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Re: Chelsea Waterside Park Association

Chelsea Reform Democratic Club (CRDC) has always been proud of the role it played in establishing the Chelsea Waterside Park Association (CWPA) in 1985, prior to any plan for Hudson River Park. The original members of CWPA included former State Senator Franz Leichter and Assembly member Dick Gottfried, fathers of the legislation creating the Hudson River Park, current State Senator Tom Duane, State Committee-woman Doris Corrigan and Bob Trentlyon, first president of CRDC. These last three have been presidents of CWPA, and Doris and Bob have been alternating presidents for many years. CRDC has been part of Chelsea's oldest dream, "getting back a window on the water."

CRDC is very concerned that after all these years of "playing by the rules" and patiently waiting for our turn to have Chelsea's part of the park funded, some of the funds slated for Chelsea may be rerouted to Pier 40 in Greenwich Village. Pier 64 should be completed this fall, but the remainder of construction of Piers 62 and 63 and its upland areas, called Chelsea Cove, is presently waiting on promised funds. We are well aware that the first victims of government in times of recessions are parks, but what a terrible signal it would send if construction now occurring on Pier 62 and Pier 63 were stopped because funds for work approved by HRPT were either not received from the state and city or were diverted to other projects.

Please take this letter very seriously and make sure that the present construction gets completed.

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