

**Manhattan Community Board Six**  
**Full Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, February 10, 2016 – 7:00 PM**  
**NYU Langone Medical Center, 550 First Avenue, Alumni Hall B**

Board Chair Rick Eggers called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Parks, Landmarks and Cultural Affairs Chair Mark Thompson announced that Resolutions 5a parts 1, 2, and 3 are titled incorrectly; the correct organizational name is Union Square Community Coalition. This should be corrected on the agenda and ballot. Chair Eggers acknowledged the correction for both the agenda and the ballot.

The agenda was adopted as amended and the first roll call was conducted by Assistant Secretary Aaron S. Humphrey.

**Public Session - Elected Representative and Agency Reports**

Laura Atlas from the office of Public Advocate Letitia James announced that Ms. James has filed a federal complaint against the Success Academy Charter Schools for non-compliance by failure to provide reasonable accommodations to children with disabilities. For more information please go to: <http://pubadvocate.nyc.gov/>.

Councilmember Dan Garodnick reported on the two recent public hearings on Mandatory Inclusionary Housing and Zoning for Quality and Affordability, the ZQA hearing having been held today. CM Garodnick explained that MIH is an overlay of existing zoning rules to create more affordable housing. The biggest question concerning MIH is what the income levels should be for affordable housing. He also explained that ZQA pertains to changing the rules of the zoning text that allows for the flexibility to build more senior housing. He noted that most community boards rejected both of these plans for various reasons.

Mr. Garodnick also gave an update on the activities surrounding the proposed megatower on East 58<sup>th</sup> Street; noting that the community organization, East River Fifties Alliance, and several elected officials, had submitted a new zoning recommendation for the neighborhood with a height limit of no more than 260 feet (25 stories) for future development to preserve the character of the community and to assure that the Sutton Place community remains a quality place to live.

He also reviewed the progress with the proposed East Midtown Rezoning Plan; noting that the Vanderbilt corridor is currently being rezoned. It will be certified in the ULURP process this year if the Mayor agrees with the Steering Committee's recommendations.

Finally, he reported that the budget for NYC must be passed by the end of June. The Mayor has proposed a budget totaling \$82.1 billion dollars. Mr. Garodnick has led an effort in the City Council to ask the Mayor to identify savings from agencies that will reduce the budget by 5%. Comptroller Scott Stringer has also requested a city-wide spending reduction by all agencies.

Council Member Garodnick answered several questions from board members regarding limiting construction work hours in the district and the MTA's position in the proposed East Midtown Rezoning Plan. He also reviewed the raise for City Council Members that was recently approved by the Mayor. For more information please go to: <http://www.garodnick.com/>.

Dan Campanelli from the office of Comptroller Scott Stringer commented on the release of the the Mayor's Preliminary Budget for 2017. He noted that unemployment has continued to drop but that wages have also continued to drop. He also reported that homeless services spending has continually increased. Mr. Campanelli noted that an audit of the Department of Finance had discovered that the DOF had lost \$10M through improper tax abatements given to condos, garages, storage areas and terraces. The Comptroller's office has recently audited the living conditions of the city's homeless shelters and found peeling paint and rodent activity, amongst other infractions. On February 17<sup>th</sup> Comptroller Stringer will host a Lunar New Year event; and on February 25<sup>th</sup> Mr. Stringer will host the Trailblazers Program and Award Ceremony in honor of African American History Month. For more information please go to: <http://comptroller.nyc.gov/office-of-the-comptroller/about-scott-stringer/>

Rebecca Kriegman from State Senator Brad Hoylman's office announced that Senator Hoylman is introducing a new bill that will seal the records of individuals wrongfully convicted of crimes. The bill would set up a benefit program for those exonerated of crimes which would include lifetime health, dental, and mental health services as well as legal fees reimbursement. She also reported that the banning of conversion therapy for LGBT youth will be enacted soon and noted Senator Hoylman's support of this action. Finally, she announced an upcoming SCRIE and DRIE workshop for senior citizens to freeze their rent on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. For more information please go to: <http://bradhoylman.com/>.

Sarah Diaz from the office of State Senator Liz Krueger reported that while the state is increasing homeless spending, the funds would be taken out of the city's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families allocation, which are federal funds. Ms. Krueger, along with other elected officials and community groups, submitted a rezoning application for the East 50's. She will be hosting another roundtable for boomers and seniors on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Finally, she reported on a phone scam affecting residents in the district from callers claiming to be from the IRS or Department of Treasury. If you receive one of these calls, please report it by calling 800-366-4484 or email [OIGCounsel@oig.treas.gov](mailto:OIGCounsel@oig.treas.gov). For more information please go to: <http://www.lizkrueger.com/>.

Edward Cerna from the office of State Assembly Member Brian Kavanagh reported on AM Kavanagh's efforts to expand voter accessibility and early voting measures. He is also working towards more funding for NYCHA and other forms of subsidized housing for NYC. For more information please go to: <http://www.briankavanagh.org/>.

Genevieve Marcy from the office of State Assembly Member Dan Quart announced that Mr. Quart is a co-sponsor of the wrongful conviction bill with State Senator Brad Hoylman. She also announced that Mr. Quart will be hosting a 'Bag the Plastic' environmental event at NYU Kimmel Center. For more information please go to: <http://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/Dan-Quart>.

Comptroller Scott Stringer stopped in to further review topics outlined by Dan Campanelli earlier. He discussed the ongoing homelessness problem and the drive to build more affordable housing, as well as the impact caused by the surge in megatower construction. He noted that he'd just issued a response to the Mayor's budget, where the city is looking at a \$3.8 billion dollar deficit in the years to come. He also intends to continue monitoring the city's homeless shelters and the ever-growing population of families and children in shelters.

