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October 11, 2024

Mr. Daniel Garodnick  
Chairperson  
City Planning Commission  
Calendar Information Office  
120 Broadway, 31<sup>st</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10271

RE: **ULURP Application Number 220305MMQ – 49-39 Van Dam Street Demapping**

Dear Mr. Garodnick:

On October 10, 2024, Community Board 2 held a public hearing concerning the DCP ULURP Application Number 220305 MMQ 49-39 Van Dam Street Demapping.

At that meeting, with a quorum present, a motion was made and seconded to disapprove the application for the demapping.

The board's primary concerns include: 1) The potential loss of public land in an area with limited green space. 2) The importance of retaining city-owned property for future public use, including possible stormwater management infrastructure. 3) Uncertainty about the long-term intentions for the site beyond the initially proposed outdoor dining use.

While recommending disapproval, the board also stipulated that the City should properly secure and maintain this property as green infrastructure. We urge the City Planning Commission to consider these points in your review of the application. Furthermore, we request that the Department of Transportation, which currently manages the property, take immediate steps to improve its maintenance and explore options for public use of this space.

The Board voted in favor of the motion with (26) twenty-six in favor of the motion; (6) six opposed and (0) no abstentions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Community Board 2.

Sincerely,



Debra Markell Kleinert  
District Manager

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cc: Honorable Grace Meng, US Congress  
Honorable Nydia M. Velazquez, US Congress  
Honorable Michael Gianaris, NY State Senate  
Honorable Kristen Gonzalez, NY State Senate  
Honorable Jessica Ramos, NY State Senate  
Honorable Juan Ardila, NYS Assembly  
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