

June 10, 2002

Hon. Amanda M. Burden
Director
Department of City Planning
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

Re: Zoning text change for water taxis

Dear Chair Burden:

Whereas the Department of City Planning has put forward a zoning text amendment, N020569ZRY, making minor changes in order to accommodate larger water taxis; and

Whereas Manhattan Community Board No. 4 has reviewed the proposed changes and held a public hearing at its regular monthly meeting on June 5, 2002, at which 0 persons spoke; and

Whereas this Board has consistently supported water taxi service in the Hudson River Park and on the West Side of Manhattan and regretted the failure of the previous attempt to establish such service that was due in large part to the inadequacy of the small vessels to cope with the strong currents and rough water in the harbor; and

Whereas the appropriate committees of the Board have welcomed presentations on a proposed new water taxi service with larger boats that would require adjustments in the zoning text to make this service feasible; and

Whereas the proposed amendments to the text will make such adjustments without weakening the necessary protections offered by waterfront zoning;
now, therefore, be it

Resolved that Manhattan Community Board No. 4 supports the proposed zoning text change N020569ZRY and looks forward to the start of the new water taxi service as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Simone Sindin
Chair

This letter was passed at Manhattan Community Board No. 4's June 5, 2002 full board meeting.

cc: Local Electeds
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