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James Patchett  
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**RE: Manhattan Cruise Ship Terminal and Public Space**

Dear President Patchett:

The Waterfront, Parks, and Environment Committee was dismayed by the lack of attendance at its recent committee meeting, in which the topic of the Manhattan Cruise Ship Terminal and increasing public space around it was a topic of discussion. At its Full Board meeting on July 22, MCB4 voted by 47 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible, to request attention from EDC.

MCD4 has long been exploring ways to identify, expand, and improve public open space. A critical chokepoint along the Hudson River Greenway is along piers 88-92, home to the Manhattan Cruise Ship Terminal, which is why EDC's attendance was requested at July's meeting. While national security and terrorism concerns have been raised, the board would like a better understanding of why the boundary wall is located where it is, and what can be done to expand public space along that corridor.

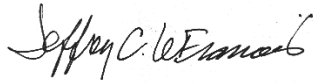
The next meeting of the committee is on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the prepared briefing and explanation of the wall around the terminal, the Board also requests a formal update on a conversion to shore power for the facility, which was a conversation that started earlier this year and never received more information.

We look forward to receiving this information and MCB4 is confident the notice of an early invitation will allow your representative to attend to provide updates and answer questions as it relates to the aforementioned topics. Given that we expect the meeting to continue taking place over Zoom, attending remotely should be convenient as well.

Thank you.



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