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Re: Support of Hudson Guild’s Art Programing

On June 11, 2022, Hudson Guild's Director of Arts Jim Furlong updated the Arts, Culture, Education, and Street Life (ACES) Committee of Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) on the arts programming at Hudson Guild. Serving Chelsea residents since 1895, Hudson Guild, located on West 26th Street between 9th & 10th Avenues, provides local residents with enriching and much-needed year-round cultural opportunities to not only experience art by professional artists but also to create original works on their own. Recognizing the significance of its local impact, Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4), at its regularly scheduled meeting on July 27th, 2022, voted, by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote, to support Hudson Guild’s continued arts programming and to include them in the board’s upcoming statement of district needs and budget request proposal.

Each year, over 6000 local residents of all ages participate in a variety of programs at Hudson Guild including dance, music, theater performances, workshops, and rotating visual art gallery exhibitions, including the community favorite the Annual Community Art Jam. In addition, the newly renovated Fulton Houses Community Center also provides gallery space for art exhibits. The Arts at Hudson Guild program remains a cultural and community anchor in the Chelsea community.

Sincerely,

Jeffery LeFrancois
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cc: Hon. Erik Bottcher, City Council