Jo Hamilton, *Chair*
Bo Riccobono, *First Vice Chair*
Sheelah Feinberg, *Second Vice Chair*
Bob Gormley, *District Manager*

Erin Roeder, *Treasurer*
Susan Kent, *Secretary*
Elaine Young, *Assistant Secretary*

COMMUNITY BOARD No. 2, MANHATTAN
3 WASHINGTON SQUARE VILLAGE
NEW YORK, NY 10012-1899
www.cb2manhattan.org
P: 212-979-2272   F: 212-254-5102   E: info@cb2manhattan.org
Greenwich Village • Little Italy • SoHo • NoHo • Hudson Square • Chinatown • Gansevoort Market

December 22, 2010

John Sexton
President, New York University
Bobst Library
70 Washington Square South
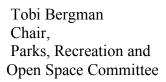New York, New York 10012

Dear President Sexton:

On November 18, 2010, Community Board 2 Manhattan (CB2) passed a resolution concerning the city-owned parkland strips on Mercer Street, LaGuardia Place, Bleecker and W. 3rd Streets on the three Superblocks. The resolution asks New York University to remove any transfer of publicly owned land to private ownership from its development proposals and ULURP application, and to cease blocking applications to transfer the land to the Parks Department.

CB2 joined with Congressman Jerrold Nadler, Borough President Scott Stringer, State Senator Thomas Duane, State Assemblywoman Deborah Glick, City Council Member Margaret Chin, and the larger Greenwich Village community, at a rally on December 5th. We are all united in our affirmation that public land should stay in the public domain.

We would appreciate your prompt response and hope it will include an announcement that NYU no longer seeks to acquire the city-owned parkland strips. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Jo Hamilton
Chair

Tobi Bergman
Chair,
 Parks, Recreation and
 Open Space Committee

David Gruber
Chair,
Arts and Institutions
Committee

cc: Hon. Michael R. Bloomberg, NYC Mayor
Hon. Scott M. Stringer, Man. Borough President
Hon. Christine C. Quinn, Council Speaker
Hon. Thomas K. Duane, NY State Senator
Hon. Deborah J. Glick, Assembly Member
Hon. Margaret Chin, Council Member
Janette Sadik-Khan, DOT Commissioner
Adrian Benepe, DPR Commissioner
Lolita Jackson, Manhattan Director, CAU