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April 23, 2012

Hon. Michael Bloomberg
Mayor of the City of New York
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Dennis M. Walcott, Chancellor
Tweed Courthouse
52 Chambers Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor Bloomberg and Chancellor Walcott:

At its Full Board meeting April 19, 2012, Community Board #2, Manhattan, adopted the following resolution:

GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS (GMOs)

Whereas, Food is a fundamental prerequisite to life and we as individuals and families have the right to choose the foods we consume; and

Whereas, Many foods today contain Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs), which have not been fully assessed for long-term health risks; and

Whereas, New York City schools use products that contain GMOs in school lunches; and

Whereas, the New York State Assembly & Senate are considering legislation (AB01367 & S3908) that would require the labeling of food or food products that contain a genetically modified material or that are produced with a genetically modified material; and

Whereas, Community Board 2 places a high value on parents' right to be informed, educated, and knowledgeable of what their children eat while at school since the foods we eat have a direct impact on our children's health; and

Whereas, Mayor Bloomberg and the NYC Council have made a top priority of ensuring New Yorkers are eating healthy foods and that we are educated about what is in the foods we eat.

Therefore Be It Resolved, CB2 requests that the NYC Council consider legislation that would: 1) require the NYC Dept. of Education to study the current use of genetically modified foods in school lunches and then in turn begin to inform parents about the foods that their children eat during school that contain genetically modified foods, and 2) determine whether banning genetically modified foods altogether in school lunches is feasible at this point in time.

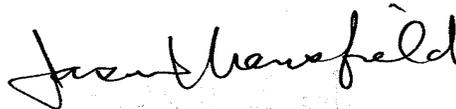
Vote: Unanimous, with 37 Board members in favor.

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

Sincerely,



Brad Hoylman, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Jason Mansfield, Chair
Environment Public Safety & Public Health
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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c: Hon. Jerrold L. Nadler, Congressman
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