Jesse Towsen from the office of Council Member Ben Kallos reported that CM Kallos supports the proposed contextual rezoning of the East 50's. He also noted that Mr. Kallos is unhappy with the manner in which Community Board votes on MIH/ZQA had been responded to. He's asking that all questions from Community Boards be answered by the administration in a timely manner. Mr. Kallos will host an energy forum on February 18<sup>th</sup> at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House and on February 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be a free smoke alarm give-away in the Council Member's office. For more information please go to: <http://benkallos.com/>

Matt Viggiano from the office of Council Member Rosie Mendez reported that Ms. Mendez will be working with the Parks, Landmarks and Cultural Affairs Committee to organize a community meeting for the presentation of the NYC Parks Department's redesign of Albano Park. Ms. Mendez has allocated \$800K in funds for the renovations. CM Mendez has been an active participant in the recent hearings on MIH/ZQA. Finally, Ms. Mendez welcomes Jim Bachus into the LGBT caucus, of which Ms. Mendez is chairperson. For more information please go to: <http://council.nyc.gov/d2/html/members/home.shtml>.

### **Public Session - Members of the Public**

Chair Rick Eggers announced the rules for public speakers as listed on the back of the public speaker sign-in slip.

Ms. Jessica Fiorello from the Lobbying Bureau of the City of New York's Office of the City Clerk announced that a six-month lobbying amnesty commenced on January 1. For more information please go to: [http://www.cityclerk.nyc.gov/html/lobbying/lobbying\\_bureau.shtml](http://www.cityclerk.nyc.gov/html/lobbying/lobbying_bureau.shtml).

Makrand Bhoot, Director of volunteer group PATH, spoke of the recent UN environmental summit in Paris, as well as the plans for establishing a 20 year environmental agenda with the UN. He also drew our attention to Earth Week, which begins on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. For more information please send email to: [PathMaker101@gmail.com](mailto:PathMaker101@gmail.com).

Alexandra Silver from the Animal Care Centers of NY (ACC) spoke on the activities of the shelter. She noted that ACC is the only open admissions animal shelter in NYC. They accept approximately thirty thousand animals each year. ACC is looking for volunteers at the shelter and for fostering animals. ACC also has a mobile adoption center which makes stops in our district.

Liz Waytkus of Domomo US spoke on the possibility of the UN Plaza Ambassador Grill being added to the Landmarks Preservation Committee landmarking calendar. She thanked the Parks, Landmarks and Cultural Affairs Committee for their resolution supporting the request for calendaring of the UN Plaza Ambassador Grill. Chair Eggers announced that while the resolution had not been included in board members' packets, Committee Chair Mark Thompson will review the resolution during his committee presentation and the full board will vote on the resolution at that time.

Jessica Osborn of the East River Fifties Alliance spoke on the need for contextual zoning in the East 50's and the need to protect the area from an influx of megatowers. She asked the full board to support the resolution that had been approved by the Land Use and Waterfront Committee that supports rational height limits and zoning requirements for affordable housing. The resolution asks the City Planning Commission to act on contextual rezoning of the area as soon as possible.

## **Business Session**

The January minutes were adopted.

## **Chair's Report**

Chair Rick Eggers announced that "Bag the Plastic", a part of State Senator Brad Hoylman's Conservation Conversations, is being co-sponsored by CB6. He also announced that the NYC Retrofit workshop for cleaner fuel options is oversubscribed. He noted that the workshop is geared towards building managements and co-op boards. Mr. Eggers thanked the CB6 district manager search committee. He reported that the committee reviewed almost one hundred applications and spent a great deal of time, including weekends, on the review process. Since the office is currently without a district manager, Chair Eggers has been handling many of those duties as well. He announced that the District Service Cabinet meeting is on February 25<sup>th</sup>, and that committee chairs should submit their service requests as soon as possible.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Bea Disman reported that as of February 7th the current modified budget amount for the fiscal year for Personal Services is \$174,421.00 of which \$74,800.48 has been spent and \$99,620.52 remains until June 30, 2016. From the starting total Other Than Personal Services current modified budget of \$135,292.00, street fair money accounts for \$79,818.00 of that figure. \$16,974.00 is budgeted for office equipment and miscellaneous expenses, of which \$3,773.70 is encumbered and spent. \$38,500.00 is budgeted for temporary services, of which \$20,100.00 has been spent. The total annual rent is \$115,105.00.

## **Borough President's Report**

Jesus Perez from the office of Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer reported that over 700 people attended Ms. Brewer's State of the Borough address on January 31<sup>st</sup>. He thanked all CB6 members who attended. The Council of Young Leaders of Manhattan for those ages 14-18 has recently held two meetings that were well-attended. The application deadline for leadership council is March 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Perez also announced that the application period for community boards has ended. The Borough President's office received a record number of 796 applications, which is up 15% from last year. He noted that the Borough President is supporting the February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Landmarks Preservation Commission addressing the backlog of calendared items. For more information please go to: <http://manhattanbp.nyc.gov/html/home/home.shtml>  
Chair Eggers called a recess at 8:31 pm for the Housing, Homeless and Human Rights Committee to caucus.

Chair Eggers reconvened the meeting at 8:38 pm and reminded everyone to pick up the elected representative reports that had been made available for the public.

