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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan**

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Henry Garrido, Co-chair
New York City Commission to Strengthen Local Democracy
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Arva Rice, Co-Chair
New York City Commission to Strengthen Local Democracy
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RE: ULURP Process

Dear Chairs Garrido and Rice,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on April 16, 2025, the Board unanimously approved the following resolution by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

WHEREAS ULURP (the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure) is the official procedure that New York City uses to review and approve land use and zoning changes; and

WHEREAS these changes can include things like rezoning, special permits, site selections for public facilities, and major changes to city maps; and

WHEREAS ULURP provides for the inclusion of community voices and elected officials' and city agencies' input which are involved in the decision-making process; and

WHEREAS ULURP Applications are reviewed, as follows: Community Board, 60 days, Borough President, 30 days, City Planning Commission, 60 days, City Council, 50 days, and the Mayor, 5 days; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB8M recommends that the Charter Revision Commission approve a ballot initiative to amend the New York City Charter to ensure that review times for Community Boards and Borough Presidents not be reduced;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as Community Boards do not meet in August, any ULURP applications submitted after July 1st should have Community Board review increased by 60 days.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Edward Hartzog and Sharon Weiner

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Co-Chairs, Voting Reform and Charter Revision Task Force

cc: Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of New York
Honorable Eric Adams, Mayor of the City of New York
Honorable Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President
Honorable Jerry Nadler, 12th Congressional District Representative
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28th Senatorial District
Honorable José M. Serrano, NYS Senator, 29th Senatorial District

Honorable Edward Gibbs, NYS Assembly Member 68th Assembly District
Honorable Alex Bores, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District
Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member 76th Assembly District
Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District
Honorable Julie Menin, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District
Honorable Diana Ayala, NYC Council Member, 8th Council District