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Dear Manhattan Borough Commissioner Castro:

At its Full Board meeting on April 22, 2010, CB#2-Man., adopted the following resolution:

**Washington Square. A resolution in support of plans to replace the comfort station and maintenance buildings in Washington Square with a single new building.**

**Whereas** the Parks Department presented plans for a building to replace the existing comfort station and park administration building at Washington Square Park at a public hearing attended by members of the CB-2 Parks Committee, Landmarks Committee, and the Washington Square Task Force; and

**Whereas** reconstruction of the decrepit rest rooms at Washington Square Park has long been a priority of CB-2; and

**Whereas** the design by BSKS Architects replaces three existing small structures with a single building at a total budget of approximately \$3 million; and

**Whereas** the design is for a long curved low building of steel, glass, and stone with a pergola motif; and

**Whereas** the location and design of the building were developed to minimize disturbance to important underground archaeological sites; and

**Whereas** the design appears to have a park-appropriate design and was well received; and

**Whereas** the design responds well to many of the requests made by CB-2 at a scoping meeting in 2009, including reducing the size of the rest rooms and providing access from the front of a multi-purpose building, eliminating vehicle parking within the park, creating a visitor-friendly public access to park administration, providing a certain amount roof space for both “green roof” and solar panels, and avoiding the use of fenced off maintenance areas; and

**Whereas** there will be four stalls in the women’s room and one stall plus three urinals with privacy separators for the urinals; and

**Whereas** the comfort station will be fully ADA compliant and there will be a separate “family” rest room; and

**Whereas** Parks was agreeable to including water saving conveniences such as infrared faucets, flushers, and hand dryers; and

**Whereas** Parks agreed to give consideration to a CB-2 recommendation to keep rest rooms open until park closing;

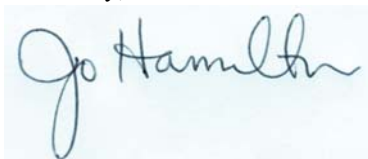
**Therefore it is resolved** that CB-2 is satisfied that the proposed structure is well-suited to the park and when completed will provide an important enhancement; and

**It is further resolved** CB-2 appreciates the extensive efforts made to design an excellent building for the park and urges the Parks Department to move forward expeditiously with construction.

Vote: Passed, with 39 Board members in favor, and 1 abstention-(Diether)

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

Sincerely,



Jo Hamilton, Chair  
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Tobi Bergman, Chair  
Parks, Recreation & Open Space Committee  
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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