



CITY OF NEW YORK  
**MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD FOUR**

424 West 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 580 New York, NY 10001

tel: 212-736-4536  
www.mcb4.nyc

**JEFFREY LEFRANCOIS**  
Chair

**JESSE R. BODINE**  
District Manager

January 13, 2023

Julie Rwan  
President  
New York Outrigger  
Pier 66 Boathouse  
Hudson River Park, New York

**Re: Support for New York Outrigger Community Programs**

Dear Julie,

Thank you for your presentation to the Waterfront, Parks & Environment Committee on Thursday, November 10, 2022. We write to express our admiration of and support for the services you provide to our community. The Hudson River Estuary is a major feature of our community. You are among a number of worthy organizations that provide our community access to the Estuary and provide activities on the Estuary. For that we thank you.

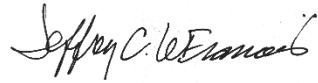
MCB4 at its December 7<sup>th</sup> Full Board meeting by a vote of 35 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 1 present but not eligible approved the writing of this letter of support for your organization.

You are a 100% volunteer-run 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization with a mission to increase equitable, low-barrier access to our local waterways through educational programming on outrigger canoe paddling and stand-up paddleboarding. Your programming is open and inclusive for all. New York Outrigger was founded in 1996 on a barge next to present-day Pier 66. You have served tens of thousands of New Yorkers and visitors through free and low-cost, high quality, in-depth education on paddling and safe use of the Hudson River Estuary. You have operated from the Pier 66 Boathouse since 2007 and from Pier 40 since 2015. In 2022 alone, you conducted 3,968 engagements including cultural education on paddling safety and history, introductory paddling, and advanced paddling. Among your priorities is serving populations of Black, Indigenous and People of Color, people with disabilities, and environmental justice communities.

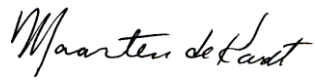
We are pleased to offer this letter of support.

And we thank you.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey LeFrancois  
Chair  
Manhattan Community Board 4



Maarten deKadt  
Co-chair  
Waterfront, Parks & Environment Committee



Leslie Boghosian Murphy  
Co-chair  
Waterfront, Parks & Environment Committee