

Manhattan Community Board Six
Full Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 13, 2016 – 7:00 PM
NYU Langone Medical Center, 550 First Avenue, Alumni Hall A

Board Chair Rick Eggers called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. The agenda was adopted and the first roll call was conducted by Secretary Kathy Thompson. He introduced those on the dais with him: Secretary, Kathy Thompson and Second Vice Chair, Molly Hollister.

Public Session - Elected Representative and Agency Reports

Shelby Garner from Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney's office reported that Ms. Maloney has recently unveiled a new report from the Government Accountability Office that shows women are severely underrepresented on corporate boards, taking up just 16 percent of the seats in the boardroom; she demands SEC take action. She also urges Secretary General Ban K. Moon to consider a woman as the new incoming Secretary General. For more information please go to: <http://maloney.house.gov/>.

Rebecca Kriegman from State Senator Brad Hoylman's office announced that the legislative session began last week. She reported that Senator Hoylman had released a report in December entitled 'Stranded at the Altar: The New York State Senate's Willful Inaction on Post-Marriage Equality LGBT Legislation' which notes that in four consecutive legislative sessions since passage of the Marriage Equality Act, the Senate has neither considered nor passed LGBT-related legislation. She also noted that Senator Hoylman introduced legislation today to crack down on landlords who flout rent stabilization laws. For more information please go to: <http://bradhoylman.com/>.

Laura Atlas from the office of Public Advocate Letitia James announced that Ms. James filed a lawsuit in December against the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) for failing to comply with the New York City Health and Administrative Codes and keeping tenants in dangerously cold apartments. In response to repeated complaints from both tenants and lawyers, NYCHA stated that agency policy was to only turn heat on at night when the temperature was below 20 degrees, which is a blatant violation of the City's Health and Administration code. For more information please go to: <http://pubadvocate.nyc.gov/>.

Sarah Diaz from the office of State Senator Liz Krueger announced that the new legislative session had begun on January 6th. Some of the items Sen. Krueger will be concentrating on in this session will be paid family leave, a minimum wage increase to \$15 for city employees and contractors, and an increase in shelter allowance for public assistance recipients. Finally, Ms. Diaz announced the passage of Bill S.5972/A.6780, Insurance for Pregnant Women, which Governor Cuomo signed into law. For more information please go to: <http://www.lizkrueger.com/>.

Brice Peyre from the office of New York State Assembly Member Richard Gottfried reported that on January 7th, eight medical marijuana dispensaries opened around the state, including a location on East 14 Street. AM Gottfried had written the original legislation in favor of the use of medical marijuana as well as the follow-up legislation. For more information please go to: <http://www.dickgottfried.org/>.

Council Member Ben Kallos invited everyone to his 35th birthday party in his district office on February 5th, which happens to be First Friday for his constituents. In 2016 he will be focusing on the homelessness issue, infant mortalities, quality of life violations, and the ongoing problem of superscrapers. He reported on the most recent activities surrounding the actions taken with community partnership in regards to the Bauhaus project on East 58th Street. Mr. Kallos thanked CB6 for its opposition resolution on Zoning for Quality and Affordability (ZQA) and

Mandatory Inclusionary Housing (MIH). He stated that he is indecisive at this moment on support or opposition. Lastly, he encouraged everyone to participate in the upcoming homeless (HOPE) count. For more information please go to: <http://benkallos.com/>

Howie Levine from the office of Councilmember Dan Garodnick announced that on December 22nd, CW Capital closed the sale of Stuyvesant Town and Peter Cooper Village to a partnership of the Blackstone Group and Ivanhoe Cambridge, a Canadian public pension fund. He noted that Blackstone Group will be hiring a new property management firm. Mr. Levine reported on the success of the homelessness forum held on January 5th and co-sponsored by CM Garodnick, CB6 and other elected officials. CM Garodnick has also asked for a new construction liaison from the Mayor's Office to reduce after-hours construction work and to streamline the complaint process. Lastly, Mr. Levine announced that the commuter benefits law introduced by CM Garodnick took effect on January 1st. For more information please go to: <http://www.garodnick.com/>.

Matt Viggiano from the office of Council Member Rosie Mendez reported that Ms. Mendez testified at the December 16th City Planning Commission hearing on ZQA/MIH. She was the sole council member to support the Borough President and Community Boards' opposition vote. He also remarked on Ms. Mendez co-sponsoring of the successful homelessness forum held on January 5th. Lastly Mr. Viggiano noted that January 15th is the deadline for kindergarten applications. For more information please go to: <http://council.nyc.gov/d2/html/members/home.shtml>.

