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Dave Harper  
Executive Director  
New York City AIDS Memorial  
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Dear Ms. Masella and Mr. Harper:

At its Full Board meeting on April 23, 2026, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

### **Resolution in Support of Temporary Public Art Installation at the New York City AIDS Memorial Park**

#### **WHEREAS:**

1. The New York City AIDS Memorial, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, oversees the maintenance and programming of the AIDS Memorial Park at St. Vincent's Triangle; and
2. The Memorial has, since its opening in December 2016, provided cultural programming including performances, events, and temporary art installations in collaboration with the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation; and
3. The Memorial proposes the installation of a temporary public artwork titled "*Eternal Flame for Scott Burton*," created by artist Oscar Tuazon in collaboration with the legacy of the late artist Scott Burton; and

4. The proposed installation reimagines salvaged elements from Scott Burton’s final public artwork, previously located in Sheepshead Bay and decommissioned following damage from Hurricane Sandy; and
5. The installation will consist of a terrazzo seating structure with a central flagpole element featuring a low-intensity LED “eternal flame,” designed to provide space for reflection, gathering, and public engagement; and
6. The installation will be placed in the central lawn area of the AIDS Memorial Park, in a location previously used for other temporary sculpture exhibitions; and
7. The installation is scheduled to be installed in mid-May 2026, with a public unveiling anticipated on or about May 30, 2026, and to remain on view for approximately one year in accordance with the NYC Parks Art in the Parks program; and
8. The project is being developed in coordination with the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation and will comply with all required engineering, safety, and public art review protocols; and
9. Interpretive signage, including on-site information and QR codes linking to additional historical and artistic context, will be provided to enhance public understanding of the work; and
10. The Committee has considered issues of safety, lighting, maintenance, and community impact, and the applicant has addressed these concerns satisfactorily;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Community Board 2, Manhattan, Supports the proposed installation of “*Eternal Flame for Scott Burton*” at the New York City AIDS Memorial Park as long as the project receives final authorization and permitting by the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation.

**Vote:** Unanimous, 36 Board Members in favor.

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

Sincerely,



Richard Caccappolo, Chair  
Parks & Waterfront Committee  
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Valerie De La Rosa, Chair  
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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cc: Steve Simon, Chief of Staff to Manhattan Borough Commissioner, Parks  
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