## **Committee Resolutions & Reports**

Mark Thompson, Chair of the District Manager Search Committee, reviewed the process for publicizing the job position availability and the search procedure. Mr. Thompson announced that 94 resumes had been received by January 31<sup>st</sup> and ten candidates had been chosen. Of the ten candidates, eight individuals were interviewed over a period of two days (two candidates did not respond to a request for interview). The committee's ultimate choice of Jesus Perez was unanimous. Chair Rick Eggers presented Mr. Perez with the offer, which he has accepted. The vote for acceptance of Mr. Jesus Perez as the new District Manager of CB6 was then presented to the full board by Chair Eggers, with a request that the entire resolution reading be waived, with the exception of the resolved. A voice vote was taken of the full board, and the resolution was approved by acclamation. Mr. Perez' first day as District Manager of CB6 will be March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Perez spoke briefly, thanking the full board for their positive resolution, and stating he looks forward to taking up the new position.

| <b>District Manager Search Committee – Mark Thompson, Chair</b> |           |          |          |          |
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| Hiring of New District Manager                                  | <b>40</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |

### **1. Health and Education – Ahsia Badi, Chair**

Chair Ahsia Badi reported that the committee is investigating ways to partner with senior centers to involve seniors in more programs. They are also focusing on mental health issues through Thrive NYC and Community Access for respite care in our district. The committee is also looking forward to having a representative from the Comptroller's Office at an upcoming meeting to discuss the Affordable Care Act.

### **2. Public Safety and Environment – Nick Smolney, Chair**

Chair Nick Smolney reported on the Department of Design and Construction's water main being installed in the district on East 34<sup>th</sup> Street. He also reminded the board of the 'Bag the Plastic' environmental event at NYU Kimmel Center.

### **3. Budget and Governmental Affairs**

Chair Pedro Carrillo discussed an upcoming resolution on Intro 1046, sponsored by Council Member Ben Kallos, on community board members' information made available online. A resolution has not yet been drafted as the committee is waiting on the results of the Government Operations Committee hearing in City Council. The Mayor's Preliminary Budget was released last month and community boards have 30 days to submit written comments. March 14<sup>th</sup> will be the next budget committee meeting with Council Member Garodnick inviting community groups to discuss budget items and district needs in his council district.

### **4. Business Affairs and Street Activities**

Chair Keith Powers noted that two spelling errors in resolutions would be corrected by the district office. Resolutions 4b, c, d, e, f, h, i, j, k, l, m & n were bundled and passed unanimously. Mr. Powers thanked new committee members Susan Steinberg, Kyle Athayde, and David Colby Reed for their efforts. He congratulated Mr. Perez on his new position as District Manager of CB6.

| <b>4. Business Affairs &amp; Street Activities – Keith Powers, Chair</b>  |           |          |          |          |
|---|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| b. New OP Liq. Lic., Steel Pan LLC dba Teqa, 443-447 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave btw E. 30 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup> Sts | <b>40</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |
| c. New OP Liq Lic., Midtown East NY LLC. dba Bareburgers, 253 E. 52 <sup>nd</sup> St. on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave            | <b>40</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |

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| d. Alteration OP Lic for Treaty Management Inc. dba Sutton Bar Room, 1074 First Ave. btw E 58 <sup>th</sup> & 59 <sup>th</sup> Sts              | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| e. New BW Lic., 24 <sup>th</sup> St. Vegan Café LLC dba TBD, 241 E 24 <sup>th</sup> St. (east store) btw 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aves | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| f. Alteration OP Lic for Tomi New York Inc dba Tomi Jazz, 239 E 53rd St. btw 2nd & 3rd Aves   | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| h. Alteration BW Lic for Ramen USA Inc. dba Nishida Sho-Ten, 302 E 49th St. btw 1st & 2nd Aves  | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| i. New Op Liq. Lic., RIJJ Restaurant LLC dba Empire Steak House, 151 E 50th St. btw 3rd & Lex. Aves   | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| j. Addition to CB6 approved SLA app for 145 E 47th St. LLC & Vuthaj LLC dba Bernic Hotel-The Allora   | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| k. New BW Lic., WPS Catering LLC dba Waterside Café, 25 Waterside Plaza btw E. 25th & 26th Sts and the FDR Dr                                   | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| l. New OP Liq. Lic, EVEN Hotel Grand Central LLC & IHG Management LLC dba EVEN Hotel New York-Midtown East, 219 E. 44th St. btw 2nd & 3rd Aves  | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| m. Community Concerns: 2 Renewal applications for Turtle Bay Bar, 987 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave btw. E. 52 <sup>nd</sup> & E. 53 <sup>rd</sup> Sts    | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| n. Community Concerns: Irish Exit, 987 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave btw. E. 52 <sup>nd</sup> & E. 53 <sup>rd</sup> Sts                                   | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

### 5. Parks, Landmarks and Cultural Affairs

Chair Mark Thompson noted that Resolutions 5a, parts 1, 2 and 3 were bundled. A minor correction was suggested for Resolution 5a (3), adding 'Brenton Haddon, the first editor'. The language was inserted. The previously noted name correction removing 'Historic District Council' and inserting 'Union Square Community Coalition' was also inserted. Resolution 5a parts 1, 2 and 3 all passed unanimously as amended. Mr. Thompson read aloud Resolution 5b, which was not included in the board packets; supporting a request for a LPC public hearing for the UN Plaza Ambassador Grill. Mr. Thompson thanked committee member Gary Papush for the 5a resolutions and committee member Ronald White for the 5b resolution. He reported that there is a contract out for work on One Sutton Place Park, there is a delay in work on the Stuyvesant Square fence, and a review of the designs for Albano Park has been planned for the next committee meeting.

| 5. Parks, landmarks & Cultural Affairs – Mark Thompson, Chair   |    |   |   |   |
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| a. Union Square Community Coalition's proposed recommendations for Landmarking: <sup>(1)</sup> 136 E. 16 <sup>th</sup> St.; <sup>(2)</sup> 129 E 17 <sup>th</sup> St. & <sup>(3)</sup> 141 E. 17 <sup>th</sup> St | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| b. Request for Evaluation: Ambassador Grill & Lounge and Hotel Lobby, United Nations Plaza Hotel  | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