Public Session - Members of the Public

Mr. Stone Water spoke regarding his concerns about limited garbage collection and the sanitation problem being caused on the district's sidewalks. Board Chair Eggers responded that the appropriate committee will investigate Mr. Water's concerns.

Business Session

The December minutes were adopted.

Chair's Report

Chair Rick Eggers thanked Ann Seligman, Ronald White and Karen Ward-Gamble from the CB6 office for their assistance with the CB6 holiday party. Mr. Eggers also noted that the Homelessness Forum co-sponsored by CB6 on January 5th was a success, having an attendance of approximately 200 people. He thanked Matt Viggiano, Carlina Rivera and Howie Levine for their work organizing the forum. Chair Eggers announced that to date 70 resumes have been received in response to the vacant District Manager position. The interview committee is meeting during the upcoming weekend to review resumes and arrange interviews. He hopes they can put forth a recommendation to the entire board by March.

He also announced that the district office's lease at 866 UN Plaza expires in April and that we are actively searching for other office locations. He reminded everyone that board applications for current board members up for renewal and potential board members is due by January 30th, and a resume must be included with the application. Chair Eggers will appoint public members in May. He encouraged those interested in becoming a public member to attend various committee meetings. He also reminded all board members to sign in when they attend committee meetings, as attendance must be reported in the committee minutes and reported to the Borough President's office.

On Friday, January 15, Chair Eggers and Budget and Governmental Affairs Chair Pedro Carrillo will be meeting with Council Member Rosie Mendez to discuss budget items. Mr. Eggers asked all board members to be clear that the name of the intake shelter on 30th Street is the 30th Street Men's Shelter; not the Bellevue Men's Shelter.

Finally, as there is no district manager currently, there will be no district manager report tonight and no newsletter in January.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bea Disman thanked everyone for their contributions to the holiday party. She announced that \$740 was collected for the Sunshine Fund. The holiday party cost \$341 in addition to the items brought by attendees. Donations were made on behalf of Charles Buchwald to Gods Love We Deliver and on behalf of board member Sandra McKee's mother. There is a balance of \$300 in the Sunshine Fund.

She reported that the current modified budget amount for the fiscal year for Personal Services is \$174,421.00 of which \$67,317.09 has been spent and \$107,103.91 remains until June 30, 2016. From the starting total Other Than Personal Services current modified budget of \$135,292.00, street fair money accounts for \$79,818.00 of that figure. Without the street fair figure the balance is \$55,474. Personal services account transferred \$38,500.00 to Other Than Personal Services to pay temporary contracting services. The uncommitted balance of OTPS (excluding street fair money) is \$32,438.28. The total annual rent is \$115,105.00.

Borough President's Report

Jesus Perez from the office of Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer reported that BP Brewer had spoken at the January 5th Homelessness Forum. She had toured the 30th Street Men's Shelter a few days before the forum took place and spoke at the forum on the need to bolster services to the clients of the shelter. He noted that the Department of Homeless Services is putting together a list of current services being offered at the shelter for public distribution. The condition of the building is also being reviewed.

Mr. Perez reminded the board that the deadline for community board applications is January 30th; and that a resume should accompany the application. He noted that any board member not intending to re-apply should respond to the BP's office in writing regarding those intentions. The Borough President's office has made a video encouraging the public to participate in the community board process, especially the youth in the communities. CB6 Board Member Raj Nayar appears in the video.

Finally, the State of the Borough address is being held on January 31st at 2 pm. Mr. Perez recommends that everyone planning to attend should rsvp to the website. For more information please go to: <http://manhattanbp.nyc.gov/html/home/home.shtml>

Chair Eggers called a recess at 8:30 pm for the Housing, Homeless and Human Rights Committee to caucus.

Chair Eggers reconvened the meeting at 8:36 pm and reminded everyone to pick up the elected representative reports that had been made available for the public.

Committee Resolutions & Reports

1. Health and Education

Chair Ahsia Badi waived a report.

