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**Resolution on the Operation of the East 34<sup>th</sup> Street Heliport**

At the December 12, 2018 Full Board meeting of Manhattan Community Board Six, the Board adopted the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the New York City Economic Development Corporation (EDC) has sought and is completing (in cooperation with the Department of Small Business Services) the selection of an operator for the East 34th Street Heliport (Request for Proposal ID No. 7140001), at 499 East 34th Street, in Manhattan Community District 6;

**WHEREAS**, the operator selected will be bound by the terms and conditions of an agreement entered into with the EDC;

**WHEREAS**, Manhattan Community Board Six (CB6) has stated its opinion, by Resolutions of the Board, for the operations of the heliport, and these conditions have been agreed to and have been incorporated in the basis for the operation of the heliport;

**WHEREAS**, the EDC has sought to alter and substantially change the agreement without consultation with CB6 by increasing the number of permissible operations annually from 28,000 to 28,800 (August 2, 2018 Heliport RFP [Request for Proposal]);

**WHEREAS**, the RFP similarly includes, without consultation, an added "10,100 square feet of lands underwater" which could be seen as being a precondition to the expansion of the 40,000 square feet of the (heliport) wharf, and so creating a possible hazardous conditions for surface ferry traffic (35th Street dock) and/or expansion of helicopter service;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that** CB6 reiterates its expectation that, in accord with the existing Resolutions, and agreements with the Economic Development Corporation (EDC), the franchise granted to the operator of the 34th Street Heliport, 499 East 34th Street, for a term of ten (10) years will contain provisions which will ensure:

- a review at the end of the fifth year (consistent with the 2002 City Council resolution) of the operation, terms and conditions of the agreement be brought to CB6 for its review and oversight as to compliance and community impact

- the heliport shall be used solely and exclusively for helicopter operations
- there shall be no weekend operations
- flight operations are limited to a maximum of 28,000 (14,000 takeoffs and 14,000 landings) a year
- there are no tourist (sightseeing) operations
- appropriate steps, consistent with current best aviation practices, are taken to control and minimize the release of fumes during refueling operations
- the operator will take steps, consistent with good aviation practice, to minimize noise pollution and windblast from helicopter operations
- operations are limited (with exception of emergency medical, public safety, fire, police, and print and electronic news media) to 8 AM to 8 PM, Monday through Friday, and steps be taken to insure non-complying weekend uses are prevented and, when necessary, penalized,
- the operator of the heliport shall provide good maintenance to the terminal buildings and the environment, including proper design and maintenance of the perimeter fence, lighting, noise mitigation barriers and other environmental protections and controls,
- the heliport operator shall be required to maintain safe access for pedestrians, vehicles and bicycles in cooperation and coordination with the EDC, the Department of Transportation and the Police Department outside the perimeter fence or to cooperate with City agencies for space outside the perimeter fence
- that a Community Advisory Board (CAB) be established as a means of communication among the operator and other relevant parties including, but not limited to the franchisee, CB6, all local elected officials representing the heliport location, the EDC, the Eastern Regional Helicopter Association, the Federal Aviation Administration and, on an as needed basis, City agencies with an item of business before the CAB, to assure continued compliance with the terms of the contract as it directly affects the safety of the general public and quality of life for residents in close proximity;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the 800 additional operations enumerated in the August 2, 2018 Information Session be stricken from any franchise agreement and, similarly, the additional 10,100 square feet of underwater lands be stricken.

**VOTE: 37 in Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

Best regards,



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Cc: Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President  
Hon. Keith Powers, Council Member  
Sandro Sherrod, Chair, CB6 Land Use & Waterfront Committee  
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