## 6. Transportation

Chair Sandra McKee presented Resolution 6b on bicycle safety initiatives, which passed unanimously. She noted that committee member Gene Santoro is a driving force behind bicycle safety on the committee. She reported that next month the Transportation Committee will have a joint meeting with Public Safety and Environment Committee on Vision Zero initiatives in CB6. They are inviting the Department of Transportation and both the 13<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Precincts to attend. Finally, the Department of Transportation has created a survey on their website for comments on a 23<sup>rd</sup> Street SBS bus.

| 6. Transportation – Sandra McKee, Chair |    |   |   |   |
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| b. Bicycle Safety Initiatives           | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

## 7. Housing, Homeless and Human Rights

Chair Raj Nayar noted that Resolution 7c should have the words 'for eligible individuals' removed from the first bullet-point of the fourth 'Whereas'. Resolutions 7a and b were bundled and passed unanimously. Resolution 7c passed as amended with one no vote. Chair Nayar asked the board to review the committee minutes for a complete review of committee activities.

| 7. Housing, Homeless & Human Rights – Rajesh Nayar, Chair   |    |   |   |   |
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| a. HPD-421-a application for 210 East 39th Street   | 39 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| b. HPD-421-a application for 225 East 39th Street   | 39 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| c. Intro 0214-2014 - Providing legal counsel for low-income eligible tenants who are subject to eviction, ejection or foreclosure proceedings | 39 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

## 8. Land Use and Waterfront

Chair Terrence O'Neal presented Resolution 8a, reaffirming CB6's resolution on the proposed East 58<sup>th</sup> Street megatower. The resolution asks the City Planning Commission to act quickly on the request for contextual zoning of the area. He noted that the word 'planned' should be changed to 'proposed' in the first 'Whereas'. Some discussion amongst board members ensued, and the resolution passed with one no vote as amended. Mr. O'Neal reported that the last committee meeting had involved three sub-committees which tackled East Midtown rezoning, Stuyvesant Town air rights, and open space in the district. The March committee meeting will continue with sub-committees.

| 8. Land Use & Waterfront – Terrence O'Neil, Chair   |    |   |   |   |
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| a. Reaffirmation of Board Six's Resolution on the Proposed East 58th Street Tower Building and Discussion of Other Mid-block R-10 Districts | 38 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

## RESOLUTIONS

### **RE: Hiring of a new Community Board Six District Manager**

**WHEREAS**, Dan Miner, after 21/2 years of meritorious service to this board and the community, has resigned from his position as District Manager; and

**WHEREAS**, in January of 2016 Chair of the Board Rick Eggers established a District Manager Search Committee for the purpose of reviewing resumes and selecting the best candidate from among the applicants; and

**WHEREAS**, in consultation with the Office of the Manhattan Borough President, the Law Department and the Department of Citywide Administrative Services of the City of New York the District Manager Search Committee placed classified notices of the vacancy in several known job listing websites; and

**WHEREAS**, the Search committee received and reviewed responses from more than 90 applicants and interviewed 8 of those that demonstrated significant experience working with the City of New York and its various governmental entities for interviews with the committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the search committee unanimously concluded, after some deliberation, that Jesus Perez was the most highly qualified applicant; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chairperson has provisionally offered the position District Manager to Jesus Perez, pending official appointment to the position by a vote of the board, and Mr. Perez has accepted; and

### **THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that Manhattan Community Board 6 of the City of New York approves the hiring of Jesus Perez as District Manager and welcomes him to the board.

**VOTE: 40 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

#### **4. Business Affairs and Street Activities**

##### **b. New OP Liq. Lic, Steel Pan LLC dba Teqa, 443-447 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue btw E. 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> Sts.**

**WHEREAS**, The applicant appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on January 28, 2016, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant had previously been approved by BASA for a corporate change to take over the former Teqa restaurant, and

**WHEREAS**, the owners agreed to stipulations for a 2 a.m. closing due to concerns about congestion and noise in the area, and

**WHEREAS**, no members of the community had any comments for or against; now

**THEREFORE**, be it



**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the presentation made by the Representative at the meeting of the Business Affairs and Street Activities committee held on January 28, 2016 and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6M has **no objection** to the application so long as the Applicant adheres to all the Representations made by the Representative to the Committee.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, if the SLA application, **however**, contains a different method of operation than has been presented to CB6M as stated in this, **including** "Hours of Operation," that differ in **any way** from those described above, then CB6M **opposes** the application and **urges** the SLA to deny the application based on such misrepresentation to Community Board 6 Manhattan.

**VOTE: 40 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

**c. New OP Liq. Lic., Midtown East NY LLC. dba Bareburgers, 253 E. 52<sup>nd</sup> St. on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.**

**WHEREAS**, the applicant appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on January 28, 2016, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment will be a restaurant that specializes in burgers, and

**WHEREAS**, the owners agreed to stipulations for a 2 a.m. closing due to concerns about congestion and noise in the area, and

**WHEREAS**, community members discussed the proliferation of bars in the area and support for this establishment replacing a bar; now

**THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the presentation made by the Representative at the meeting of the Business Affairs and Street Activities committee held on January 28, 2016 and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6M has **no objection** to the application so long as the Applicant adheres to all the Representations made by the Representative to the Committee.

