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Dear Ms. Wang and Messrs. Oraedu, Patel and Lee:

At its June 18, 2025 Full Board meeting, the following resolution was adopted by Community Board 2 / Manhattan.

Resolution in response to an application for a revocable consent to construct, maintain and use underground anchors to support a flood wall protecting entry and exit of the Holland Tunnel (578 Broome Street – Manhattan Block 578 Lot 80)

Whereas the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ) has submitted a petition (dated April 28, 2025) requesting a revocable consent to "construct, maintain and use aquafence removable flood protection for the Holland Tunnel"; and

Whereas the work addressed in this petition entails installation of underground anchors in the sidewalk along the south side of Canal St. between Hudson and Varick Streets and at 578

Broome Street, as well as closure of the adjacent eastbound lane of Canal during construction and installation; and

Whereas these anchors will be securely installed to provide support for flood barrier panels that will be stored separately and deployed in the event of a severe storm when they would be mounted in the anchors' sleeves to provide a flood wall that protects entry and exit of the Holland Tunnel; and

Whereas these anchor installation activities are a part of the PANYNJ's Holland Tunnel Sandy Repair and Resiliency Project for mitigation and repair of the Tunnel from some of the damage Superstorm Sandy caused. This is a key part of PANYNJ's emergency preparedness plan to protect the Holland Tunnel from a storm surge like Hurricane Sandy's. PANYNJ has been conducting this work for several years, and much of it is already done; and

Whereas the full job will take no more than 5 to 7 days to complete and will consist of drilling in the ground for each anchor area, filling that area in with special grouting, installing the anchor and capping it to keep it flat to the surface; and

Whereas all of the work will be done overnight, and a pedestrian detour will be implemented for that time;

Therefore be it resolved that Community Board No. 2 Manhattan supports approval of a revocable consent to construct, maintain and use underground anchors to support a flood wall protecting entry and exit of the Holland Tunnel on the south side of Canal St. between Hudson and Varick Streets and at 578 Broome Street.

Vote: Unanimous, with 38 Board members in favor.

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

Sincerely,

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