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December 29, 2020

Abigail S. Trenk, President  
Air Pegasus Heliport, Inc.  
335 West 30 Street at 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
New York, New York 10001

Brian Tolbert  
Air Pegasus Heliport, Inc.  
335 West 30<sup>th</sup> St at 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
New York, NY 10001

**Re: West 30<sup>th</sup> Street Heliport Safety**

Dear President Trenk and Mr. Tolbert,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4), at its December 2<sup>nd</sup> Full Board meeting by a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote, voted to request your assistance in addressing safety and quality of life issues at your heliport that our community has brought to our attention. Recognizing the heliport as a transportation asset and noting these deficiencies as an operator, we would like you to attend one of our upcoming committees on transportation to explain your current operation and what measures you will take to address our concerns.

Chelsea residents have complained of unsafe landings<sup>1</sup>, excessive noise and air pollution<sup>2</sup>, dangerous vehicular maneuvers for pedestrians and cyclists on the greenway when entering or

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<sup>1</sup> 2009 settlement "All helicopters approaching the Heliport from the South shall fly up the approximate middle of the Hudson River, then turn right opposite the Heliport and make a straight in approach to landing at all times keeping safety as the primary consideration;

<sup>2</sup> Helicopters using the 30th Street Heliport shall make every effort to keep idling time to a minimum. Any helicopter arriving at the Heliport whose pilot anticipates that it will not take off for at least 30 minutes, will not keep its rotors or engines running for more than five minutes after arrival. All helicopters departing from the Heliport shall not start their engines or rotors more than five minutes (or the time necessary to safely warm up the engines and/or charge the batteries) before they take off.

leaving the parking area. There are also questions as to what homeland security measures are currently being implemented for passengers, crews and incoming vehicles.

The original West Side heliport, at 30<sup>th</sup> Street, opened with two landing pads on September 26, 1956; today, there are 11 landing pads. Tourist flights originating from the 30<sup>th</sup> Street Heliport were relocated to the Downtown Manhattan Heliport in 2010 as a result of a court agreement between the heliport operators and the Friends of Hudson River Park<sup>3</sup>. The Hudson River Park Trust owns the Heliport and leases it month-to-month to Abigail Trenk and Brian Tolbert of Air Pegasus Heliport, Inc. The 2013 revision to the Hudson River Park Act permits the creation of a water-dependent heliport on the west side of the bulkhead, with buildings, tank and parking remaining east of the bulkhead.

We appreciate your help and cooperation in conducting your business in a manner compatible with your neighbors: New York City residents and visitors.

Sincerely,



Lowell D. Kern  
MCB4 Chair



Christine Berthet  
Co-chair, Transportation Planning Committee



Dale Corvino  
Co-chair, Transportation Planning Committee

Cc: Hon. Jerrold Nadler, U.S. Congress  
Hon. Carolyn Maloney, U.S. Congress  
Hon. Brad Hoylman, New York State Senate  
Hon. Richard Gottfried, New York State Assembly  
Hon. Corey Johnson, Speaker, New York City Council  
Hon. Gale A. Brewer, Manhattan Borough President  
Madelyn Wils, President, Hudson River Park Trust

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<sup>3</sup> [https://web.archive.org/web/20090106183854/http://www.helifreenyc.org/Settlement\\_Agrmnt.pdf](https://web.archive.org/web/20090106183854/http://www.helifreenyc.org/Settlement_Agrmnt.pdf)