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**Re: Pride Island – Pier 97**

Dear Mr. Frederick:

Thank you for your presentation to the Waterfront, Parks & Environment Committee (the “Committee”) of Manhattan Community Board 4 (“MCB4”) on February 8, 2018, regarding the staging of the “Pride Island” event on Pier 97 on June 23-24, 2018.

As you explained, Pride Island is a weekend long celebration that serves as the central hub for all of the NYC Pride events. It includes musical sets from various performers as well as segments featuring prominent DJs, and concludes with a fireworks display. Pride Island is the most important fundraising event for your organization.

While we welcome you and your guests, we also must be concerned about the residents of the surrounding Clinton/Hell’s Kitchen neighborhoods. Thus, as we agreed, you will take certain actions in connection with your event to ensure that the residents in the neighborhood near Pier 97 are not inconvenienced. Please note, the actions we are requiring are not specific to your event; we have developed this list based on our experience with previous events at Pier 97.

You have agreed to the following stipulations that were discussed at the Committee meeting and which were approved by MCB4 at its March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, with 34 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstaining and 0 present but not eligible to vote:

- Your configuration of the stage and entrance/exit for the audience will allow a maximum of 5,250 people to attend this event at any one time and you will not exceed this number.

- Your design faces the stage toward the west, away from the nearby residential community.
- You will retain and follow the recommendations of a certified sound engineer to mitigate potential noise disturbance to neighboring residents and buildings.
- You will work with the New York City Police Department to design a way to safely move attendees as they come to and leave the event, by having them cross under the highway at about West 59<sup>th</sup> Street and use the service road between 59<sup>th</sup> Street and Pier 97.
- You will keep attendees off of the bicycle path except at the entrance to the pier, where there will be security personnel to direct the flow of pedestrians and bicycles.
- There will be security personnel all along the probable entrance routes for people coming to and leaving the event. This is particularly important when a number of your guests may be arriving by walking up the length of Hudson River Park.
- You will endeavor to use sustainable practices, including recycling and having vendors provide their product in reusable, recyclable materials.
- Finally, you will provide to MCB4 and publicize an active phone number that will be staffed during the entire weekend for the purpose of receiving complaints and comments during the event.

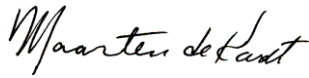
The one issue on which we did not achieve a resolution is the closing time for the event. Previous events at Pier 97 ended at 10 pm. As we understand your proposal, you will close at 10 pm on Saturday night and the last act will finish on Sunday at 10:45, to be followed by a 15 minute fireworks display, with the event ending promptly at 11:00 pm. The Committee is very concerned about this schedule for Sunday night, particularly with a loud fireworks display so late, when many residents of the surrounding area have to work the next morning. At our meeting on February 8th, the only answer you provided for needing the festival to go longer on Sunday than on Saturday was that Sunday is the last night. We expect to continue discussions with you about the closing time for the event on Sunday night, as we have neither approved nor disapproved the 11 pm time. However, in any case, whatever closing time is finally agreed upon, that must be the end time; your event must not run overtime. At the agreed upon closing time, you must expeditiously move your guests off of Pier 97, reminding them to be considerate of the residents of the neighborhood as they leave and following the instructions of the NYPD, as moving 5,000 people through a residential neighborhood will have a significant impact on the neighborhood.

We look forward to our continued discussions and to hear about your progress in meeting the requirements set forth herein.

Sincerely,



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