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Hon. Maria Derr
Chair, Sidewalks and Street Events Committee
CB#2 Manhattan
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Dear Chair Derr and Members of the Committee:

Any community should have the opportunity to approve or object to any paid (Special Event Permit) - or even free (Block Party)- event on public streets and sidewalks . Only a "Special Event" is allowed to promote a commercial venture, but there are restrictions in place to minimize public intrusion. The Il Buco Pig Roast ignores most of them.

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You will observe from pictures taken at last year's Pig Roast a variety of conditions and practices that violate NYC statutes and intrude on any reasonably expected quality of life. <http://www.nohomanhattan.org/wordpress/2015/08/07/the-il-buco-pig-roast-returns>

But there is also some history here, too. We supported Il Buco's application for a second restaurant in the next block with several provisions to which the owner(s) agreed in two public hearings in January 2010. [See http://www.nyc.gov/html/mancb2/downloads/pdf/fullboard_2010/full_board0110.pdf , Page 13). One of them was that that there would be no more self-promoting Pig Roasts. This resolution's advisement has been violated multiple times. At that time Il Buco seemed quite satisfied in the arrangement, if it meant they could acquire a second license for a second venue less than 200 ft from the first in an unlicensed lot.

There are more than 25 restaurants within 500' of this particular location, all of whom could hold an event in the street that touts their business, exclusively. This is not a unique condition in Community District 2. Imagine, if you will, what that would do on your own block? In NoHo other restaurateurs have also agreed that hosting a "Special Event" has more negative than positive contributions to their bottom line and to the competitive atmosphere of their neighborhood. It therefore becomes imperative that holding to the standards be a prime advisement by CB#2.

We, as a neighborhood, are trying to set a fair and equitable precedent that neither penalizes enterprise nor endangers residency.

Sincerely,



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Depending upon the type of permit that has been submitted there are a number of violations that need restrictions or stipulation. The NYC descriptions of events can be found here: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/cecm/html/office/office.shtml>

- **Block party** - a community sponsored event requiring the closure of a single block of a street, or a portion thereof, for a single day **in which no sales of goods or services occurs.**
- **Single Block Festival** - A Single Block Festival is a street activity requiring a single block street closure and contains vendors. The Sponsor shall be a community-based, not-for-profit organization, association, or the like, which has an indigenous relationship to the specific street, community or both.
- **Special Events** - A Special Event shall mean street activities that promote, advertise or introduce a product, corporation, company or other commercial entity or the goods or services of a corporation, company, or other commercial entity to either the general public or to a portion of the general public

Submission Deadlines:

- Block Party - 90 days prior to event date
- Single Block Festival - December 31 of the year *preceding* the year of the event.
- Special Event - 14 days prior to event date

Block Parties and Single Block Street Festivals require:

- Nonprofit involvement
- Street closure
- No commercial sales

Special Event Permits require:

- Sidewalk area in front of the applying venue and one lane next to sidewalk
- No consumption of alcohol on sidewalk or street – unless a special permit from the SLA

Other violating conditions:

- The addresses on either side of #47 (Il Buco) are NOT participating buildings but are included in the permit area.
- The addresses on the north side of the street (#46 to #50 are NOT participating buildings but are included in the permit area
- There is no street closure permit
- There are open wood fires that begin prior to the permit time and which still burn post event.