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Mr. Carl Weisbrod
Chairman
New York City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

RE: Reaffirmation of Board Six's Resolution on the Proposed East 58th Street Tower Building and Discussion of Other Mid-block R-10 Districts.

Dear Chair Weisbrod:

At the February 10th Full Board meeting of Community Board 6 the Board adopted the following resolution:

Whereas a 90-story building has been proposed at 426-432 East 58 Street; and

Whereas the East River Fifties Alliance (ERFA) was formed to formulate plans to rezone the neighborhood in order to encourage buildings in context with the neighborhood; and

Whereas, at its February 2016 meeting, the Land Use and Waterfront Committee of Community Board 6 (Manhattan) heard a presentation by the East River Fifties Alliance reviewing the major components of the Pre-application Statement it has filed with the Department of City Planning, and

Whereas, at its May, 2015 meeting the Board passed a Resolution, "Proposed new residential tower at 428 -432 East 58th Street and; Discussion of other Mid-block R10 Districts" whose clauses read:

"RESOLVED, that CB6 urges City Council to seriously consider such action as may be necessary, including the possibility of a moratorium on all super-high towers city wide, with a strictly defined time limitation, to further study the impacts of this proposed building BEFORE the plans proceed further, and,

be it further

"RESOLVED, that CB6 requests the Departments of Buildings and City Planning review the proposed plans for the building at 426-432 East 58 St to confirm that the construction is "as of right," and report their findings so as to ensure that permits for the construction of the facility will not be issued in error, and,

be it further

“RESOLVED, that CB6 urgently requests a meeting with the Department of City Planning and the Manhattan Borough President’s office, as quickly as possible, to discuss out-of-context building heights as well as a limitation on overall building heights that might be assembled by the purchase of “air rights”, and

be it further

“RESOLVED, that CB6 supports rezoning the area to a lower density, in response to community concerns, and CB6 will work with the community and the Department of City Planning to determine the best possible rezoning for the future of the neighborhood, and

be it further

“RESOLVED that CB6 urges the owner of 426-432 East 58 St. to take note of the overwhelming community opposition to the proposed building height, so that the property might be developed in an open dialogue with the goal of full community support,” and

Whereas the issues raised at that time remain and require timely action by the New York City Department of City Planning, and Community Board 6 (Manhattan) called on the New York City Department of City Planning to act accordingly, now

therefor be it

Resolved that Community Board 6 (Manhattan), reaffirms its Resolution of May 6, 2015, and calls on the New York City Department of City Planning for prompt and timely action.

VOTE: 38 in Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstention 1 Not Entitled

Yours truly,



Richard Eggers
Chair

Cc: Hon. Gale Brewer
Hon. Ben Kallos
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