2. Parks, Landmarks and Cultural Affairs

Chair Mark Thompson noted that the resolution appearing on the agenda for an LPC Certificate of Appropriateness for 141 East 18th Street façade, window and rear deck work had been withdrawn as the Chair of Landmarks Commission had approved the work without need of a resolution. He reported that at the previous committee meeting the status of Albano Park's renovation had been discussed, with plans for the NYC Parks Department to hold a charrette with the public to review design plans. He also noted that Stuyvesant Square Park fence is undergoing work and making progress and that One Sutton Place Park is on track at the contract stage. Mr. Thompson also thanked Chair Eggers for his daily visits to the district office to assist with the District Manager duties.

3. Land Use and Waterfront

Chair Terrence O’Neal noted that the Resolution 3a had been withdrawn. He reported that at the last committee meeting that the East Midtown Steering Committee Final Report was discussed, but that a resolution regarding the report has been laid over until further discussions are held. At the last committee meeting an attorney from the East Midtown 50’s community group spoke, discussing the status of the ULURP application the group filed in relation to the East 58th Street superscraper. In the next few months the committee will be addressing the proposed DSNY garage on the Brookdale site, east side coastal resiliency, the planned ferry service, kayaking along the East River, ZQA/MIH, public and open space, and the UN MOU.

4. Public Safety and Environment

Ann Seligman spoke on behalf of Chair Nick Smolney. She reported that Resolution 4a had been laid over. She also noted that at the committee meeting Matthew Roberts and Ronald White had presented reports on the 13th and 17th Precincts, respectively; and that Ronald White had just graduated from the NYPD Civil Academy.

5. Housing, Homeless and Human Rights

Chair Raj Nayar presented Resolution 5a entitled Affordable Housing Plan Application Pursuant to the Inclusionary Housing Program for 230-232 East 54th Street. He reported that the committee issued a resolution of objection for the application. The board voted unanimously to support the negative resolution. He reported that at the last committee meeting there had been a presentation by an organization supporting Intro 214, which is the right to counsel on rental eviction for individuals falling under the 200% poverty level. He also noted the success of the January 5th Homelessness Forum, saying it is a good step forward and that the committee will be taking this up again. Lastly, he thanked board member Susan Steinberg for her work on the committee and announced that she will be moving over to the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee.

Chair Eggers explained that Susan had a scheduling conflict which prevented her continued membership on the Housing, Homeless and Human Rights Committee. He advised all board members that it is possible to change committees if scheduling conflicts arise.

Housing, Homeless & Human Rights – Rajesh Nayar, Chair				
a. Affordable Housing Plan Application Pursuant to the Inclusionary Housing Program for 230-232 East 54th Street, New York, New York 10022 Block: 1327, Lots: 33 and 34 (the “Property”)	34	0	0	0

6. Business Affairs and Street Activities

Chair Keith Powers presented Resolutions 6a, c, d, e, f, g, h and i as a bundle. All passed unanimously. He waived a report.

Business Affairs & Street Activities – Keith Powers, Chair				
a. Alteration for RHM 88 LLC, M&C Hotel Interests Inc. dba One UN New York, 1&2 UN Plaza btw E. 44th & 45th Sts	34	0	0	0
c. New BW Lic., Sophia Wine Bar Inc. dba TBD, 242 E. 50th St. btw 2nd & 3rd Aves	34	0	0	0
d. New OP Liq. Lic., 143 Café Inc., TBD 143 E. 49th St. btw Lex. & 3rd Aves	34	0	0	0
e. New BW Lic., Ramen USA Inc dba Sakanaya, 304 E 49th St. @2nd Ave	34	0	0	0
f. Alteration application (sidewalk café) for Munster Cafe LLC dba Bar Rua, 497 3rd Ave btw E. 33rd & 34th Sts	33	1	0	0
g. New OP Liq. Lic., Amber 3rd Ave Inc. dba TBD, 381 3rd Ave btw E. 27th & 28th Sts	34	0	0	0
h. New OP Liq. Lic, Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC dba Chipotle Mexican Grill, 286 1st Ave @E. 17th St	34	0	0	0
i. New OP liq. Lic., E & R U.S. Ventures LLC dba Hummus Kitchen, 442-444 3rd Ave. btw E. 30th & 31st Sts	34	0	0	0

7. Transportation

Chair Sandra McKee noted that Resolutions 7a and b were laid over and that Resolution 7c was withdrawn. She presented Resolution 7d, which passed unanimously. She reported that the committee is waiting on the fair tolling report. Next month the committee will discuss bus layovers with the MTA and bike and pedestrian safety issues. She also thanked the board for their donation on behalf of her mother.

