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Madelyn Wils President Hudson River Park Trust Pier 40, 2nd Floor 353 West Street New York, NY 10014

Re: Report of Future of Pier 40 Working Group

Dear Ms. Wils.

The Waterfront, Parks and Environment Committee of Manhattan Community Board Four ("MCB4") has had the opportunity to review the Final Report of the Future of Pier 40 Working Group, adopted by resolution by Manhattan Community Board Two ("MCB2"). MCB4 wishes to provide its comments on this report. The following comments were voted on at MCB4's February 7th Full Board meeting with 40 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible.

To start, MCB4 commends the Working Group for the comprehensive nature of the report. It clearly takes into account the views of the community and what they would like to see at Pier 40. However, the report also recognizes inherent contradictions in the public's desired uses for Pier 40, and did not propose any specific solutions to this dilemma. It is the view of MCB4 that the public (and the neighboring community boards) should continue to be involved in the planning process for the development of Pier 40 going forward; including with regard to any proposed changes to the Hudson River Park Act and the issuance of a request for proposals by the Hudson River Park Trust.

MCB4's concerns relating to the development of Pier 40 are two-fold: that the ball fields be maintained for use by the entire West Side community and other public open space at Pier 40 be enhanced, and that Pier 40 continue to generate revenue for the continued operation of Hudson River Park. As you are aware, Pier 40 is the only revenue-generating pier located outside of Manhattan Community District Four. It is imperative that whatever is developed at Pier 40 generate sufficient revenue, so that the burden of funding the Park does not fall entirely on Community District Four.

We look forward to working with the Trust and with MCB2 as the development process for Pier 40 continues.

Sincerely,

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