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Madelyn Wils
Hudson River Park Trust
Pier 40 at W. Houston St.
New York City, NY 10014

Re: Pier 66 Maritime

Dear Madelyn:

On 8 December 2011, the owner, Angela Krevey, and managers of Pier 66 Maritime (P66M) came to Community Board 4 (MCB4) to seek our endorsement for a new lease at their current location at Pier 66A, the historic float bridge, at the end of West 26th Street. Based on our observations, experience and direct discussions with the owners over the past several years, MCB4 is happy to support such a lease renewal.

P66M is a 350' former car float (railroad barge) that has served as on-water public access point, home for historic vessels and kayaks and other small boats, and a bar/restaurant for many years, including about 10 years at its original location at Pier 63, where it was called Pier 63 Maritime. At that time it started a tradition of numerous free public events, support for numerous not-for-profits and civic organizations, small boating groups and permanent and visiting historic vessels and tall ships, and many other such events and activities.

In the Spring of 2008, P66M was awarded a five-year lease at Pier 66A from The Hudson River Park Trust (HRPT) which ends this coming Spring. Due to the complexity of moving a large barge and associated lightship *Frying Pan*, and arranging for temporary utilities, P66M did not open until 2009. Since then, it has been a big success as one of the most popular attractions in Hudson River Park, while continuing to supply the amenities to the public, nfps and small vessels it has always provided.

P66M's current lease calls for it to provide berthing for historic vessels, and it has done so with two significant boats, both on the National Record of Historic Places: the lightship *Frying Pan* and the retired fireboat *John J Harvey*, as well a free berthing for visiting tall ships. The current lease also call for free public access from dawn to dusk, and it has gone beyond that, continuing free access to 1 am even when private events are occurring. It has continued to make the facility available for no or very low cost for not for profit events such as Friends of Hudson River Park's Fall Fling, New York Outrigger's

annual Liberty Challenge post-party, North River Historic Ship Society's 4th of July Fireworks Viewing benefit and many, many others.

In the spring of this year, the owner, builder and operator of this venue, John Krevey, died unexpectedly. However the operation has continued smoothly under the leadership of John's widow, Angela, who has maintained all the activities and the spirit of the operation, while adding her own aesthetic & security improvements. As John was, she is a hand's on operator who is readily available to anyone for any reason. And, as John had, she has backing from an expert team for bar, restaurant and event management, facilities and business management and a large friendly and helpful security team.

Based on our long term relationship with Pier 63/66 Maritime, MCB4 has no problem endorsing a new lease and wishes then continued success as a civic minded tenant of Hudson River Park.

Note: MCB4 Board Member Capt John Doswell has voted "Present Not Eligible to Vote" as he works occasionally as an advisor and consultant to P66M, and is also an owner of the historic fireboat *John J Harvey* which receives free berthing at P66M.

Sincerely,

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