Transportation – Sandra McKee, Chair				
d. DOT Revocable Consent application for NYU Hospital Center-construct conduits under roadway of E. 30th St. btw 1st Ave & FDR Drive	33	0	0	1

8. Budget and Governmental Affairs

Marty Barrett spoke on behalf of Chair Pedro Carrillo. He presented Resolution 8a, which passed unanimously. He reported that a few committee members are studying CM Torres' Intro 1046 on making community board members information more transparent. The committee also discussed the budget process with Deputy BP Matthew Washington, as well as grants for non-profits.

Budget & Governmental Affairs – Pedro Carrillo, Chair				
a. A5972/S2538-enacting the "voter empowerment act" to streamline voter registration	33	0	1	0

Old/New Business

There was no old or new business.

The second roll call was conducted by Secretary Kathy Thompson.

The meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Kathy Thompson.

RESOLUTIONS

5. Housing, Homeless and Human Rights

- a. **RE: Affordable Housing Plan Application Pursuant to the Inclusionary Housing Program for 230-232 East 54th Street, New York, New York 10022 Block: 1327, Lots: 33 and 34 (the “Property”).**

Whereas, East 54th Street Properties LLC has submitted an affordable housing plan application to the Inclusionary Housing Program seeking a tax exemption for the Property, and

Whereas, the rental Property will be 22 stories and contain 75 units, 71 units of which will be offered at market value, 3 will be inclusionary housing units and 1 will be a super unit, and

Whereas, the 3 inclusionary housing units will be made available to households earning 80% of the Area Median Income, and

Whereas, the applicant submitted an application to the Community Board and Housing, Homeless and Human Rights Committee of Community Board Six Manhattan (“Committee”) for review, and

Whereas, applicant met with the Committee in a public hearing regarding this matter, and

Whereas, affordable housing is a critical issue in this Community District (“Community”) as well as throughout New York City, and

Whereas, the applicant presented an application proposing 4% of the total units would be under the Inclusionary Housing Program, and

Whereas, the Committee believes such a small amount of inclusionary units would not address the issues faced by the Community and New York City, and

Whereas, the Committee believes that the applicant should have presented the Inclusionary Housing Program application with more inclusionary units along with the 421-a application applicant confirmed it would seek upon resolution of the negotiations regarding the 421-a program, now

Therefore be it

Resolved, that Community Board Six objects to the granting of the tax exemption for this application

VOTE: 34 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

6. Business Affairs and Street Activities

a. RE: Alteration for RHM 88 LLC, M&C Hotel Interests Inc. dba One UN New York, 1&2 UN Plaza btw E. 44th & 45th Sts

WHEREAS, Owners, Paul Wong and Steve Lieseveld appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on December 14, 2015, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the hotel is undergoing a renovation that will close the existing Ambassador Grill, and

WHEREAS, the owners would like to open a temporary establishment in the lobby that will be open for lunch and dinner, and

WHEREAS, the renovation will include bringing the restaurant into compliance with the American Disabilities Act, and

WHEREAS, there will be no increase in seating or change in hours in the temporary establishment, and

WHEREAS, no members of the community had any comments for or against; now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the presentation made by the Representative at the meeting of the Business Affairs and Street Activities committee held on December 14, 2015 and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6M has **no objection** to the application so long as the Applicant adheres to all the Representations made by the Representative to the Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if the SLA application, **however**, contains a different method of operation than has been presented to CB6M as stated in this, **including** "Hours of Operation," that differ in **any way** from those described above, then CB6M **opposes** the application and **urges** the SLA to deny the application based on such misrepresentation to Community Board 6 Manhattan

VOTE: 34 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

c. RE: New BW Lic., Sophia Wine Bar Inc. dba TBD, 242 E. 50th St. btw 2nd & 3rd Aves.

WHEREAS, Owner, Thomas Degrazia appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on December 14, 2015, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the owner would like to upgrade the license from a beer and wine license to a full on-premise liquor license, and

WHEREAS, the establishment is in good standing and has been licensed for over 8 years, and

WHEREAS, there are no proposed changes to the method of operation or hours of operation, and

WHEREAS, no members of the community had any comments for or against; now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the presentation made by the Representative at the meeting of the Business Affairs and Street Activities committee held on December 14, 2015 and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6M has **no objection** to the application so long as the Applicant adheres to all the Representations made by the Representative to the Committee.

