

May 7, 2002

Hon. Daniel Doctoroff  
Deputy Mayor  
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City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

**Re: New York Water Taxi proposal**

Dear Deputy Mayor Doctoroff:

At the last meeting for Manhattan Community Board No. 4's Waterfront & Parks Committee, New York Water Taxi presented a proposal for a water taxi service that connects various New York City waterfront locations, including at least one stop within Manhattan District No. 4. As we understand, during rush hours, the service would act as a feeder connecting several downtown locations with cross-Hudson ferry landings near the tip of Manhattan. During low peak hours, it would connect various park locations, both for park users as well as tourists. Future expansion plans also indicated possible connections in park areas further north.

As such, a water taxi has long been part of the overall Hudson River Park concept, and as this Board has generally supported water-borne transportation alternatives, we wholeheartedly endorse the concept of this new venture and look forward to its success. We likewise endorse the concept of a water taxi landing at Pier 84 (one of the proposed stops) provided that, as New York Water Taxi has promised, it is available to other water taxi services that may emerge in the future, and not be restricted for the use of any single company.

Finally, in our discussion with New York Water Taxi, we emphasized that this service should not ignore everyday park users (as it seems to be primarily aimed at tourists and commuters) and the company has assured us that this will not be the case, and that special pricing options for park visitors will be considered.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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This letter was passed at Manhattan Community Board No. 4's May 1, 2002 full board meeting.

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