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**VIA E-MAIL**

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**Resolution supporting Friends Seminary's application to convert Rutherford Place between East 15th and East 16th Streets to a School Play Street for Academic Year 2018-2019**

At the May 9, 2018 Full Board meeting of Manhattan Community Board Six, the Board adopted the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, while Friends Seminary at 222 East 16th Street undergoes large-scale internal reconstruction due for completion by fall 2019, its 4,000 square-foot internal courtyard, normally used for physical education and recreational purposes, houses a 2,500 square-foot construction staging area;

**WHEREAS**, since 2016, Friends Seminary has sought sites where its nearly 300 lower and middle school students can enjoy these activities, even resorting to bussing them elsewhere;

**WHEREAS**, Friends Seminary proposes mitigating this difficult situation by asking that Rutherford Place between East 15th and East 16th Streets be declared a School Play Street between 7am and 5pm for 170 days of the 2018-2019 academic year;

**WHEREAS**, School Play Streets are widely used in NYC for the school-related activities Friends Seminary outlines, from recess play to athletic programs;

**WHEREAS**, this section of Rutherford Place has a very low volume of traffic and no legal parking, and no more than 36 students at any one time would be using the proposed School Play Street, minimizing its impact on the surroundings;

**WHEREAS**, in response to the concern for the neighborhood Friends Seminary;

- will not allow its students' activities on Rutherford Place to bleed into recently renovated Stuyvesant Square Park
- will not issue parking permits to its employees
- will include Community Events, such as composting, shredding, recycling, and outdoor gatherings, in its programming for Rutherford Place;

**WHEREAS**, the NYPD 13th Precinct, Stuyvesant Park Neighborhood Association, and neighboring Jack & Jill School support Friends Seminary's application;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Manhattan Community Board Six supports the conversion of Rutherford Place to a School Play Street for the 2018-2019 academic year only, after which it would be subject to review by CB6.

**VOTE: 30 in Favor 7 Opposed 5 Abstention 1 Not Entitled**

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jesús Pérez', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jesús Pérez  
District Manager

Cc: Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President  
Hon. Carlina Rivera, Council Member  
Sandra McKee, Chair, CB6 Transportation Committee  
Applicant