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May 1, 2026

Shaneek Meechum, Director, Street Activity Permit Office
Citywide Event Coordination and Management
Office of the Mayor
253 Broadway, 6th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Dear Ms. Meechum:

At its Full Board meeting on April 23, 2026, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

***5.4.26 – Labor is Art- A Ball Without Billionaires-SEIU Fashion Show – Gansevoort Plaza (Sponsor: Service Employees International Union – SEIU) Gansevoort Plaza W. 12th/W.13th Sts./9 Ave.**

Whereas, the applicant, representing labor union SEIU, is seeking to hold a fashion show activation on and adjacent to the Gansevoort Pedestrian Plaza on Monday, May 4; and

Whereas, the activation is expected to take place both on the Gansevoort Plaza itself as well as on the adjacent Gansevoort Street, which will be closed between 9th Ave / Greenwich Street and Hudson Street during the event; and

Whereas, the activation will consist of a fashion show taking place on Gansevoort Street, which is meant to coincide with the Met Gala and serve as an event to advocate for and support essential workers; and

Whereas, the event will take place between 10 AM and 12 PM on Monday, May 4th, with the actual fashion show portion lasting 30 minutes, and with load-out taking place on Sunday, May 3rd and load-out complete by 8 PM on the 4th; and

Whereas, Gansevoort Street itself will serve as the walkway for show participants, while also serving as the requisite 15-foot emergency lane, with both sides of Gansevoort Street used for folding chair seating and the edge of the plaza used for bleacher seating; and

Whereas, a 5-foot pedestrian walkway will be left for pedestrians to transit across the plaza, as well as on the south sidewalk of Gansevoort Street; and

Whereas, additionally, there will be production support tent on the north curb lane of Gansevoort Street, as well as and a step-and-repeat with red carpet on the plaza itself; and

Whereas, the event will feature amplified sound with a “show caller” during the 30-minute show itself; and

Whereas, the event will be open to be viewed by the public from the plaza, and the applicant agreed to consider opening up a section of the bleacher seating to the general public as well; and

Whereas, security and NYPD are expected to be onsite during the event; and

Whereas, the applicant has a sanitation plan in place to remove trash following the event; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2, Man. recommends **approval of Labor is Art- A Ball Without Billionaires-SEIU Fashion Show – Gansevoort Plaza (Sponsor: Service Employees International Union – SEIU), provided that** the applications conform with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and clearance requirements.

Vote: Passed, with 35 Board members in favor, and 1 recusal (D. Raftery).

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

Sincerely,



Valerie De La Rosa, Chair
Community Board 2, Manhattan



William Benesh, Chair
Street Activities & Resiliency
Committee
Community Board 2, Manhattan

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cc: Hon. Daniel Goldman, U.S. Representative, 10th District
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