La Rosa).

We respectfully request that your agency take action consistent with the positions expressed in the above.

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Dear Ms. Beach:

At its Full Board meeting on November 16, 2023, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

***11.13.23 – Center for Art Research and Alliances – CARA Benefit Gala 2023 (sponsor: New York Consolidated-Center for Art, Research and Alliances), W. 13th St. bet. Greenwich & 7th Aves. [partial sidewalk closure & curb lane use]**

Whereas, the applicant is seeking to hold a sidewalk activation in support of a welcome event at CARA ahead of the organization's annual gala on Monday, November 13th; and

Whereas, the event is expected to consist of a few tables and chairs placed outside on the sidewalk in front of CARA on West 13th Street; and

Whereas, this activation is expected to occur from 6:30-7:30 PM, with setup beginning at 5 PM; and

Whereas, attendees will be able to bring food from inside to eat at the tables outside, but no alcohol will be allowed to be carried outside; and

Whereas, outdoor lighting will be minimal, consisting of only small candle-like lights on the tables; and

Whereas, the applicant intends to close a portion of the curb lane adjacent to the sidewalk in order to allow for pedestrian clearance / passage; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2, Man. recommends **approval** of **Center for Art Research and Alliances – CARA Benefit Gala 2023**, **provided that** the applications conform with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and clearance requirements.

Vote: Passed, with 36 Board members in favor, and 1 abstention (V. De La Rosa).

We respectfully request that your agency take action consistent with the positions expressed in the above.

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Dear Ms. Beach:

At its Full Board meeting on November 16, 2023, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

***11.24-11.25.23 Holiday Event and Coffee Truck at The JBL Store 2023 (sponsor: Triggerhouse), E. Houston bet. Broadway & Crosby Sts. [curb lane only]**

Whereas, the applicant is seeking to hold a curb lane coffee truck activation in front of the JBL Store at 19 E. Houston Street between Broadway and Crosby Streets; and

Whereas, the event is expected to consist of a coffee truck parked in the curb lane, giving out free coffee from 11 AM – 7 PM on Friday, November 24th and Saturday, November 25th; and

Whereas, trash receptacles will be included in the activation to allow for disposal of coffee cups; and

Whereas, the event will not include any amplified sound; and

Whereas, additional staff will be present during the activation to assist in line management; and

Whereas, the applicant held a similar event last year and has shortened it for one day this year; and

Whereas, the applicant agreed to reach out to and coordinate with the Soho Broadway Initiative; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2, Man. recommends **approval** of **Holiday Event and Coffee Truck at The JBL Store 2023**, **provided that** the applications conform with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and clearance requirements.

Vote: Passed, with 36 Board members in favor, and 1 abstention (V. De La Rosa).

We respectfully request that your agency take action consistent with the positions expressed in the above.

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253 Broadway, 6th Floor
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Dear Ms. Beach:

At its Full Board meeting on November 16, 2023, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

***11.25.23 American Express Small Business Saturday Activation 2023 (sponsor: Momentum Worldwide), Gansevoort/13th Sts./Gansevoort Pedestrian Plaza [full]**

Whereas, the applicant, representing American Express, is seeking to hold an activation on the Gansevoort Plaza on Saturday, November 25th, with the theme of “Small Business Saturday” and the stated goal of giving representation to small businesses during the busing shopping weekend after Thanksgiving; and

Whereas, the event is expected to take place from 9 AM to 4:30 PM, and is expected to take up around 60-70% of the plaza area; and

Whereas, load-in is expected to begin at 12:01 the night before the activation, but the entire activation is expected to be prefabricated, with no need to use power tools, machinery, or generators; and

Whereas, the activation will consist of 6 different “doors” placed on the Plaza that attendees can walk through and interact with through augmented-reality experiences, using their own mobile devices; and

Whereas, each of the different experiences associated with the “doors” will represent one or more small businesses, around 50% of which are located in or close to NYC; and

Whereas, the augmented-reality experiences will allow attendees to read more about the merchants, as well as being linked to merchant websites where they can purchase items; and

Whereas, participating small businesses are not being charged a fee; and

Whereas, the event will not feature any food, lighting or amplified sound; and

Whereas, the applicant will have brand ambassadors and security onsite, with the ability to handle up to 1,200 attendees, though the applicant expected that attendance would not be this high; and

Whereas, CB2 generally continues to oppose the use of the plaza for purely commercial activations, the Board supports the use of the space to support local small businesses; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends **approval** of **American Express Small Business Saturday Activation 2023**, **provided that** the applications conform with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and clearance requirements.

Vote: Passed, with 35 Board members in favor, 1 abstention (V. De La Rosa), and 1 recusal (D. Raftery).

We respectfully request that your agency take action consistent with the positions expressed in the above.

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253 Broadway, 6th Floor
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Dear Ms. Beach:

At its Full Board meeting on November 16, 2023, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

***12.21.23 Winter Solstice Event 2023 (sponsor: Village Alliance), Astor Place Plaza (South) [full]**

Whereas, the applicant was unable to appear at the November SAR committee meeting, but agreed to attend the December meeting which is expected to occur well ahead of the event; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends that **Winter Solstice Event 2023** be **laid over** to the December SAR meeting.

