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Ms. Madelyn Wils  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Hudson River Park Trust  
Pier 40, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
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New York, NY 10014

**Re: Pier 84 Events**

Dear Ms. Madelyn Wils,

The recent 4 Knots Music Festival on Pier 84 raised some issues for Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4). MCB4 along with Friends of Pier 84 has a long history advocating on behalf of the community on matters concerning Pier 84. The all-day event took up much of the Pier and although as of the date of this letter MCB4 has not received any complaints, neither Friends of Pier 84 nor MCB4 was informed of the event. As you well know, Pier 84 is one of the few public piers in Hell's Kitchen. The loss of the pier for an entire day to a private event is concerning.

MCB4 understands Hudson River Park is host to an enormous amount of programming, especially in the summer, with much of it free and open to the public. MCB4 is also aware of the need for revenue for the park. Our community board appreciates the complexity of coordinating such events, but we strongly feel we need to be part of the conversation when HRPT is considering closing off an entire pier for a ticketed event.

It was very clear the lack of notice for the 4 Knots Festival was an oversight. In the hopes we are not caught off guard again, we have suggested that HRPT provide a calendar of HRPT and non-HRPT produced events. This will help the community prepare to deal with additional foot traffic in the park, noise and possible unruly behavior in our neighborhoods.

Hudson River Park is a very wonderful place for our community and because the Hell's Kitchen section of the park is mostly commercial, Pier 84 is particularly special to the residents of our district. MCB4 appreciates all the great offerings throughout the entire park all through the year, but we respectfully request that HRPT takes into consideration the community needs when scheduling events.

Sincerely,



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