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**Re: No Objection Letter for Proposed Plans for 501 West 30th Street, between 10th and 11th
Avenues, Hudson Yards, New York, NY**

Dear Commissioner Santulli:

The New York City Department of Parks & Recreation is in receipt of plans and correspondence related to a construction permit for 501 West 30th St for excavation, foundation and utilities work for the said property.

Section 98-11 of the New York City Zoning Resolution states that:

The Commissioner of Buildings shall not issue any building permit for demolition, excavation or foundation work to be performed above or beneath the High Line or within 25 feet of support structures of the High Line, except by determination by such Commissioner that such work would not adversely affect the structural integrity of the High Line and by determination by the City agency or official designated by the Office of the Mayor for such purpose, that such work would not adversely affect the City's ability to inspect and maintain as necessary to ensure the structural integrity of the High Line.

The New York City Department of Parks & Recreation has reviewed drawings (dated 8/1/12, 9/24/12 & 10/3/12) for excavation, foundation and utility work for a new building at 501 West 30th Street. NYCDPR recognizes that the developer's architect / engineer completed a review process to ensure that the construction plan as submitted will not compromise the structural integrity of the High Line, impede on the maintenance or operation of the High Line, and will comply with all pertinent Department of Buildings requirements.

Parks & Recreation has no objections to issuance of a construction permit for the proposed plans as long as the plans comply with all applicable DOB requirements.

However, this approval only applies to the current permit application. Subsequent permit applications shall require NYCDPR review and approval to determine if future work will

have impact on the High Line structure or operations. Please note, due to the referenced property's relative close proximity to the park, Parks must continue to closely coordinate with the developer and DOB to ensure the public and the High Line structure are properly protected from construction activities associated with this property and make efforts to minimize impacts on park operations.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 718-760-6725.

Very truly yours,



John Natoli

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