

**RESOLUTION – VID – 02/21/2013**

WHEREAS, there has been a long-standing prohibition on residential housing in the Hudson River Park (the "PARK"), which is enforced by the Hudson River Park Act (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the reasons to preclude any housing in the Park are many, and among the most prominent are that (1) the Park must be preserved for public use and must never appear to be appropriated for exclusive use by private owners (2) allowing private housing development would encourage further private appropriation of the Park as an easy fix whenever there is a financial deficit (3) there is a danger of all Park revenue needs relying on a single source such as luxury housing, which will encourage the tendency to rely on a single revenue source to support the Park, which could drain the Park of attention to other needs;

WHEREAS these dangers are made more acute by the advent of climate change and the two hurricanes in the past two years, the resulting crisis from damaged and destroyed seafront and near-seafront housing which followed, all of which strongly argue for avoiding building housing on at-risk riverfront and harbor sites; and

WHEREAS Governor Cuomo, in response to the danger of housing built by the rising sea, has advocated and urged government purchase of seafront areas in NY State to ensure that housing is not rebuilt in areas which now can only be deemed at-risk;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Village Independent Democrats hereby reaffirm its position that residential housing on Pier 40, or built as a revenue source for the Park is a step in the wrong direction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that VID opposes any amendment to the Act which would allow housing to be built on land and/or piers that form the Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that VID supports and joins the coalition-in-formation which advocates for NO PARK HOUSING and NO AMENDMENT ALLOWING HOUSING.