

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 – MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: JULY 27, 2010

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: QUALITY OF LIFE

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Support for the continuation of health care services on the former St. Vincent's campus

WHEREAS: The closure of St. Vincent's Hospital has resulted in the community's loss of an emergency room, in-patient hospital, Lower Manhattan's only in-patient pediatric emergency room, and Level 1 trauma center; and

WHEREAS: Downtown Hospital does not have cardiac emergency services, so the loss of St. Vincent's Hospital means the potentially fatal lengthening of travel time for a heart attack patient; and

WHEREAS: The loss of St. Vincent's Hospital has crippled Lower Manhattan's capacity to address a widespread public health emergency such as a natural disaster or act of terrorism in an area that is still a top global terrorist target; and

WHEREAS: There is widespread public support for the re-establishment of a full-service, acute care hospital on the former St. Vincent's campus, and the community board reiterates its strong support for such a hospital at such location, as well; and

WHEREAS: All or part of the current St. Vincent's campus is the most logical, cost-effective, and central location for the re-establishment of such a hospital or other health care facility that will adequately address the community's myriad health care needs, and, in fact, may be the only location suitable for such a facility, which compounds the urgency of this resolution; now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT:Community Board #1 (CB#1) opposes any changes in statutes and legislation that would eliminate hospital uses at the site of the former St. Vincent's; and

BE IT

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THAT:CB#1 shall seek to petition the Bankruptcy Court and in connection therewith create a committee to explore in a publicly transparent manner, all options for the St. Vincent's campus; and

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THAT:CB#1 urges our elected officials to join Community Board #1 and Community Board #2 in this petition.