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Margaret Forgione  
Manhattan Borough Commissioner  
NYC Department of Transportation  
59 Maiden Lane, 35th Floor  
New York, NY 10038

Dear Manhattan Borough Commissioner Forgione:

At its Full Board meeting May 24, 2012, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

### **Resolution in support of Bike Share program station sites.**

**Whereas** the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) Bike Share program has been conducting extensive outreach to educate communities about the program and solicit their input on preferences for locating docking stations where Bike Share bicycles will be available, including presentations, demonstrations, open houses and workshops; and

**Whereas** Community Board No. 2, Manhattan (CB2) passed a resolution in full support of the Bike Share program in October 2011 and has held numerous meetings with Bike Share representatives, including Bike Share presentations and a well-attended Bike Share community workshop in which participants indicated their preferences for Bike Share locations; and

**Whereas** DOT Bike Share representatives have been responding to and studying the input from all this outreach, winnowing down stations in some locations and adding others based on this, and now have presented the results of their outreach in the CB2 district, with draft recommendations for the initial implementation of docking station locations; and

**Whereas** several community people attended the presentation, and were unanimous in their praise for the way the Bike Share program's outreach and response has been conducted and in their approval of the program, adding some suggestions for a few more changes in location; and

**Whereas** CB2 is not in favor of locating Bike Share docking stations in Washington Square Park, because: 1) This will take up valuable park space in a community that already has a dearth of sufficient park space; 2) Putting bicycles anywhere in the park will encourage people to ride across the park; 3) Taking up this park space will interfere with people's access and enjoyment in the park; and

**Whereas** CB2 does not favor locating Bike Share docking stations in any of the parks, large or small, within the CB2 district, for these very same reasons; and

**Whereas** the Bike Share representatives indicated their openness to continuing to refine station locations right up to the program's launch in Summer 2012 and to responding to the suggested location changes, also pointing out that the stations are not attached to the ground (but held down by heavy steel plates), so they can be easily moved around; and

**Whereas** draft maps of recommended Bike Share docking stations in the CB2 District (attached and also accessible at [http://a841-tfpweb.nyc.gov/bikeshare/.](http://a841-tfpweb.nyc.gov/bikeshare/)) have been given to CB2;

**Therefore be it resolved** that CB2 supports the DOT Bike Share program's station site selection in view of DOT's willingness to respond to suggested modifications, commends their open and responsive community process and looks forward to working with them and enjoying the Bike Share program once it's launched; and

**Be it further resolved** that CB2 asks that Bike Share docking stations be placed near rather than in Washington Square Park at alternative locations such as on Macdougall St. just north of Washington Sq N. (across from, rather than next to, the park) and/or on the east side of University Pl., where the street widens from Washington Sq. E., and that, if necessary, signs be placed in the park with directions to station sites near each side of the park; and

**Be it further resolved** that CB2 asks that consideration be given to avoiding locating Bike Share docking stations in any of the parks, large or small, within the CB2 district and instead locating such stations across from such parks; and

**Be it finally resolved** that CB2 suggests that specific rules and regulations be clearly posted at each Bike Share station.

**Vote:** Unanimous, with 43 Board members in favor.

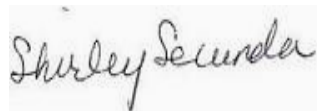
Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

Sincerely,



Brad Hoylman, Chair  
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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Shirley Secunda, Chair  
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Community Board #2, Manhattan

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