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Diana Taylor  
Chairperson  
Hudson River Park Trust  
Pier 40, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
West Street at West Houston Street  
New York, NY 10014

**Re: Completion of Piers 62, 63 and 64**

Dear Ms. Taylor:

Community Board 4 ("CB4") wants to thank Hudson River Park Trust (the "Trust") for the construction to date on Piers 62, 63 and 64. Though we were not a party to the negotiations with Chelsea Piers concerning Pier 62 and the upland area, we are pleased with the outcome. We also are aware that the intransigence of Basketball City, finally resulting in litigation, cost the Trust dearly due to the inflation in construction costs during the long delay. In spite of these difficulties, the Trust has faithfully managed to carry out the imaginative design of Van Valkenburgh Associates. One triumph of the master design is that various parts of the park are designed by different landscape architects who bring both individuality and harmony to the overall project.

CB4 is concerned, however, that the approximate \$28 million shortfall for the western part of Chelsea Waterside Park may either delay the completion of this segment of Hudson River Park or result in the elimination of features which add charm and delight to this part of the park. Chelsea residents have waited patiently while other parts of the waterfront have been completed. Much of this patience has been based on the understanding that Chelsea's turn would come. In these times of uncertain funding, it is imperative that public funds available be used solely for the completion of Piers 62, 63 and 64 and the adjacent areas in Chelsea (along with the current construction of Piers 25 and 26 in Tribeca) before any new projects are considered. It is critical that these areas be completed first because a stop and go approach would increase the costs of construction and would signal to the public that the completion of the entire park project is in jeopardy.

CB4 strongly urges the Trust to adhere to its current construction schedule and complete work on Piers 62, 63 and 64.

Sincerely,

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Jean-Daniel Noland  
Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Doswell". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

John Doswell  
Chair, Waterfronts and Parks

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