



## COMMUNITY BOARD No. 2, MANHATTAN

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July 23, 2010

Honorable Cecelia G. Morris  
United States Bankruptcy Court  
Southern District of New York  
One Bowling Green  
New York, NY 10004

At its Full Board meeting on July 22, 2010, Community Board 2 (Manhattan) adopted the following resolution:

### **RESOLUTION STATING CB 2'S SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUATION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES ON THE FORMER ST. VINCENT'S CAMPUS**

**WHEREAS**, the closure of St. Vincent's Hospital has resulted in the community's loss of an emergency room, in-patient hospital, Level 1 trauma center and the capacity to address a widespread public health emergency such as a natural disaster or act of terrorism, creating a significant gap in the health care services available to the residents of this community board and the entire Lower West Side of Manhattan; and

**WHEREAS**, as heard by the community board during the June 14 and July 15, 2010 public hearings and at previous community meetings, there is widespread public support for the re-establishment of a full-service, acute care hospital on the former St. Vincent's campus, and the community board reiterates its strong support for such a hospital at such location, as well; and

**WHEREAS**, all or part of the current St. Vincent's campus is the most logical, cost-effective, and central location for the re-establishment of such a hospital or other health care facility that will adequately address the community's myriad health care needs, and, in fact, may be the only location suitable for such a facility, which compounds the urgency of this resolution.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board No. 2 opposes all changes in land use laws, zoning rules, landmarks laws, or any other laws that would eliminate hospital uses at the site of the former St. Vincent's; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that CB2 shall seek to petition the Bankruptcy Court and create a community committee to explore in a publicly transparent manner, all options for the St. Vincent's campus, and requests assistance from the NYC Corporation Counsel to assert such a petition; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that CB2 urges our elected officials to join the Community Board in this petition.

Vote: Passed, with 29 Board members in favor, 6 against-(Ashkinazy, Cannistraci, Morellet, Meadows, Reck, Secunda), and 2 abstentions-(Hamilton, Kent)

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

Sincerely,



Jo Hamilton  
Chair  
Community Board 2, Manhattan



Brad Hoylman, Chair  
St. Vincent's Omnibus Committee  
Community Board 2, Manhattan

cc: Hon. Charles E. Schumer, U.S. Senator  
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Hon. Nydia M. Velázquez, Congresswoman  
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