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Hon. Adrienne Adams Speaker, NYC Council City Hall New York, NY 10007

Hon. Eric Adams Mayor for the City of New York City Hall New York, NY 10007

Re: Pier 76

Dear Speaker Adams and Mayor Adams,

This year, Governor Kathy Hochul included \$85 million in capital funding in the executive state budget to rebuild Pier 76 in Hudson River Park (HRP). This previous location for the New York Police Department tow pound has been a large, empty open deck space along the Hudson River since its demolition in 2021. We now have 5.6 acres to develop into a sensational space and we appreciate the governor's investment and vision. Manhattan Community Board 4 asks the City to share that vision.

By a Full Board vote on April 2nd of 42 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions and 1 present not eligible, MCB4 requests the City to match the \$85M state outlay for the development of Pier 76.

Historically, New York City and New York State have matched contributions towards the construction of Hudson River Park and Pier 76 is one of the final pieces of the development of HRP in our district.

In 2023 and 2024, MCB4 participated in a robust discussion about envisioning possibilities for the Pier with stakeholders as part of the Hudson River Park Trust's Pier 76 Taskforce process, a process the City supported.¹ Local state elected officials used the results of that process to craft

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¹ https://hudsonriverpark.org/app/uploads/2012/03/2023.12.8-Pier-76-TF-Summary-of-Need.pdf

amendments to the Hudson River Park Act to help ensure the successful redevelopment of the Pier that will deliver a world class open space which was passed and signed into law last year.²

Revitalizing this area will lead to the economic expansion of Manhattan's west side and complement the Javits Convention Center directly adjacent. It will also give the community and visitors vital open space in an area that ranks one of the lowest in all of New York City in green space per capita.

MCB4 wishes the City will recognize the extraordinary potential in developing Pier 76 and the economic benefits for the surrounding areas by matching the State's \$85 million commitment.

Sincerely,

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² https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2023/A10224/amendment/A