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April 28, 2014

Emil Lissauer, Director
CECM/Street Activity Permit Office
100 Gold Street, 2nd Floor
New York, NY 10038

Dear Mr. Lissauer:

At its Full Board meeting on, April 24, 2014, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB#2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

Robert Graham Presents The Gold Rush Rally, Bleecker St. bet Charles & Perry Sts.; Gansevoort Plaza; Gansevoort St. bet. 9th Ave. & Washington St.; Little West 12th St. bet. Washington St. & 9th Ave.

Whereas, this event was presented as not only a display of 50-80 classic ‘performance’ cars in the Meatpacking District as well as a parade of some of those cars down Bleecker St past the Robert Graham store with a request to close the west sidewalk there, and

Whereas, the Robert Graham sponsorship of one of the cars appears to be only “indigenous” relationship the event has, not only with CB#2, Man. but also with New York City, and

Whereas, the plans for the event would have an extensive impact on both proposed areas, but also were presented with almost every element dependent on the community determining where and when they would happen (ie, half-baked), and

Whereas, CB#2, Man. was informed by the Meatpacking District Improvement Association (MPIA) that they **do not** support the closing of either Little W 12th St or Gansevoort St, based on the fluid nature of the plans and they do not feel either block could accommodate anything near the number of cars the applicant proposes to ‘show’ on them, and

Whereas, the applicant, producer and security company appear to have no experience with producing events of this size in NYC, and are not familiar with the extensive pedestrian crowding already present on weekends in the Meatpacking District and along Bleecker St, and

Whereas, the sidewalk closing along Bleecker St. appears to be solely for the benefit of a invitation-only fashion show in the Robert Graham store and a viewing of the parade of cars past the store, which will exacerbate already substantial weekend traffic backups in what is primarily a residential area, and

Whereas, there appears to be no support whatsoever for this event from either businesses or residents in these areas, and the event would be particularly egregious were it to close Gansevoort St, which is immediately adjacent to residences,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends **DENIAL** of this event on **Bleecker St. bet Charles & Perry Sts.; Gansevoort Plaza; Gansevoort St. bet. 9th Ave. & Washington St.; Little West 12th St. bet. Washington St. & 9th Ave.**

Vote: Unanimous, with 38 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



Maury Schott, Chair
Sidewalks & Public Access Committee
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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cc: Hon. Jerrold L. Nadler, Congressman
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April 29, 2014

Emil Lissauer, Director
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100 Gold Street, 2nd Floor
New York, NY 10038

Dear Mr. Lissauer:

At its Full Board meeting on, April 24, 2014, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB#2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

Applications for Street Activities Permits:

Whereas, CB#2, Man. attempts to determine within its ability that each sponsor is a community-based, not-for-profit organization, association, or the like, which has an indigenous relationship to the specific street, community or both, and

Whereas, community groups were notified and the applicant was present regarding the first application below, and

Whereas, the remaining items – noted as **FYI – Renewals** below – have been held for 3 or more years, and after the items were published on the CB2 Calendar of Meetings, no members of the community requested a public hearing be held regarding them, so CB2 Manhattan has no issue with these applications,

FYI Renewals:

1. **6/21/14** Make Music New York at Astor Place, Astor Pl. bet. Broadway & Lafayette St.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

2. **6/21/14** Make Music New York at Cornelia Street, Cornelia St. bet. Bleecker St. & West 4th St.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

3. 8/2/14 Lt. Joseph Petrosino Lodge Annual Picnic, Baxter St. bet. Hester St. & Canal St.

Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

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

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