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Re: Piers 92/94

Dear Mr. Jones,

We write to follow up on the meeting you attended with members of the Waterfront, Parks and Environment Committee (“the Committee”) of Manhattan Community Board 4 (“MCB4”) and a representative of Vornado Realty Trust (“Vornado”) at the MCB4 office on December 13, 2018.

Vornado is seeking a second renewal of its special permit for assembly for Piers 92 and 94 (the “Permit”). In connection with Vornado’s initial Permit application in 2009, and again in 2017 as part of Vornado’s first renewal application, MCB4 provided Vornado with a list of requirements the community had in order to support Vornado’s applications. Although Vornado did not specifically agree to each of those asks, it did acknowledge MCB4’s requests and agreed to implement those requests that it could accommodate.

Since 2009, Vornado has not implemented a single request of MCB4.

As the Committee members expressed at our December 13th meeting and as voted on at its January 2nd Full Board meeting, with 34 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 1 present but not eligible to vote, MCB4 cannot support a renewal of Vornado’s Permit without a firm commitment to meet each of the requests made by MCB4, before the end of the Permit extension term. Further, if Vornado agrees to these conditions of their Permit extension and does not accomplish them, MCB4 will vigorously oppose any further extension to Vornado.

At the December 13th meeting, the Committee members expressed their belief that the mini-convention facility that Vornado has been operating is not the best use of these piers. MCB4

acceded to this use because EDC and the City believed that a convention facility smaller than the Javits Center was necessary. However, given Vornado's admitted lack of success running this facility, MCB4 asks EDC to reevaluate the current use of Piers 92 and 94. MCB4 is open to continuing discussions with EDC as to the best uses for these piers, which should also include a ferry landing for the NYC Ferry network.

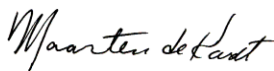
MCB4 suggests that EDC resolve a plan with Vornado by March 31, 2019, or move forward with defaulting Vornado and initiating a new procurement process to find an alternative tenant for the Piers.

We look forward to receiving updates from you as appropriate.

Sincerely,



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