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April 22, 2013

Margaret Forgione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 35th Floor
New York, NY 10038

Dear Manhattan Borough Commissioner Forgione:

At its Full Board meeting April 18, 2013, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution approving Alternate Side Parking (street cleaning rules) on Greenwich St. bet. Leroy and Morton Sts.

Whereas current parking regulations on Greenwich St. bet. Leroy and Morton Sts. require “No Standing except trucks loading and unloading 8 am-6pm” on the block’s entire eastern side and for two spaces on the block’s western side, regulations that originally accommodated pickups and drop-offs and loading/unloading for industrial and commercial activities that no longer exist there in a neighborhood that is increasingly residential; and

Whereas except for the two spaces cited, the western side of Greenwich St. bet. Leroy and Morton Sts. has alternate side/street cleaning regulations, i.e., “No Parking 11 am-12:30 pm, Mon. and Thurs.; and

Whereas the eastern side of Greenwich St. bet. Leroy and Morton Sts. is in a residential zone with two (one large and one small) currently undeveloped, unoccupied residential buildings, one occupied building with five residential apartments and one commercial tenant (a music studio that occasionally accesses the curb cut there to load and unload items), while the western side is completely residential; and

Whereas representatives of these occupied buildings on both the east and west sides of the street presented their support for substituting alternate side/street cleaning parking where it currently doesn’t exist on both sides; and

Whereas these residents indicated that currently trucks and other commercial vehicles, such as from radio services and other non-resident businesses that don't do loading/unloading and have no relation to the buildings on the block, park there all day, playing loud music and leaving behind a significant amount of garbage, especially cumbersome on a block that has no cleaning;

Therefore be it resolved that Community Board 2, Manhattan (CB2) approves the request for Alternate Side Parking (street cleaning rules) on Greenwich St. bet. Leroy and Morton Sts., on the western side in the two current commercial loading/unloading spaces at the southern end for a uniform "No Parking 11 am-12:30 pm, Mon. and Thurs." on that side, and on the entire eastern side to coordinate with the western side's street cleaning rules; and

Be it further resolved that CB2 requests that the curb cut in front of the one occupied building on the east side (625 Greenwich) with five residential apartments and one commercial tenant (music studio) be retained to accommodate that tenant's occasional loading and unloading activities.

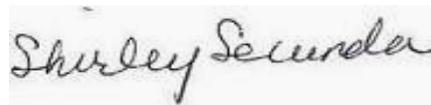
Vote: Unanimous, with 41 Board members in favor.

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

Sincerely,



David Gruber, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Shirley Secunda, Chair
Traffic & Transportation Committee
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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c: Hon. Jerrold L. Nadler, Congressman
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Dear Manhattan Borough Commissioner Forgione:

At its Full Board meeting April 18, 2013, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution in support of Alternate Side Parking (street cleaning rules) on west side of Mott St. bet. Bleecker and Houston Sts. except for the southwest third of the block (approximately 100 feet).

Whereas current parking regulations on the west side of Mott St. bet. Bleecker and Houston Sts. require “No Standing Anytime,” restrictions that originally were for accommodating pickups and drop-offs and loading/unloading for industrial and commercial activities that are mostly long gone (such as Global Storage which has moved out, with its building being converted to residential co-ops); and

Whereas with manufacturing gone and the entire neighborhood becoming residential, not only on Mott St., but on surrounding streets like Elizabeth and Mulberry, residents are requesting that outdated loading/unloading regulations be replaced with alternate side parking/street cleaning rules to accommodate residents; and

Whereas letters of strong support for alternate side parking (street cleaning rules) on Mott St. bet. Bleecker and Houston Sts. have been submitted by residential buildings there (such as 308 and 310 Mott St.) as well as by the Noho Bowery Stakeholders representing 300 members of the local community; and

Whereas some commercial use remains on the west side of Mott between Bleecker and Houston (approximately 1/3 of the southern part of the block/100 feet, near Houston St.); and

Whereas a great deal of automotive traffic speeds down Bleecker, making a swift turn onto Mott St., and then racing down Mott to make it through the traffic light on Houston St., greatly endangering pedestrians; and

Whereas a row of parking on Mott St. would help to slow down this speeding traffic significantly (by narrowing the passageway) and increase pedestrian safety; and

Whereas in a previous resolution, in an effort to promote pedestrian safety conditions on Bleecker St., CB2 requested that crosswalks and stop signs be installed on Bleecker at Mott St. and Elizabeth St;

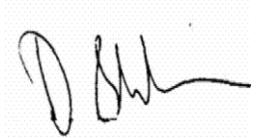
Therefore be it resolved that Community Board 2, Manhattan (CB2) supports the installation of Alternate Side Parking (street cleaning rules) on the west side of Mott St. bet. Bleecker and Houston Sts. except for the southwest third of the block (approximately 100 feet); and

Be it further resolved that CB2 reiterates its request that two stop signs be installed on Bleecker St., one right before Mott St. and one right before Elizabeth St., and that crosswalks be installed on Bleecker St. at Mott and Elizabeth Sts.

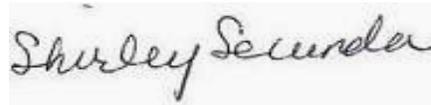
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Dear Manhattan Borough Commissioner Forgione:

At its Full Board meeting April 18, 2013, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution denying a seasonal curbside seating area by Pepe Rosso restaurant, 149 Sullivan St. bet. Prince and Houston Sts.

Whereas Pepe Rosso, a small restaurant in business for 17 years, whose hours are 11:00 am-11:00 pm, has applied to operate a curbside seating area, approximately 12 feet long, with two tables and four seats, as part of the NYC Department of Transportation's (DOT) "Street Seats" program from April 15th to October 14th for two years, with the understanding that this space would be not only for dining but for the general use and enjoyment of neighbors and passersby; and

Whereas the proposal complies with DOT'S basic requirements for the program, such as no metered parking spaces, no fire hydrant, no moving lane of traffic directly next to the curb, no active bus stop, no active driveway, and no alcohol or smoking will be allowed; the applicant is willing to clean and maintain the space; and

Whereas a letter of support was received from the applicant's close neighbor, Shrine Church of St. Anthony of Padua welcoming the opportunity "for people to gather in an area, to sit, relax and enjoy each other's company...a sense of community" and also a petition with approximately 250 signatures of approval, including 107 from neighbors on Sullivan St. and immediately adjacent streets; and

Whereas once a community board supports a street seats location, DOT then thoroughly reviews the application for compliance with technical criteria, especially safety considerations, and if DOT

approves, then a design can be created according to DOT Guidelines, and will also be evaluated;
and

Whereas Community Board 2, Manhattan (CB2) has concerns as to the safety of installing curbside seating in a No Parking zone, where the natural buffer of parked cars would be missing;
and

Whereas required property owner support was not submitted; and

Whereas the applicant has received two summonses for violating the sidewalk café laws, operating without a permit. Someone who shows such disregard for our consumer laws should not be given the privilege of a special outdoor seating area; and

Whereas one street seat location already exists on the same block, and CB2 has concerns about the concentration of too many street seat locations on one block;

Therefore be it resolved that CB2 denies operation of a seasonal curbside seating area by Pepe Rosso restaurant, 149 Sullivan St. bet. Prince and Houston Sts.

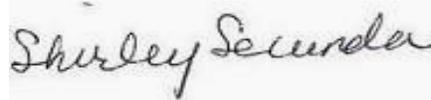
Vote: Passed with 40 Board members in favor and 1 against-(F. Morellet).

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