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William T. Castro
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
Arsenal West, 24 West 61st Street, 5th Floor
New York, NY 10023

Dear Borough Commissioner Castro:

At its Full Board Committee meeting on April 23, 2015, Community Board #2, Manhattan adopted the following resolution:

Resolution Regarding the Planned Renovation of Little Red Square

Whereas

1. Little Red Square is a much-used plaza on the east side of 6th Avenue (Avenue of the Americas) at the intersection with Bleecker Street;
2. The Parks Department, the local community, and local elected officials all believe that this open space requires renovation and restoration at this time;
3. The Parks Department presented a design to the CB2 Parks & Waterfront Committee that promises to increase green space while also improving pedestrian circulation;
4. The presented design features larger plant beds incorporating trees, additional bench seating and expanded lighting, along with clear pathways to encourage efficient pedestrian traffic;
5. The presented design also addresses the hazardous conditions of existing crosswalks at this location, specifically the six-way intersection of 6th Ave, Bleecker St, Downing St. and Minetta St., which are used by children coming and going to the schools in the area, - Our Lady of Pompeii, Little Red School House, the Academy of St. Joseph, PS 3 and PS 41 - and the design is thought to deliver significant improvement to this end by extending the plaza via removal of the an extra lane on the east side of 6th Ave, but there is still need for additional improvements to protect pedestrians at this dangerous crossing.

Therefore it is resolved that CB2

1. Supports this project, the design of which was presented by the Parks Department to our committee and the community,
2. Requests further study by the Department of Transportation to coordinate additional improvements in pedestrian safety at this crossing location in conjunction with this project

VOTE: Passed, Unanimous with 37 Board Members in favor.

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

Sincerely,



Tobi Bergman, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Richard Caccappolo, Chair
Parks, Recreation & Open Space Committee
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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 - Hon. Brad Hoylman, NY State Senator
 - Hon. Deborah J. Glick, Assembly Speaker
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