

LOISAIDA, INC.

The Loisaida Center | New York, NY

FORMAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Extension of Street Fair Moratorium for Calendar Year 2027

Proposed Rule CECM-SAPO-20 | Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO)

October 23, 2026

As Executive and Artistic Director of Loisaida, Inc., organizers of the annual Loisaida Festival for nearly four decades, I support the proposed extension of the Street Fair Moratorium through 2027.

Even before the moratorium was established, NYPD resources dedicated to ensuring public safety at our large-scale street festival were already scarce. We recognize the challenges of limited staffing and competing public safety priorities, and believe that expanding the number of permitted street fairs without adequate resources could further compromise the safety of attendees, vendors, performers, and surrounding communities.

While supporting this extension, I strongly encourage the City to prioritize adequate NYPD support for longstanding, community-based cultural events that are integral to New York City's identity, heritage, and neighborhood traditions. Preserving these celebrations must go hand in hand with ensuring the public's safety.



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