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May 30, 2026

Shaneek Meechum, Director, Street Activity Permit Office
Citywide Event Coordination and Management
Office of the Mayor
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Dear Ms. Meechum:

At its Full Board meeting on May 21, 2026, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

***5.28.26 – NOW 6.11.26– Little Owl 20th Anniversary Neighborhood Party (Sponsor: Blackfoot Consulting DBA Little Owl Restaurant), Bedford St. bet. Barrow & Grove Sts. [SW & curb lane closure-Both]**

Whereas, the applicant, restaurant Little Owl, is seeking a street closure to host a 20th anniversary neighborhood party at 90 Bedford Street, on the corner of Bedford and Grove, in celebration of two decades of business at that location; and

Whereas, in the course of coordination with SAPO following submission, the application was re-categorized from a large sidewalk closure to a large street event with a full street closure of Bedford Street between Barrow and Grove, and the date was moved from May 28th to Thursday, June 11th; and

Whereas, the event is expected to run from 5 PM to 9 PM on Thursday, June 11th, with setup beginning at approximately 3 PM and the street clear by 11 PM, subject to coordination with vendor partners on load-in and load-out timing; and

Whereas, the applicant intends to maintain a 15-foot fire lane down the center of the street throughout setup and the event, as well as pedestrian walkways on both sides of the sidewalk, with barricades on either end of the closed block, and the physical setup will include food booths operated by the applicant's sister restaurants in the neighborhood, high-top tables for guests to congregate, and portable restrooms in the curb lane, with an ADA-accessible restroom available inside the restaurant at 90 Bedford Street; and

Whereas, the event will be private and invitation-only, with invitees drawn from the restaurant's longstanding client list, neighbors, regulars, and event clients in the surrounding West Village area, and the applicant expects 200 to 500 attendees in total, staggered in groups of approximately 30 to 40 invitees arriving in 5-minute intervals, with no more than 20 to 75 people on site at any given time; and

Whereas, the applicant will rope off the perimeter of the event area and manage check-in at each point of entry and exit using a clipboard or iPad-based guest list to make clear that the party is a private gathering; and

Whereas, food from Little Owl and its sister restaurants will be served free of charge to invitees, and the applicant intends to serve wine and beer, the application for which has been submitted and is anticipated to be acted on within the week, with a third-party security company on site to check identification, wrist-band guests of legal drinking age, and assist with managing flow at the points of entry and exit; and

Whereas, the event will not feature amplified sound, with entertainment limited to acoustic singing and skits performed by restaurant staff at street level, without microphones, a stage, or a PA system; and

Whereas, the applicant has been in contact with the 6th Precinct, who reviewed the site plan, and has also reached out to representatives of the local block associations; and

Whereas, upon the SAR Committee strongly recommending advance flyering of neighbors and nearby buildings to ensure that residents on the block and the immediately surrounding buildings are aware of the closure, the applicant agreed to perform that outreach in advance of the event; and

Whereas, the event will not feature sidewalk chalking, painting or stenciling; and

Whereas, the applicant noted that the event is part of a broader 20th anniversary fundraising effort by Little Owl benefiting local charities including Greenwich House, P.S. 3, and St. Luke's, with any leftover food to be donated to charity; and

Whereas, while CB2 Manhattan is generally not in favor of the use of public street space for fully private events, the board recognizes that Little Owl been a longstanding presence in the CB2 community, and the applicant is well prepared for the event with proceeds going to charity; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2, Man. recommends approval of **Little Owl 20th Anniversary Neighborhood Party (Sponsor: Blackfoot Consulting DBA Little Owl Restaurant)**, provided that the application conforms with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and clearance requirements.

Vote: Unanimous, with 29 Board members in favor.

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
Hon. Brad Hoylman-Sigal, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Erik Bottcher, NY State Senate, 47th District
Hon. Deborah J. Glick, NY State Assembly, 66th District