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February 24, 2026

Hon. Brad Hoylman-Sigal  
Manhattan Borough President  
1 Centre Street, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Hon. Tony Simone  
New York State Assembly  
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Hon. Erik Bottcher  
New York State Senate  
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New York, New York 10001

**Re: Support for Early Termination of Hudson River Park Trust Contract with ICE**

Dear Borough President Hoylman-Sigal, Assemblymember Simone, and State Senator Bottcher:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) at its regularly scheduled meeting on February 4, 2026, by a vote of 32 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 4 present but not eligible, voted to express support for and thank you for your leadership in urging Hudson River Park Trust (HRPT) to immediately terminate its contract with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for parking access at Pier 40.

**Background**

Your participation in the January 22, 2026 letter, signed by 13 local elected officials, calling on HRPT to terminate the parking contract immediately, rather than waiting until its scheduled expiration in June 2026,<sup>1</sup> demonstrates the principled leadership our community needs. While we

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from Local Elected Officials to Hudson River Park Trust urging early termination of ICE parking agreement at Pier 40 (Jan. 22, 2026),

were pleased to learn that HRPT has indicated it does not plan to renew this contract when it expires in June, we share your view that June is not soon enough. Immediate action is required to keep ICE out of our neighborhoods.

New York City has been shaped by generations of immigrants whose contributions have enriched our economic vitality and cultural vibrancy. Like communities throughout the state, we host affordable housing, social services, and schools that support immigrant families as they build their lives and strengthen our neighborhoods.

In recent months, we have witnessed heightened immigration enforcement activities that have caused significant fear and concern among our community members, regardless of citizenship status. MCB4 has organized and advocated for protections for immigrant families<sup>2</sup> and has recognized the importance of lawful law enforcement activity and the rule of law.<sup>3</sup> The presence of ICE vehicles parked at Pier 40, a vital community resource, sends a chilling message to immigrant residents and undermines the sense of safety and welcome that our parks and public spaces should provide. We also note the Governor Kathy Hochul's recent introduction of the "Local Cops, Local Crimes Act," which would eliminate 287(g) agreements and prevent NYPD from being deputized by ICE for federal civil immigration enforcement.<sup>4</sup>

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<https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/26503705-urging-early-termination-of-ice-parking-agreement-at-pier-40/>.

<sup>2</sup> Manhattan Community Board 4, *Letter to Mayor Adams re: Support of PEP Resolution Affirming the Status of New York City Public Schools as a Welcoming Citywide District for All Students* (Feb. 14, 2025), <https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2025/02/06-ACES-Letter-to-Mayor-Adams-re-Support-of-PEP-Resolution-Affirming-the-Status-Of-New-York-City-Public-Schools-As-A-Welcoming-Citywide-District-For-All-Students.pdf>.

<sup>3</sup> Manhattan Community Board 4, *Letter to NYPD Commissioner re: Non-cooperation with ICE unless there is criminal activity* (Sept. 25, 2025), <https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2025/09/60-Letter-to-NYPC-Commissioner-re-Non-cooperation-with-ICE-unless-there-is-criminal-activity.pdf>.

<sup>4</sup> Governor Kathy Hochul, *Keeping New Yorkers Safe: Governor Hochul Introduces the Local Cops, Local Crimes Act to Stop ICE from Co-Opting Local Law Enforcement* (Jan. 30, 2026), <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/keeping-new-yorkers-safe-governor-hochul-introduces-local-cops-local-crimes-act-stop-ice-co>.

## MCB4 Recommendations

MCB4 strongly supports the immediate termination of the ICE parking contract at Pier 40. We believe that:

- Hudson River Park should serve as a welcoming space for all, regardless of immigration status, without the intimidating presence of federal immigration enforcement vehicles;
- the current contract, even with only months remaining, continues to create an atmosphere of fear that deters families from enjoying this essential public resource; and
- ending the contract immediately would send a clear signal that New York City and its elected officials stand with immigrant families and will not facilitate unlawful immigration enforcement activities in our neighborhood.

We urge you to continue working with HRPT to swiftly terminate this contract without delay. MCB4 is grateful for your advocacy on this critical issue and stands ready to work with you, HRPT, and other stakeholders to ensure that Hudson River Park remains a truly welcoming space for all New Yorkers. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there are ways we can support your efforts or collaborate to keep ICE out of our neighborhood.

Thank you for your continued leadership and partnership.

Sincerely,



Leslie Boghosian Murphy  
Chair  
Manhattan Community Board

cc: Hudson River Park Trust