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**VOTE: 40 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

**d. Alteration OP Lic for Treaty Management Inc. dba Sutton Bar Room, 1074 First Ave. btw E 58<sup>th</sup> & 59<sup>th</sup> Sts.**

**WHEREAS**, the applicant appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on January 28, 2016, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment has been operated for more than 8 years at this location, and

**WHEREAS**, the bar recently had a fire that has resulted in a temporary closing, and

**WHEREAS**, the owner seeks an alteration to reconfigure the seating when the bar reopens and to make the bar accessible to people with disabilities, and

**WHEREAS**, no members of the community had any comments for or against; now

**THEREFORE**, be it

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e. **New BW Lic., 24<sup>th</sup> Street Vegan Café LLC dba TBD, 241 East 24<sup>th</sup> Street (east store) btw 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Aves.**

**WHEREAS**, Owner Daniel Carabano appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on January 28, 2016, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant currently shares 2 owners with the New York Comedy Club and is located directly adjacent to the club, and

**WHEREAS**, representatives from Tracy Towers, the Rose Hill Association, and Gramercy Block Neighborhood Association, in addition to nearby neighbors, spoke against expanding the New York Comedy Club's ability to serve liquor, and

**WHEREAS**, there have been unresolved issues relating to noise and crowd control outside the Comedy Club, and

**WHEREAS**, the Comedy Club owners did not to discuss their existing application or on-going issues with the Comedy Club; now

**THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the presentation made by the Representative at the meeting of the Business Affairs and Street Activities committee held on January 28, 2016 and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6M **opposes** this application.

**VOTE: 40 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

f. **Alteration BW Lic for Tomi New York Inc dba Tomi Jazz, 239 E 53<sup>rd</sup> St. btw 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Aves.**

**WHEREAS**, the applicant appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on January 28, 2016, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

**WHEREAS**, the owner is seeking an alteration to replace the grocery store on the first floor with a small area for 12 seats, and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment has been open for 6 years, and

**WHEREAS**, one community member spoke in favor of the application; now

**THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the presentation made by the Representative at the meeting of the Business Affairs and Street Activities committee held on January 28, 2016 and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6M has **no objection** to the application so long as the Applicant adheres to all the Representations made by the Representative to the Committee.

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**VOTE: 40 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

**h. Alteration BW for Ramen USA Inc. dba Nishek Sho-Ten, 302 E 49<sup>th</sup> St. btw 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Aves.**

**WHEREAS**, the applicant appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on January 28, 2016, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

**WHEREAS**, the restaurant is currently licensed and has been operating for 21 months, and

**WHEREAS**, the owner is requesting an extension of closing hours from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., and

**WHEREAS**, CB6M has a policy of granting licenses until 2 a.m. for the first year and allowing owners to request an extension after the first year, and

**WHEREAS**, one committee members spoke in favor of the application based on the owner being a good operator, and

**WHEREAS**, there were no comments opposing the extension of the hours until 4 a.m.; now

**THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the presentation made by the Representative at the meeting of the Business Affairs and Street Activities committee held on January 28, 2016 and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6M has **no objection** to the application so long as the Applicant adheres to all the Representations made by the Representative to the Committee.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, if the SLA application, **however**, contains a different method of operation than has been presented to CB6M as stated in this, **including** "Hours of Operation," that differ in **any way** from those described above, then CB6M **opposes** the application and **urges** the SLA to deny the application based on such misrepresentation to Community Board 6 Manhattan.

**VOTE: 40 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

**i. New OP Liq. Lic., RIJJ Restaurant LLC dba Empire Steak House, 151 E 50<sup>th</sup> St. btw 3<sup>rd</sup> & Lex. Aves.**

**WHEREAS**, the applicant appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on January 28, 2016, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

**WHEREAS**, the owner presented an application for an on-premise location for a restaurant that will primarily be a steakhouse , and

**WHEREAS**, the owner currently operates six restaurants, including two within CB6M, and

**WHEREAS**, the restaurant will close nightly at 1 a.m., and

**WHEREAS**, there were no comments from the community; now

**THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the presentation made by the Representative at the meeting of the Business Affairs and Street Activities committee held on January 28, 2016 and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6M has **no objection** to the application so long as the Applicant adheres to all the Representations made by the Representative to the Committee.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, if the SLA application, **however**, contains a different method of operation than has been presented to CB6M as stated in this, **including** "Hours of Operation," that differ in **any way** from those described above, then CB6M **opposes** the application and **urges** the SLA to deny the application based on such misrepresentation to Community Board 6 Manhattan.

**VOTE: 40 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

**j. Addition to CB6 approved SLA app for 145 E 47<sup>th</sup> St. LLC Vuthaj LLC dba Bernic Hotel-The Allora.**

**WHEREAS**, the applicant appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on January 28, 2016, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

**WHEREAS**, the owner planned to operate a rooftop lounge to accompany the restaurant, and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant, recognizing that the rooftop could be disruptive to neighbors due to be being outdoor and uncovered, is requesting an alteration to change the outdoor area to the enclosed terrace, and

**WHEREAS**, the terrace area is fully enclosed on three sides and partially enclosed on one side, and

**WHEREAS**, there is no change in operation or hours, and

**WHEREAS**, there were no comments from the community; now

**THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the presentation made by the Representative at the meeting of the Business Affairs and Street Activities committee held on January 28, 2016 and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6M has **no objection** to the application so long as the Applicant adheres to all the Representations made by the Representative to the Committee.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, if the SLA application, **however**, contains a different method of operation than has been presented to CB6M as stated in this, **including** "Hours of Operation," that differ in **any way** from those described above, then CB6M **opposes** the application and **urges** the SLA to deny the application based on such misrepresentation to Community Board 6 Manhattan.

