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Madelyn Wils
President, Hudson River Park Trust
353 West Street
New York, NY 10014

Re: Pier 86 and Intrepid Museum

Dear President Wills,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) includes the area of Hudson River Park from 14-59th Streets, which is also home to Pier 86 and the Intrepid Museum. At its Full Board meeting on June 3, 2020, the Board voted 47 in favor, 2 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present not eligible, to reaffirm its desire for Pier 86 access not be tied to the Intrepid Museum's operations and that Pier 86 be reopened immediately. The Board further requests that the Trust be paid rent, like its other tenants in the park, consistent with the market, for the use of the Pier by the Museum, in the interest of the park's finances.

Community District 4 is proud to have the Intrepid Museum in its district, and applauds its community engagement, after school programming, and education initiatives. However, public space is precious in New York City and the piers of Hudson River Park provide critical open space on the west side. MCB4 does not believe that if the Museum is closed to the public that Pier 86 should automatically be closed as well.

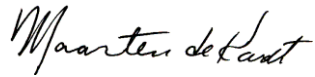
It is also the Board's understanding that lease negotiations are ongoing with the Intrepid. While the Intrepid is responsible for certain capital costs associated with Pier 86, it pays \$1 per year in rent, which is the same amount paid by the two Community Boat Houses in the Park. Notwithstanding the Intrepid's non-profit status and its mission, the Trust has a responsibility to maintain Hudson River Park for the community and does so through collection of rent, sponsorships, and other forms of revenue generation. There are other non-profit tenants of the Park that pay considerable rents, and the Intrepid should be expected to do the same.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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