Vote: Passed, with 35 Board members in favor, 1 abstention (V. De La Rosa), and 1 recusal (D. Raftery).

We respectfully request that your agency take action consistent with the positions expressed in the above.

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Raynard Edwards
Director
Street Activity Permit Office
Mayor's Office of Citywide Events Coordination and Management
253 Broadway Room/Floor: 6th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mr. Edwards:

At its Full Board meeting on November 16, 2023, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

Resolution in response to proposed rule changes at CECM / SAPO regarding Open Culture Events, street events on Open Streets, and a continued moratorium on new multi-block street fairs.

Whereas, The Mayor's Office of Citywide Event Coordination and Management (CECM), of which SAPO is a sub-office, is establishing rules for the Open Culture Program, and about Open Street Events and street fairs, which can be found at the following link: <https://rules.cityofnewyork.us/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/SAPO-Proposed-Rules-re-Permits-for-Open-Culture-Open-Streets-Programs-Extension-of-Street-Fair-Moratorium-Preliminarily-Certified-10.18.23.pdf>; and

Whereas, CECM will be holding a public hearing on the proposed rules changes at 9:00 AM on Monday, November 20th, 2023, with all written comments due ahead of this date; and

Whereas, the proposed rules changes fall into three categories:

- (1) Establishment of Rules for a permanent Open Culture program (per LL 80 of 2023)
- (2) Specific rules for Street Events held on Open Streets
- (3) Continuation of moratorium on new multi-block street fairs

Establishment of rules for a permanent Open Culture Program

Whereas, Section 2509 of the Charter as added by Local Law No. 80 of 2023 directs CECM to establish an Open Culture Program, pursuant to which an eligible art and cultural institution may utilize a roadway for an artistic or cultural event; and

Whereas, the law further directs CECM to establish eligibility and use guidelines and policies for such program and promulgate any necessary rules; and

Whereas, CECM is proposing a definition for an “Open Culture Event” that defines such an event as an event including, but not limited to, cultural performances, rehearsals, and classes, that is free and open to the public and offers free services or information to the community; and

Whereas, the proposed rule changes also eliminate prior language referring to the temporary Open Culture Program that existed in the aftermath of COVID and was required to take place on specific “Open Culture Streets”; and

Whereas, the rules propose that Open Culture Events will be subject to a \$25 processing fee and must be submitted to SAPO 15 or more days before the event; and

Whereas, CB2, Man. supports the use of roadway space for cultural events, but wants to make sure that the language clarifies that not only are such events free and open to the public, but also that no items would be for sale at such events as well; and

Whereas, CB2, Man. also believes that an earlier application deadline would be necessary in order to ensure that CB2 has the opportunity to review all proposed events; and

Specific Rules for Street Events Held on Open Streets

Whereas, CECM’s proposed rule changes also define the concept of an “Open Street Event”, which is essentially any sort of regular street event occurring on an Open Street; and

Whereas, CECM also introduces the concept of an “Open Street Partner”, which is already defined elsewhere in the city Rules, but is essentially the organization or group approved by DOT to manage the Open Street; and

Whereas, the proposed rule changes would require that proposed “Open Street Events” would allow for the Open Street Partner to review and submit recommendations for approval or denial of the proposed events; and

Whereas, applicants for Open Street Events would have 5 days to file comments with SAPO in the event of a recommended denial or approval with conditions from the Open Street Partner; and

Whereas, such rules being proposed for Open Street Events broadly align with existing SAPO rules which govern Plaza Events, with the Open Street Partner being treated similarly to a Plaza Partner for Plaza Events; and

Whereas, CB2, Man. generally sees the value of improving the Open Street Partner in the approval process for proposed events on Open Streets, in order to help ensure that such Open Streets remain broadly available for the passive enjoyment of the public, and not overtaken by too many events; and

Whereas, despite seeing the general value of such a process, CB2, Man. has some concern regarding potential conflicts of interest with regard to Open Street Partners, such as if such partner is a for profit business (e.g., restaurant) tasked with approving events proposed by competing businesses; and

Moratorium on new Multi-Block Street Fairs

Whereas, CECM is proposing to extend a moratorium on new multi-block street fairs that has already been in place for the last several years; and

Whereas, CB2, Man. continues to support such a moratorium given the overabundance of such multi-block fairs in Community District 2 and the corresponding impact on NYPD resources, and would further support a study of existing multi-block fairs already in place; now

Therefore be it Resolved that with regard to the rules changes relating to Open Culture Events, CB2, Man. proposes that the language be tweaked to ensure that no items may be sold at such events, and that the deadline for submission of such events to SAPO be extended to 30 days before the event rather than 15 days; and

Therefore be it Further Resolved that with regard to the rules changes relating to Open Street Events, CB2, Man. proposes that CECM include additional language to provide guidance around how to manage potential conflicts of interest between Open Street Partners and applicants for Open Street Events; and

Therefore be it Finally Resolved that CB2, Man. supports the moratorium on new multi-block street fairs and would further support a study of existing multi-block fairs already in place.

Vote: Passed, with 35 Board members in favor, 1 in opposition (R. Kessler) and 1 abstention (V. De La Rosa).

We respectfully request that your agency take action consistent with the positions expressed in the above.

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