**VOTE: 40 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

**k. New BW Lic., WPS Catering LLC dba Waterside Café, 25 Waterside Plaza btw E. 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Sts and the FDR Dr.**

**WHEREAS**, the applicant appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on January 28, 2016, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

**WHEREAS**, the owner presented an application for a luncheonette in Waterside Plaza, and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant will be serving traditional luncheonette food including sandwiches, soups, and breakfast, and

**WHEREAS**, the owner would like to serve beer and wine alongside food, and

**WHEREAS**, the restaurant will close at 10 p.m. nightly, and

**WHEREAS**, there were no comments from the community; now

**THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the presentation made by the Representative at the meeting of the Business Affairs and Street Activities committee held on January 28, 2016 and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6M has **no objection** to the application so long as the Applicant adheres to all the Representations made by the Representative to the Committee.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, if the SLA application, **however**, contains a different method of operation than has been presented to CB6M as stated in this, **including** "Hours of Operation," that differ in **any way** from those described above, then CB6M **opposes** the application and **urges** the SLA to deny the application based on such misrepresentation to Community Board 6 Manhattan.

**VOTE: 40 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

**l. New OP Liq. Lic., Even Hotel Grand Central LLC & IHG Management LLC dba EVEN Hotel New York-Midtown East, 219 E. 44<sup>th</sup> St. btw. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Aves.**

**WHEREAS**, the applicant appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on January 28, 2016, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

**WHEREAS**, the owner presented an application for a restaurant located in the 10<sup>th</sup> floor of a hotel, and

**WHEREAS**, the restaurant will serve outside patrons and hotel guests, including roo service, and

**WHEREAS**, the owner requested a 4 a.m. close to allow continued service to hotel guests, and

**WHEREAS**, CB6M has a policy of requesting a 2 a.m. closure except in instances such as hotels that require service to their guests, and

**WHEREAS**, the restaurant is located on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor, thereby mitigating impact to neighbors in the community, and

**WHEREAS**, there were no comments from the community; now

**THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the presentation made by the Representative at the meeting of the Business Affairs and Street Activities committee held on January 28, 2016 and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6M has **no objection** to the application so long as the Applicant adheres to all the Representations made by the Representative to the Committee.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, if the SLA application, **however**, contains a different method of operation than has been presented to CB6M as stated in this, **including** "Hours of Operation," that differ in **any way** from those described above, then CB6M **opposes** the application and **urges** the SLA to deny the application based on such misrepresentation to Community Board 6 Manhattan.

**VOTE: 40 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

m. **Community Concerns: 2 Renewal applications for Turtle Bay Bar, 987 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave btw. E. 52<sup>nd</sup> & E. 53<sup>rd</sup> Sts.**

**WHEREAS**, Representative Joey Aponte appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on January 28, 2016, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Turtle Bay Bar has had on-going complaints from the residents living in the surrounding area with respect to noise, lines outside the venue, crowd control, and public safety, and

**WHEREAS**, there was a recent public safety incident stemming from two individuals that were inside the bar resulting in one individual being hospitalized, and

**WHEREAS**, there have been no changes in method of operation or new changes suggested from the manager to alleviate the community's concerns, and

**WHEREAS**, the owner did not appear to sign stipulations related to noise and crowd control, and

**WHEREAS**, many members of the community spoke in opposition to the establishment; now

**THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the presentation made by the Representative at the meeting of the Business Affairs and Street Activities committee held on January 28, 2016 and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6M **opposes** the renewal of these applications.

**VOTE: 40 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

n. **Community Concerns: Irish Exit, 987 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave btw. E. 52<sup>nd</sup> & E. 53<sup>rd</sup> Sts.**

**WHEREAS**, Representatives appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on January 28, 2016, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Irish Exit has had on-going complaints from the residents living in the surrounding area with respect to noise, lines outside the venue, crowd control, and public safety, and

**WHEREAS**, many members of the community spoke in opposition to the establishment or forwarded comments to the Board office, and

**WHEREAS**, there have been no changes in method of operation or new changes suggested from the manager to alleviate the concerns, and

**WHEREAS**, the owner did not appear to sign stipulations related to noise and crowd control;  
now

**THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the presentation made by the Representative at the meeting of the Business Affairs and Street Activities committee held on January 28, 2016 and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6M **opposes** any future renewal applications for this applicant.

**VOTE: 40 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

## **5. Parks, Landmarks and Cultural Affairs**

- a. **Union Square Community Coalition's proposed recommendations for Landmarking:** <sup>(1)</sup>136 E. 16<sup>th</sup> St.; <sup>(2)</sup>129 E 17<sup>th</sup> St. & <sup>(3)</sup>141 E. 17<sup>th</sup> St

### **1. CB6 supports recommendations for Landmarking: 136 EAST 16<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

**Whereas**, the building at 136 East 16<sup>th</sup> Street was once part of a row of 1850 brownstones converted to multiple dwellings in 1889 when its exterior was modernized with cast-iron details, and

**Whereas**, its gilded age façade details was designed by Herter Brothers, whose other commissions included the Fifth Avenue Vanderbilt mansion, the Red Room in the White House, and the interior of the Eldridge Street Synagogue, now

**Therefore Be It**

**Resolved**, Community Board 6 supports the designation of 136 East 16<sup>th</sup> Street as an individual historic landmark.

