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Re: W. 30th Street – ESD Project under High Line – Follow Up

Dear Executive Vice President Leicht, Commissioner Pincar, and Executive Director Cotton

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) appreciates Empire State Development (ESD) staff's follow-up presentation of the revised plans for the pedestrian space below the High Line extension on West 30th Street between Tenth and Dyer Avenues. We are pleased that ESD and Port Authority heard the community concerns, and the plan has evolved in a very positive direction focused on pedestrians below the High Line. At its March 2nd Full Board meeting, by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 1 present but not eligible, MCB4 voted to support this current direction and proceed to finalize the plan.

During the summer of 2021, MCB4 gave its support to the High Line extension project subject to

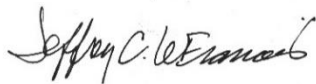
ESD (and received a letter from ESD agreeing to) installing pedestrian and architectural lighting under the High Line starting at the west side of Tenth Avenue, through the length of the extension and installing plantings and improvements on the island and along the pedestrian path below the High Line extension. The first plan proposed was inadequate to meet the community requirements.

With the Port Authority's approval, ESD doubled from six to twelve the number of locations where planters can be installed. We are pleased to note that ESD will take a cue from the High Line's landscape design philosophy by selecting native species. MCB4 will work with ESD to finalize the combination of locations and lighting features in the planters (LED strips at the bottom rim, and up-light).

ESD was also able to modify the down lights under the High Line so that the level of lumen is consistent with pedestrian lighting on New York sidewalks. ESD indicates that the Department of Transportation will maintain the electrical installation on West 30th Street, under the High Line.

We are grateful that ESD listened to the community concerns and significantly improved the design for this pedestrian area. We also thank the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey for accommodating more planters on their property. We look forward to working with ESD to finalize the planters' location and design.

Sincerely,



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