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

May 23, 2025

Richard R. Buery Jr., Chair  
New York City Charter Revision Commission  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

**RE: The ULURP Community Board 60 Day Review and other Review Clocks Should Not Start In July and August But Should Pause or Not Start Until September**

Dear Chair Buery Jr.,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on May 21, 2025, the Board approved the following resolution by a vote of 24 in favor, 13 opposed, 2 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

**WHEREAS** as Community Boards do not meet in July and August, if the review period starts in July or August it undermines public participation because boards are inactive and many community members are away; and

**WHEREAS** initiating a review during July and August would be equivalent to sidelining the boards entirely from the process; and

**WHEREAS** ULURP is designed to ensure transparency and public input. Starting the review clock when the public and boards are not active defeats its purpose, and it creates an impression that the process is being rushed or can be conducted in bad faith; and

**WHEREAS** developers or city agencies could potentially exploit the summer break to minimize scrutiny by timing submissions for July or August. Furthermore, this creates an inequity, especially in communities with fewer resources to monitor or challenge projects during the off-season; and

**WHEREAS** the City Planning Commission and other bodies have historically recognized holidays and summer recesses as valid reasons for pausing clocks, or extending deadlines;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that CB8M recommends that the City Charter Revision Commission recommend that the ULURP 60 Community Board review and any other review clock should not start in July or August but pause or not start until September.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

*Valerie S. Mason*

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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  
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