**VOTE: 40 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

### **2. CB6 supports recommendations for Landmarking: 129 East 17<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Whereas**, the building at 129 East 17<sup>th</sup> Street was constructed in 1878, and

**Whereas**, 129 East 17th Street is the oldest surviving apartment house in the City of New York and the first constructed for middle and upper classes, and

**Whereas**, the appearance of the building has not been altered significantly since its construction, now

**Therefore, Be It**

**Resolved**, Community Board 6 supports designation of 129 East 17<sup>th</sup> Street as an Individual Historic Landmark

**VOTE: 40 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

### **3.. CB6 supports recommendations for Landmarking: 141 EAST 17<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

**Whereas**, the building at 141 East 17<sup>th</sup> Street was constructed in 1889 with a façade of pressed tin (which is usually mistaken for cast-iron), and

**Whereas**, significant features include attenuated colonnettes, blind rounded arches, and a seawave motif that rests beneath a perforated and scrolled cornice, and

**Whereas**, in 1923 Henry Luce and Brinton Haddon, the first editor, co-founded Time Magazine on the second floor of 141 East 17<sup>th</sup> Street, now

**Therefore, Be It**

**Resolved**, Community Board 6 supports designation of 141 East 17<sup>th</sup> Street as an Individual Landmark.

**VOTE: 40 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

**b. Request for Evaluation: Ambassador Grill & Lounge and Hotel Lobby, United Nations Plaza Hotel**

**WHEREAS**, the architecture preservation group ‘Documentation and Conservation of Buildings, Sites and Neighborhoods of the Modern Movement’ (“Docomomo US”) has filed a Request for Evaluation (RFE) with the city’s Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC). The RFE is for the Ambassador Grill & Lounge and Hotel Lobby within the United Nations Plaza Hotel, and calls for the designation of the spaces as a New York City Interior Landmark; and

**WHEREAS**, Docomomo made a presentation to the Parks, Landmarks & Cultural Affairs Committee of Manhattan Community Board Six, when its representative expressed concern that the space, which is now vacant, would be demolished; and

**WHEREAS**, the iconic spaces mirrored modern masterpieces designed by Kevin Roche John Dinkeloo and Associates <<http://www.krjda.com/>> in the late 1970s and early 1980s, and are still intact spaces; and

**WHEREAS**, architects and critics who have voiced support with statements of preservation include: Robert Stern (Robert A.M. Stern Architects), Kyle Johnson (Guest Curator of "Kevin Roche: Architecture as Environment"), Felix Burcher (PinUp Magazine founder and curator), Alexandra Lange (critic), and the Historic Districts Council; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1976, Ada Louise Huxtable wrote for the New York Times that the ceiling “which appears complex, is simple design ingenuity,” noting how a “kind of greenhouse roof is set into it, and above the glass are pentagonal mirrors and myriad small lights that make a fantasy of reflection and illumination;” and

**WHEREAS**, A documentary on Roche’s work called “The Quiet Architect” is slated for release next winter, creating an opportunity for the architect (now in his 90s) to receive more attention for his lifetime of work, from the 2012 New American Wing at the Metropolitan Museum of Art to his vital contributions in completing Eero Saarinen’s final posthumous work in 1961. This documentary will increase interest in his work including the Ambassador Grill; now

**THEREFORE, Be It RESOLVED**, Community Board Six supports the Request for Evaluation (RFE) by the city’s Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC).

**VOTE: 40 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**



## **6. Transportation**

### **b. CB6 BICYCLE SAFETY INITIATIVE**

**WHEREAS**, Community Board 6 believes that combining education, outreach, and enforcement will result in improved cyclist behavior as well as fostering broader understanding among district residents about how pedestrians, cyclists, and motor vehicles can better share our streets, and thus help bring Vision Zero closer to reality;

**WHEREAS**, Community Board 6 has received complaints about the behavior of cyclists, whose numbers have grown rapidly over the last two years; and

**WHEREAS**, Bike New York, a not-for-profit devoted to training cyclists of all ages and abilities, operates educational programs throughout New York City; and

**WHEREAS**, CB6 has approached Bike New York about organizing programs within our district, starting this spring and summer; and

**WHEREAS**, five sites dispersed across our district have been identified as likely hosts for Bike New York's Bicycling Basics program, since these sites have both the indoor and outdoor facilities needed for the Bicycling Basics course, which consists of one indoor class and two outdoor classes; and

**WHEREAS**, these sites, each of which will host one Bicycling Basics course between April and July, currently include:

- IS 104 schoolyard and Epiphany Library
- Stuyvesant Town 1st Ave loop basketball court and Community Center
- Kips Bay Towers service road and Kips Bay Library
- Robert Moses Park and E. 54th St Parks Recreation Center
- Tilden Democratic Club street fair; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Board 6 will be acknowledged as sponsor of these courses on Bike New York materials, will publicize and promote them, and will assist Bike New York with acquiring pertinent contacts and permissions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bike New York educational initiative will be complemented by NYC DOT "Street Safety Ambassadors," who during late spring and summer will be stationed at intersections identified by CB6, in order to educate cyclists and pedestrians about proper street behavior; and

**WHEREAS**, the 13<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Precincts will also deploy officers on bicycles to patrol bike lanes in CB6 as an additional deterrent and "calming" measure; and

**WHEREAS**, Bike New York also offers in-school and afterschool information and training sessions for children, which CB6 will inform school principals and afterschool providers within our district about, so they can consider requesting them; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that Community Board 6 supports this bicycle safety initiative.

**VOTE: 40 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

## **7. Housing, Homeless and Human Rights**

- a. **HPD 421-a Real Property Tax Exemption Application for 210 East 39<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, New York 10016 Block: 919, Lot: 56 f/k/a Lots 54, 55 and 56 (collectively, the “Property”)**

**WHEREAS**, CB Tarter Property LLC (“applicant”) has submitted a 421-a Real Property Tax Exemption Application seeking a tax exemption for the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, the rental Property will be 19 stories and contain 55 units, 44 units of which will be offered at market value and 11 will be affordable housing units; and

**WHEREAS**, the 11 affordable housing units will be made available to households earning 60% of the Area Median Income; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant submitted a complete application to the Community Board and Housing, Homeless and Human Rights Committee for review;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that Community Board Six does not object to the granting of the tax exemption for this application.

