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MANHATTAN BOROUGH PRESIDENT

December 2023 Full Board Report to Manhattan Community Board 6

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Highlights

1. Happy December!

2. **Holidays:** I want to thank everyone who joined us in distributing much needed food to families for Thanksgiving. Our office held numerous events across the entire borough, distributing hundreds of turkeys and over 10,000 lbs of produce and groceries at community centers, schools and NYCHAs. For those that want to join us at future events, please sign up for our volunteer corps on our website, manhattanbp.nyc.gov.

3. **Leadership Training Series:** Thank you to everyone who was able to join us during the leadership training series two weeks ago, as well as the most recent training series on Monday on Combatting Implicit Bias. We appreciate everyone's participation in our mandatory trainings as well as additional trainings on land use, city data and other topics. For those who are interested in viewing these sessions, we will be sharing them on our website in the coming weeks.

4. **MBPO Budget Capital Informational Sessions:** The Manhattan Borough President's Office is hosting upcoming information sessions on how to apply to Capital Funding through for Fiscal Year 2025 for schools, non-for-profit organizations, and city agencies.

- The first virtual session is specifically for schools on **Thursday, December 7th at 5pm** for Manhattan Public Schools on zoom.
- The second session is specifically for non-for-profit organizations, and city agencies (i.e. NYCHA, NYC Parks and other projects operating on city-owned land) on **Thursday, December 14th at 2pm** on zoom.
- To find links to both sessions and sign-up for the zoom meeting, please visit Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine's website, under Resources > Budget > Capital & Funding tab on the website for more information on eligible projects.

5. **Hearing on OML:** Current Open Meetings Law is set to expire July 1, 2024. Ahead of this statute expiring, the NYS Committee on Open Government will issue a report to the governor and New York State legislature on the application and implementation of hybrid meetings, as well as recommendations related to the use of videoconferencing moving forward after July 2024.

- The Manhattan Borough President's Office is hosting a Public Hearing at 11am tomorrow, to gather feedback from the public on the benefits, strengths, challenges and shortcomings of videoconferencing and hybrid meetings, as well as recommendations for how to improve access, participation, and overall engagement in local public meetings. All testimony will be submitted to the NYS Committee on Open Government. Those looking to provide testimony can do so in person at our office at 1 Centre Street, 19th Floor, or virtually (the link is on our website).

6. Finally, happy holidays to all, and thank you for all your hard work over the past year. Congratulations on a successful year, and special congratulations to Kyle on his final meeting as chair – we are honored to

present Kyle with a proclamation from the Borough President in recognition of his leadership and service to the community!