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October 20, 2017

Luis Sanchez
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
Department of Transportation
55 Water St. 9th Floor
New York, NY 10041

Dear Manhattan Borough Commissioner Sanchez:

At its Full Board meeting October 19, 2017, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution in support of co-naming the n.w. corner of Bank St. at Greenwich St. Bella S. Abzug Way.

Whereas a request was presented to co-name the n.w. corner of Bank St. at Greenwich St. Bella S. Abzug Way in honor of Bella S. Abzug (1920-1998) who was Congresswoman representing Greenwich Village and other parts of Lower Manhattan, from 1971 to 1977; and

Whereas during her tenure as Congressional Representative, Bella Abzug avidly championed the many progressive causes that her Village constituents supported, from women's rights to labor rights to gay rights, working for social and political changes she spent all of her life advocating; and

Whereas Congresswoman Abzug lived and worked at 37 Bank Street (on the block where the co-named street location is proposed) for over 20 years. She lived here when she was in Congress representing the Greenwich Village community, and she worked here on constituent issues when she wasn't in Washington. Her work was informed by frequent chats with her Bank Street neighbors and other community people. She was often seen just outside her building speaking to people and getting their input; and

Whereas Bella Abzug fought tirelessly for women's rights as well as civil rights in general:

- She helped found the National Women's Political Caucus.
- She wrote legislation making it illegal to discriminate against women trying to get credit, credit cards, loans and mortgages.
- She was chair of the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women.
- In 1973, she introduced the first gay rights bill in Congress.
- She co-authored the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts.
- She was a founder and member of the National and State New Democratic Coalition, dedicated to speaking out against poverty, racism and violence.
- She helped create the Women Strike for Peace Movement.; and

Whereas in keeping with her lifelong concern for women's rights and right to work, Abzug established one of the first Day Care Centers, at the Duplex on Christopher St. and 7th Avenue S. where she opened an office when she first ran for Congress in 1970; and

Whereas a petition supporting the co-naming of the n.w. corner of Bank St. at Greenwich St. Bella S. Abzug Way was submitted with 200 signatures, almost all from within the immediate few blocks, and the rest from the surrounding CB2 Manhattan community; and

Whereas the proposal for co-naming the n.w. corner of Bank St. at Greenwich St. Bella S. Abzug Way meets the requirements of Manhattan CB2's *Street Co-Naming Guidelines*;

Therefore be it resolved that Community Board 2, Manhattan (CB2) supports remembering Bella Abzug by co-naming the n.w. corner of Bank St. at Greenwich St. Bella S. Abzug Way.

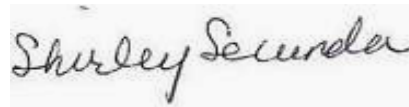
Vote: Unanimous, with 42 Board Members in favor.

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

Sincerely,



Terri Cude, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Shirley Secunda, Chair
Traffic & Transportation Committee
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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c: Hon. Jerrold L. Nadler, Congressman
Hon. Brad Hoylman, NY State Senator
Hon. Deborah J. Glick, Assembly Member
Hon. Gale Brewer, Man. Borough President
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Dear Manhattan Borough Commissioner Sanchez:

At its Full Board meeting October 19, 2017, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution in support of Hudson Square Streetscape Improvements Project.

Whereas the Hudson Square Connection (HSC) Business Improvement District (BID) presented an update with more detailed design than previously (although not yet final) on its Hudson St. Streetscape Improvements plan, which the HSC BID has been working on, getting feedback and modifying accordingly as part of its Hudson Sq. Master Plan; and

Whereas this Streetscape Improvements plan is being done by the HSC BID in partnership with the Economic Development Corp. (EDC) and the NYC Dept. of Transportation (DOT), 1/2 paid by the HSC BID and 1/2 by City funds, and AKRF is the design engineer. The HSC BID will maintain the improvements; and

Whereas the goals of this project are to achieve a balance of transportation modes, balance greening with a vibrant commercial street, continuation of street character from the Village south, have a distinctive look and feel for Hudson Sq., and capture usable open space on sidewalks; and

Whereas the boundaries of this project are on Hudson St. from Houston to Canal St., with focus on the west side of Hudson and widening the sidewalks there to allow for new improved design elements and public amenities; and

Whereas the plan includes:

- A continuing band of greenery, including newly planted trees along with already existing trees and pocket gardens
- Social seating
- Mid block access for drop-off-pickup
- Permeable pavers allowing water to absorb underground; 250 trees capturing rainwater
- Opportunities for sidewalk cafes

- A protected bike lane on Hudson St. from Houston to Canal St., joining and consistent with the Hudson St. bike lane above Houston St.
- Bicycle corrals in unused space next to pedestrian crossings (for bike parking); and

Whereas the social seating that is shown includes backless benches or benches with very low backs as well as armrests, and benches with higher backs are preferred to provide both comfort and support for the many varied users; and

Whereas although there will be a protected bike lane, there is no Citi Bike station between Houston and Canal Sts.; and

Whereas the plan will be presented to the Public Design Commission in Dec. 2017, and the further developed plan is expected to be presented to CB2 Manhattan. Estimated project completion is Summer 2020; and

Whereas this plan represents a welcome potential for transforming Hudson St. into a vibrant place for people;

Therefore be it resolved that Community Board 2, Manhattan (CB2) strongly supports the Hudson Square Streetscape Improvements Project and looks forward to seeing the completed design; and

Be it further resolved that CB2 suggests that a higher back be added to the proposed social seating; and

Be it finally resolved that CB2 recommends that at least one Citi Bike station be included on Hudson St. between Houston and Canal Sts.

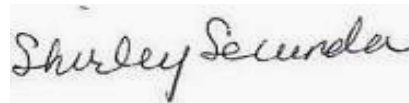
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