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VOTE: 34 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

d. RE: New OP Liq. Lic., 143 Café Inc., TBD 143 E. 49th St. btw Lex. & 3rd Aves.

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on December 14, 2015, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the owner is applying for an on-premise application to operate an Italian restaurant named Toscana 49, and

WHEREAS, the owner currently operates 3 restaurants and will be operating in primarily a commercial area, and

WHEREAS, the restaurant will operate between the hours of 12 pm and 11 pm daily, and

WHEREAS, no members of the community had any comments for or against; now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the presentation made by the Representative at the meeting of the Business Affairs and Street Activities committee held on December 14, 2015 and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6M has **no objection** to the application so long as the Applicant adheres to all the Representations made by the Representative to the Committee.

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VOTE: 34 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

e. RE: New BW Lic., Ramen USA Inc dba Sakanaya, 304 E 49th St. @2nd Ave.

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on December 14, 2015, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the applicant presented a new application for a beer and wine license for his restaurant that will focus on ramen cuisine, and

WHEREAS, the owner currently operates the adjacent restaurant, Nischida Shoten, that is in good standing with CB6M, and

WHEREAS, the restaurant will be open between 11 am to 10 pm on weekdays and 11 am to 11 pm on weekends, and

WHEREAS, no members of the community had any comments for or against; now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the presentation made by the Representative at the meeting of the Business Affairs and Street Activities committee held on December 14, 2015 and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6M has **no objection** to the application so long as the Applicant adheres to all the Representations made by the Representative to the Committee.

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f. **RE: Alteration application (sidewalk café) for Munster Cafe LLC dba Bar Rua, 497 3rd Ave btw E. 33rd & 34th Sts.**

WHEREAS, a representative for the applicant appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on December 14, 2015, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is requesting an alteration to the existing on-premise license to include the existing sidewalk cafe, and

WHEREAS, the owner is attempting to correct a previous error that did not include the sidewalk café on the initial license, and

WHEREAS, there are no changes in method of operation or hours, and

WHEREAS, the applicant is currently licensed by the City of New York to operate the sidewalk license, and

WHEREAS, no members of the community had any comments for or against; now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the presentation made by the Representative at the meeting of the Business Affairs and Street Activities committee held on December 14, 2015 and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6M has **no objection** to the application so long as the Applicant adheres to all the Representations made by the Representative to the Committee.

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VOTE: 33 in Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

g. RE: New OP Liq. Lic., Amber 3rd Ave Inc. dba TBD, 381 3rd Ave btw E. 27th & 28th Sts.

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on December 14, 2015, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the premises is changing ownership and requesting a new on-premises license for the new owner, and

WHEREAS, the new owner is the brother of the existing owner and there will be no change in method of operation or hours, and

WHEREAS, no members of the community had any comments for or against; now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the presentation made by the Representative at the meeting of the Business Affairs and Street Activities committee held on December 14, 2015 and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6M has **no objection** to the application so long as the Applicant adheres to all the Representations made by the Representative to the Committee.

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h. RE: New OP Liq. Lic, Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC dba Chipotle Mexican Grill, 286 1st Ave @E. 17th St.

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on December 14, 2015, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the applicant applied for a new on-premise license to allow for individuals to purchase beer or margaritas at this location, and

WHEREAS, the applicant has other restaurants that operate under the same model and are in good standing with CB6M, and

WHEREAS, the hours of operation will be 11 am to 10 pm daily, and

WHEREAS, one member of the community had any comments against the application; now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the presentation made by the Representative at the meeting of the Business Affairs and Street Activities committee held on December 14, 2015 and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6M has **no objection** to the application so long as the Applicant adheres to all the Representations made by the Representative to the Committee.

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urges the SLA to deny the application based on such misrepresentation to Community Board 6 Manhattan.

