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Connie Fishman, President  
Hudson River Park Trust  
Pier 40, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10014

Dear Ms. Fishman:

Community Board 4 submits this letter to the Hudson River Park Trust to encourage the docking of New York Sun Works' Science Barge at Pier 84 in spring, 2007.

Community Board 4 is pleased to support a program which seeks to strengthen the bonds between the river and the city through collaborative research, environmentally beneficial food and energy production, and educational partnerships with New York City public schools.

The Science Barge will provide free K-12 educational programs as well as welcome the public for free tours and programs. Engineering projects on the barge include a hydroponic vegetable greenhouse, systems for water desalination and purification, innovative cooling and heating techniques, and a renewable energy package including solar, wind, and biodiesel. The Science Barge will produce vegetables locally using renewable energy, with no fertilizer or pesticide releases to the watershed, promoting both better air quality and a cleaner water supply.

Community Board 4 believes the newly opened Pier 84 is an ideal location for The Science Barge, with its proximity to high pedestrian traffic areas that will reach large amounts of community members and visitors alike.

We look forward to welcoming The Science Barge to Pier 84 in 2007 and are pleased to have this innovative educational resource for our community.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Compton  
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cc: New York Sun Works  
Friends of Hudson River Park  
44<sup>th</sup> Street Block Association