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

**CB8 Charter Revision Task Force Meeting**  
Monday August 13, 2018, 6:30 PM  
*Community Board 8 Office*

### **MINUTES**

*Present:* Michele Birnbaum, Barbara Chocky, Billy Freeland, Shari Weiner, Sophia James, Marco Tamayo, Alida Camp, Tricia Shimamura, Ed Hartzog, Luisa Lopez (BP's Office)

The Task Force met to continue its work in response to the Mayor's Charter Revision Commission. Alida began the meeting by summarizing the Task Force's work so far: reacting to the Commission's land use proposals, reacting to the Community Board proposals, and Alida's testimony and letter to the Commission.

Alida noted that she has checked with the Borough President's office on whether Community Board 8 can take a public position on the Commission's proposals. Luisa Lopez from the BP's office indicated that we could.

The Task Force discussed the possibility of writing a letter from several Community Board chairs or possibly from the Borough Board. The Task Force also discussed preparing a resolution echoing Alida's testimony and letter to the Commission, for the Full Board's vote in September. Billy and Shari volunteered to write the resolution. The Task Force also discussed potential avenues for reaching out to the news media with our point of view. Some suggestions included the *New York Times*, *Gotham Gazette*, NY1, and Brian Lehrer. The Task Force also discussed sending Alida's testimony to *Our Town*.

The Task Force agreed that the next steps are to look into either a Borough Board resolution or, at a minimum, getting other Community Boards to consider similar resolutions. The Task Force will also reach out to the press (if consistent with the Borough President's guidance) after the ballot proposals come out to share our view of the proposals.

The Task Force also agreed that, to the extent the Community Board intends to urge a vote in favor of or against the ballot proposals, we must first confirm with the Borough President whether that is permissible.

**Alida Camp and Billy Freeland, Co-Chairs**