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December 11, 2007

Honorable Christine Quinn
Speaker of New York City Council
224 West 30th Street, Suite 1206
New York, NY 10001

Re: Garbage transfer station on Gansevoort Peninsula

Dear Speaker Quinn:

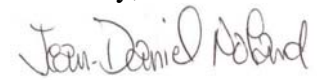
Manhattan Community Board No 4 is writing in connection with Mayor Bloomberg's plan to site a waste transfer station at the Gansevoort Peninsula in Hudson River Park – an action that would clearly alienate parkland. We write in support of the position of the Coalition to Protect our Parks opposing this location.

We agree with the goals of the City's Solid Waste Management Plan that looks to each borough to handle its own garbage. But in opposing Gansevoort, the Coalition is not trying to dump Manhattan's wastes on outlying communities; to the contrary, it supports – as we do – alternatives on the West Side south of 96th Street. In fact, the alternatives we support would actually allow Manhattan to handle even more of its garbage and recyclables than the current plan. Thus this is not a NIMBY issue, but simply one of where on the West Side the facility will be built.

The Coalition has identified two such alternatives – Pier 76 at West 36th Street behind the Jacob Javits Convention Center and a rail transport alternative between 34th and 60th Streets. Both options have been studied and found feasible by competent engineers; both could potentially handle all of Manhattan's recyclables and commercial wastes; and Pier 76 could be implemented quickly. These options have been discussed and approved by Manhattan Community Board No 4. It is clear on the face of the proposals that they are compelling enough to be given the serious consideration the City has refused to undertake.

The Mayor is asking to alienate park land and impose a transfer station in Hudson River Park that threatens the integrity of the Park at Gansevoort. If this is done at all, it should only be as a last resort. Unless and until the city gives these options an in-depth look, we ask you to oppose the proposed Gansevoort location for a marine transfer station, and the notion of alienating parkland.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jean-Daniel Noland". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Jean-Daniel Noland

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