VOTE: 34 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

i. **RE: New OP liq. Lic., E & R U.S. Ventures LLC dba Hummus Kitchen, 442-444 3rd Ave. btw E. 30th & 31st Sts.**

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on December 14, 2015, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the applicant applied for a new on-premise liquor license to allow the restaurant to serve beer, wine, and liquor with food orders, and

WHEREAS, the applicant is currently operating in good standing with CB6M, and

WHEREAS, the hours of operation will be 11 am to 11 pm daily, and

WHEREAS, no members of the community had any comments for or against the application; now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the presentation made by the Representative at the meeting of the Business Affairs and Street Activities committee held on December 14, 2015 and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6M has **no objection** to the application so long as the Applicant adheres to all the Representations made by the Representative to the Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if the SLA application, **however**, contains a different method of operation than has been presented to CB6M as stated in this, **including** "Hours of Operation," that differ in **any way** from those described above, then CB6M **opposes** the application and **urges** the SLA to deny the application based on such misrepresentation to Community Board 6 Manhattan.

VOTE: 34 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

7. Transportation

a. **RE: DOT Revocable Consent application for NYU Hospital Center-construct conduits under roadway of E. 30th St. btw 1st Ave & FDR Drive**

Whereas, NYU Hospital Center has petitioned NYC DOT for revocable consent to construct a conduit beneath the roadway of East 30th Street between 1st Avenue and the FDR Drive to house needed telecommunication cables, which will tie into the mainlines running beneath the east side of 1st Avenue, via a junction box east of the East 30th Street crosswalk; and

Whereas, NYU Hospital Center has performed similar operations at least five times in the last 15 years, with low impact on traffic and pedestrians during those projects; and

Whereas, NYU Hospital Center's in-house construction managers state that their project will consist of digging a 224-foot trench along the northern side of East 30th Street, with no scaffolding or other obstructions, and installing the needed telecommunications cables; and,

Whereas, NYU Hospital Center's in-house construction managers state that they have done due diligence about this project with Empire City Subway, the franchisee responsible for maintaining all underground conduits in Manhattan; and

Whereas, NYU Hospital Center's in-house construction managers state that this project will be concluded within a period lasting less than a week;

Therefore, be it resolved, that Community Board 6 has no objection to the project as proposed by NYU Hospital Center.

VOTE: 33 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 1 Not Entitled

8. Budget and Governmental Affairs

a. RE: A5972/S2538 – Bills related to enactment of the “Voter Empowerment Act of New York” (VEA)

WHEREAS, the Voter Empowerment Act (VEA) would amend current New York State election law; and

WHEREAS, VEA provides for automatic voter registration for individuals who submit applications, certifications, change of address, or matriculation with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), as well as other agencies such as the Department of Labor, military recruiting offices, State University of New York, City University of New York, or other source agencies designated within existing election law; and

WHEREAS, individuals will also be automatically registered to vote when applying for unemployment insurance, join the New York division of military and naval affairs, or fully complete prison sentences or are discharged from parole; and

WHEREAS, selection of agencies other than the DMV is meant to increase reach to non-voting citizens who may not regularly or ever interact with the DMV (ie, the military, parole boards, state university system, urban residents); and

WHEREAS, the New York State Board of Elections shall have discretion to designate additional agencies to handle voter registrations, and shall coordinate information transfers and registration efforts across all listed and future participating agencies; and

WHEREAS, county boards of elections shall be required to verify registrant identities and send confirmation to approved registrants; and

WHEREAS, registrants will be allowed to opt out of voter rolls by contacting county boards of elections; and

WHEREAS, VEA would also require a secure, statewide website where voters can review and update registration information and search polling sites by address; and

WHEREAS, voter turnout in New York State has been consistently dropping, as illustrated by gubernatorial elections in which participation has been falling from 75% of registered voters in 1974 to about 52% in 2010 to 38.8% in 2014; and

WHEREAS, a report by the Wagner School of Public Service at New York University identified the demographic characteristics of eligible citizens who do not vote as 1) adults below the age of 30, 2) a high school diploma or less 3) those with a change in residence, 4) naturalized citizens, and 5) male; and

WHEREAS, such individuals who do not vote are under-represented by their elected representatives; and

WHEREAS, one proven method to increase voter participation among under-represented citizens is voter registration at public agencies; and

WHEREAS, experience in other states has demonstrated that when access to voting is easier, more people vote; and

WHEREAS, the Brennan Center has frequently called New York's voter registration laws "one of the most onerous;" now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Manhattan Community Board Six supports passage of A5972/S2538, known as the Voter Empowerment Act, and that it be signed by the Governor; and

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the State Board of Elections discretion as granted by this law, that it consider adding additional agencies and documentation for inclusion in the automatic registration process, including but not limited to city and state forms at real property transfers.

VOTE: 33 in Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

