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Susan Marenoff-Zausner
President
Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum
One Intrepid Square
West 46th Street and 12th Avenue
New York City, NY 10036

Re: Placement of Space Shuttle Enterprise

Dear Ms. Marenoff- Zausner

On 9 June 2011, you and staff from the Intrepid Sea*Air*Space Museum presented a preliminary concept for the placement of the space shuttle Enterprise, recently awarded to the museum by NASA, in a new building to be constructed on the NYS Department of Transportation owned parking lot directly east of Pier 86. Previous plans had called for the construction of a smaller building at the western end of Pier 86, the museum's pier. Manhattan Community Board No 4 (MCB4) found no reason to object to the new placement, and agrees that the idea has merit for both the community and city and the adjacent Hudson River Park and the museum itself.

As presented, the building would become, in effect, a new museum dedicated to the history and future of US space exploration, of which the shuttle program was a major component. It is planned to house the shuttle in a large bay with access over and under the shuttle. The building would provide space for additional space related exhibits, classrooms, educational facilities, and other uses normally associated with a museum such as gift shop, roof top restaurant and so forth. In addition, the facility will provide for increased bus parking (currently 14; planned 28), as well as ancillary employee/vendor/guest parking (about 100) at or below grade. A public plaza will be provided, and it is expected that the facility will increase the use of the existing cross-highway pedestrian bridge.

Manhattan Community Board No 4, therefore, approves of this plan, while recognizing the fact that the drawings presented were conceptual in nature and not actual designs. We urge the museum to keep MCB4 updated as plans are developed further, and to bear in mind MCB4's ongoing interest in maximizing public access on Pier 86, especially now that the aforementioned building planned for Pier 86 will not be needed for the shuttle. We also request that the museum reach out to neighborhood sourcing for labor as the facility becomes operational.

Finally, we offer our congratulations on the Intrepid Sea*Air*Space Museum becoming designated as one of four locations in the US to receive a space shuttle, and agree that this will become a major and important educational attraction for the city and region.

Sincerely,



Corey Johnson
Chair



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[signed 11/4/11]

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