

July 28, 2015

Dear Chinatown Working Group,

On behalf of Manhattan Community Board No. 1, I am writing to inform you that we will be officially withdrawing our membership from the Chinatown Working Group (CWG), effective August 1, 2015. As a member of the CWG since its formation in Fall 2008, Manhattan Community Board No. 1 is pleased to have been part of this multi-board and multi-community group effort. Our mission has been accomplished with the creation of a comprehensive community-based plan for Chinatown and its surrounding areas, through the recommendations presented by the Pratt Center for Community Development and The Collective for Community, Culture and the Environment, released in January 2014.

With the CWG membership having voted on the recommendations, it now moves forward onto the next official steps of the review process through Manhattan Community Board No. 3 and the New York City Department of City Planning, so that these recommendations can be implemented. We look forward to working together with our colleagues at Manhattan Community Board No. 3, and with Manhattan Community Board No. 2 in supporting Chinatown and its surrounding areas.

Sincerely,

Catherine McVay Hughes

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Chairperson

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