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COMMUNITY BOARD 9
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April 20, 2026

Tricia Shimamura, Commissioner

New York City Department of Parks & Recreation
830 Fifth Ave, New York, NY, 10065

Jeanny Pak, Interim President & CEO

New York City Economic Development Corporation
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Dear Commissioner Shimamura and *Interim* President Pak,

At its regularly scheduled General Board Meeting held on Thursday, April 16, 2026, Manhattan Community Board No. 9 passed the following Letter of Support re: the Hudson River Community Sailing's expansion to the West Harlem Piers, by 40 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions, with 40 members present:

WHEREAS, Hudson River Community Sailing ("HRCS") is a nonprofit organization that has been running youth development and public access sailing programs since 2008.

WHEREAS, HRCS runs Sail Academy, a program that teaches math, science, and leadership to 250 students attending NYC public schools.

WHEREAS, Community Board 9 oversees a district rich in public schools and community organizations, but lacking in waterfront and outdoor activity programming.

WHEREAS, HRCS runs free and affordable community programs for thousands of New Yorkers out of locations at Pier 66 in Chelsea and Dyckman Marina in Inwood.

WHEREAS, with Dyckman Marina closing for reconstruction in 2026, HRCS is searching for a new location to run its programs.

WHEREAS, West Harlem Piers presents a unique location for waterfront access for the community of Harlem and northern Manhattan.

WHEREAS, since it was built in 2009, West Harlem Piers has seen minimal on-water recreation.

WHEREAS, HRCS proposes bringing its model of youth development and waterfront access to West Harlem Piers.

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WHEREAS, HRCS has been in talks with New York City Parks and the Economic Development Commission (“EDC”) about installing floating docks at West Harlem Piers; and in order to be successful in the long-term, HRCS needs to secure indoor space for its programs and operations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Manhattan Community Board 9 **SUPPORTS** the creation of HRCS’s program at the West Harlem Piers, and will help HRCS in their partnership with EDC and other institutions that can help them secure educational and operational space and partners in the neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration, if any further information is needed please do not hesitate to contact me and/or our District Manager, Eutha Prince, at the board office (646) 355-3172.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Victor Edwards", written in a cursive style.

Victor Edwards, Chair

Cc: Hon. Kathy Hochul, Governor
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