**VOTE: 39 in Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

- b. **HPD 421-a Real Property Tax Exemption Application for 225 East 39<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, New York 10016 Block: 920, Lot: 13 (collectively, the “Property”).**

**WHEREAS**, Gemini Residential, LLC (“applicant”) has submitted a 421-a Real Property Tax Exemption Application seeking a tax exemption for the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, the rental Property will be 35 stories and contain 372 units, 297 units of which will be offered at market value and 75 will be affordable housing units; and

**WHEREAS**, the 75 affordable housing units will be made available to households earning 60% of the Area Median Income; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant submitted a complete application to the Community Board and Housing, Homeless and Human Rights Committee for review;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that Community Board Six does not object to the granting of the tax exemption for this application.

**VOTE: 39 in Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

**c. Intro 0214-2014 - Providing legal counsel for low-income eligible tenants who are subject to eviction, ejection or foreclosure proceedings**

**WHEREAS**, Community Board 6 believes that a major component driving the increases in New York City homelessness is how rising housing costs cause evictions, ejections, and foreclosures; and

**WHEREAS**, low-income tenants and homeowners are especially vulnerable to these legal procedures, since they're more likely to have less access to legal advice or representation; and

**WHEREAS**, Introduction 214-A, first introduced in 2014 and now before the City Council's Committee on Courts and Legal Services, would require the Office of Civil Justice to establish a program to provide those services to eligible individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, the bill requires the coordinator of the Office of Civil Justice to

- identify organizations eligible to provide legal services;
- develop a plan for providing such legal services;
- establish procedures for the monitoring such provision;
- annually review the performance of the providers; and

**WHEREAS**, the bill further ensures that a legal organization or organizations will be expeditiously assigned to represent any eligible individual upon request from the eligible individual, a judge or administrative judge, or a designated organization; and

**WHEREAS**, the bill also requires that the coordinator of the Office of Civil Justice provide each designated organization with fair compensation to promote high quality representation; and

**WHEREAS**, eviction is the single largest accelerating cause of entry into homeless shelters, and legal representation prevents evictions; and

**WHEREAS**, tenant protection laws and emergency programs that help pay rent are of no avail to tenants who do not have the skills or educational background to navigate the courts; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council's Finance Division has determined that savings from preventing entries into the shelter system would exceed the cost of guaranteeing a right to counsel by more than \$53 million; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Board 6 believes these provisions will help mitigate the legal disadvantages of low-income New Yorkers facing housing challenges, and thus help stem the increase in homelessness;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that Community Board 6 urges the City Council to pass Introduction 214-A as expeditiously as possible.

**VOTE: 39 in Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

## 8. Land Use and Waterfront

### a. Reaffirmation of Board Six's Resolution on the Proposed East 58th Street Tower Building and Discussion of Other Mid-block R-10 Districts

**Whereas** a 90-story building has been proposed at 426-432 East 58 Street; and

**Whereas** the East River Fifties Alliance (ERFA) was formed to formulate plans to rezone the neighborhood in order to encourage buildings in context with the neighborhood; and

**Whereas**, at its February 2016 meeting, the Land Use and Waterfront Committee of Community Board 6 (Manhattan) heard a presentation by the East River Fifties Alliance reviewing the major components of the Pre-application Statement it has filed with the Department of City Planning, and

**Whereas**, at its May, 2015 meeting the Board passed a Resolution, "Proposed new residential tower at 428 -432 East 58th Street and; Discussion of other Mid-block R10 Districts" whose clauses read:

*"RESOLVED, that CB6 urges City Council to seriously consider such action as may be necessary, including the possibility of a moratorium on all super-high towers city wide, with a strictly defined time limitation, to further study the impacts of this proposed building BEFORE the plans proceed further, and,*

*be it further*

*"RESOLVED, that CB6 requests the Departments of Buildings and City Planning review the proposed plans for the building at 426-432 East 58 St to confirm that the construction is "as of right," and report their findings so as to ensure that permits for the construction of the facility will not be issued in error, and,*

*be it further*

*"RESOLVED, that CB6 urgently requests a meeting with the Department of City Planning and the Manhattan Borough President's office, as quickly as possible, to discuss out-of-context building heights as well as a limitation on overall building heights that might be assembled by the purchase of "air rights", and*

*be it further*

*"RESOLVED, that CB6 supports rezoning the area to a lower density, in response to community concerns, and CB6 will work with the community and the Department of City Planning to determine the best possible rezoning for the future of the neighborhood, and*

*be it further*

*"RESOLVED that CB6 urges the owner of 426-432 East 58 St. to take note of the overwhelming community opposition to the proposed building height, so that the property might be developed in an open dialogue with the goal of full community support," and*

**Whereas** the issues raised at that time remain and require timely action by the New York City Depart of City Planning, and Community Board 6 (Manhattan) called on the New York City Department of City Planning to act accordingly, now

therefor be it

**Resolved** that Community Board 6 (Manhattan), reaffirms its Resolution of May 6, 2015, and calls on the New York City Department of City Planning for prompt and timely action.

**VOTE: 38 in Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstention 1 Not Entitled**

**Old/New Business**

There was no old business.

Under new business Chair Eggers noted that the State Comptroller's office is sending out a survey to the community on noise complaints; which are the biggest complaint in the CB6 district. The survey is due on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

The second roll call was conducted by Assistant Secretary Aaron S. Humphrey.

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Kathy Thompson.



