

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF:
CONTINUED MANAGEMENT OF THE NORTH COVE MARINA BY
MICHAEL FORTENBAUGH
AND
DEMAND TO STOP THE CONTINUED CORPORATIZATION OF OUR
PUBLIC LAND

The Downtown Independent Democrats support Michael Fortenbaugh's bid to continue managing the North Cove Marina in Battery Park City.

We continue to be outraged by the corporatization of our public spaces.

Elected officials talk endlessly about support for small business, then turn around and squash the best and most noble attempts to combine small business and good for the community.

Recently the successful small-business incubator at the South St. Seaport, the New Amsterdam Market, was co-opted by large out-of-state interests. Next in line is Fortenbaugh's management of the marina. Before that it was our playgrounds and parks that NYU wants for mega-development. New dedicated space for public art at Petrosino Park was given away to Citibikes. The list goes on.

Fortenbaugh stood with us after 9/11, built wonderful programs for the community, and made North Cove Marina a phenomenal success and pride to NYC.

Now the Battery City Park Authority and our NY State elected officials will award the lease to extremely large corporate campaign donors, which is a conflict of interest and an ethics question.

THIS HAS TO STOP!

In business a factor in a transaction is the intangible benefit and goodwill to the corporation beyond the money on the table.

Okay, so say NYC and its residents are THE corporation. The intangible benefit of the North Cove Marina is immeasurable.

We - WE THE PEOPLE - vote yes to Fortenbaugh's continued management of this pearl of a public resource.

There is currently another round of "mallng" of the South St. Seaport by large corporate interests. Public schools are thrown out as carrots; schools that never get built (South St. Seaport was promised one the last go-around then taken back due to danger of crossing streets, & NYU promised one decades ago). Public land and parks are given away (NYU, the Elizabeth St. Gardens, South St. Seaport, Petrosino Park, notable buildings near City Hall).

Thousands of peoples voices are not being listened to, whether it is the South St. Seaport, NYU's mega development plan, or the North Cove Marina in Battery Park City.

We demand our elected officials do what they were elected to do:

Support the people, NOT corporations.

The continued corporatization of our public spaces and assets must stop.

Vote: Unanimous

DOWNTOWN INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS

December 15, 2014

Resolution AGAINST the WOMEN'S EQUALITY PARTY

The Downtown Independent Democrats oppose the formation of the Women's Equality Party in NY State.

This new party is not FOR women. Instead it is USING women for political play.

A legitimate party or good government group grows from a grassroots movement. This party was instead formed by people with strictly political motives. The founders are at the top of the political pyramid and are acting solely in pursuit of more political control by gaining an additional party line on the ballot.

We are disappointed others have been pulled into this political gambit. Women are not pawns to be used for such political game-playing purposes.

VOTE: Unanimous --- AUGUST 27, 2014

CANDLES FOR CLEMENCY SILENT VIGIL ON SEPTEMBER 6th

The Downtown Independent Democrats support the silent vigil CANDLES FOR CLEMENCY to be held on September 6, 2014 which will advocate for the expansion of grants of clemency in NY State.

Buses leave 6 pm sharp on September 6th from 10th Ave. between 16th & 17th Streets. To reserve a seat on the bus contact info@didnyc.org Gathering at 7 pm at intersection of Crow Hill Road & Millwood Road (State Route 133), Mount Kisco (Town of New Castle).

Contribution towards the buses is \$13 or more if you can, but not necessary if you can't. More important is that you join in.

Vote: Unanimous --- August 27, 2014

EXPAND GRANTS OF CLEMENCY IN NY STATE

In New York State, the authority to grant clemency is an executive power that may be exercised only by the Governor. The five Governors preceding Governor Andrew Cuomo exercised their executive clemency power approximately 229 times in the aggregate. Governor Cuomo has granted zero (0) clemencies during his over three and a half years in office.

Individuals who have served time and have demonstrated that they been successfully rehabilitated should be considered for clemency and reunited with their families. It is incumbent on the state's chief executive to exercise the power of redemption, justice, reconsideration, compassion and forgiveness.

The Downtown Independent Democrats urge Governor Cuomo to reconsider his refusal to grant clemencies to individuals that have been successfully rehabilitated and have

shown genuine remorse, and to those incarcerated who have also received unjustly harsh and morally unjustified sentences.

Vote: Unanimous --- August 27, 2014

FOOD & WATER WATCH

Resolution Supporting & Endorsing Food & Water Watch

The Downtown Independent Democrats strongly support and endorse Food & Water Watch in their good efforts to ensure the food, water and fish we consume is safe, accessible and sustainable.

Food & Water Watch: www.foodandwaterwatch.org

VOTE: Unanimous --- August 27, 2014

ENDORSEMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP OF THE NY STATE SENATE

The Downtown Independent Democrats endorse the Senate Democratic Caucus for leadership of the New York State Senate.

In 2014, we support State Senate candidates statewide who have pledged to caucus with them. In particular, we appreciate the longtime progressive leadership of Oliver Koppel in the Bronx and John C. Liu in Queens.

August 27, 2014

March 2014

Three Downtown NYC Political Organizations Unite - Demand Mayor Drop NYU Appeal

Three Downtown NYC Political Organizations Unite. Demand Mayor Drop Appeal of Judge's Decision in Favor of the Community and Against NYU.

The Downtown Independent Democrats, Village Reform Democrats and the Village Independent Democrats all separately and UNANIMOUSLY passed the following resolution:

* RESOLUTION DEMANDING NEW YORK CITY MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO AND OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS DROP THE MISGUIDED APPEAL OF THE LEGAL DECISION WHICH RULED THAT NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL WAS NOT AUTHORIZED TO

GIVE AWAY PUBLIC LAND TO NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, SUCH LAND WHICH CAN ONLY BE ALIENATED BY THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

Whereas most elected officials, thousands of citizens, NYU faculty, Community Board 2, and over 35 community and civic associations support the legal ruling that the New York City Council did not have the right to transfer publicly-owned land to New York University and that only the New York State Legislature has such right;

Whereas New York University is appealing this significant ruling and New York City has now also joined the appeal;

Whereas if Mayor Bill de Blasio and our elected officials truly support the people they represent and stand on the principles for which they were elected, they will drop their appeal;

Whereas we and the community ask New York University to return to the drawing board and present a plan that is accountable to and respects the community, and not continue to take public lands illegally;

Therefore be it resolved that the Downtown Independent Democrats, Village Reform Democrats and Village Independent Democrats demand Mayor Bill de Blasio and our elected officials drop this misguided appeal and respect the court's ruling in favor of the people.

February 23 2014 Unanimous vote by Downtown Independent Democrats

February 23 2014 Unanimous vote by Village Reform Democrats

February 24 2014 Unanimous vote by Village Independent Democrats