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The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Small Business Committee
Monday, July 8, 6:30 PM
Marymount Manhattan College, Regina Peruggi Room
221 East 71st Street (between Second and Third Avenues)

MINUTES

Meeting Called to Order: 6:36pm

Members Present: Paul Higgins, Sarah Chu, Dorothea Newman, Barry Schneider

Public Members: (none)

Excused Absences: Cece King, Gayle Baron, Alida Camp, Michael Mellamphy

(a quorum was not met)

Guests: Juan Osorio, Robbie Ryan, Judy Schneider

1. Welcome Attendees and Hear Small Business Issues and Concerns

Barry shared information about a merchant in the East Sixties who contacted him about their frustrations on the accumulation of debris on the streets surrounding their business, who said that 'it was bad for business.' Judy added that the merchant was cleaning the corner themselves, including clearing garbage and removing graffiti.

Robbie shared that the cost of garbage for his business was higher on Saturdays. Discussion also ensued about working with residents to alleviate concerns about garbage on the street, including sharing information about the city's rules and also working with sanitation to ensure they are emptying garbage cans regularly.

2. Presentation
 - a. Report on 3rd, 2nd, 1st, and York Avenue canvassing to identify Store Front Vacancies.

(attachment)

3. Discussion
 - a. Small Business Committee 2019/2020 Priorities

List of earlier identified priorities was passed around. Paul shared that the list was inclusive of ideas expressed during June's meeting. He asked that committee members look them over and continue thinking about ideas to discuss at our September meeting.

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4. Updates

- a. State and local business regulations, laws, and issues

(attachment)

- b. Opened and closed businesses

(attachment)

- c. Upcoming small business events

(attachment)

5. Old Business

(None)

6. New Business

- a. Book Culture

Information was passed out about an issue an Upper West Side small business was experiencing. The committee was asked to look over the information and that a further discussion on the issue would be brought up at its September meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:58

Michael Mellamphy and Paul Higgins, Co-Chairs

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Agenda Item: 2a

Report on 3rd, 2nd, 1st, and York Avenue Canvassing to Identify Storefront Vacancies

- The Purpose of the surveying was to:
 - Identify and catalog vacant storefronts along 3rd, 2nd, 1st from the north side of 59th to the south side of 96th and on York from the north side of 59th to the south side of 92nd
 - Support CB8 in identifying where, why and what types of storefront vacancies exist
 - Create a process for understanding and evaluating vacant store front issue
 - Add additional data points to better evaluate the vacant store front issue
- Surveying was conducted from June 23rd to July 2nd
- Over 14 miles were walked
- Over 20 hours walking, inputting, and evaluating data
- 171 vacant storefronts were identified.
 - 3rd Avenue – 61
 - 2nd Avenue – 61
 - 1st Avenue – 39
 - York Avenue – 10
- 14 businesses identified as opened or opening
- 72,036 square feet of ground floor space from 41 locations was identified from signs posted on storefront windows, as well as from broker websites.
- Where applicable, storefront space was categorized as either retail (81), restaurant (44) or restaurant/bar (3). In total 128 spaces were identified.
- Where applicable, former businesses were identified either visually or using Google Maps.

- There were two blocks identified as future developments where all store fronts were vacant, including:
 - West side of 1st Avenue from 66th to 67th
 - East Side of 3rd Avenue from 76th to 77th (note: since this block has been walked the store fronts have been boarded off).
- There was 1 block identified as future development where at least half the block had vacant store fronts:
 - East Side of 3rd Avenue from 82nd to 83rd

CB8 Vacant Storefront Survey (1st, 2nd, 3rd, York)

Ave Walked	Ave Side	Ave Name	Ave Address	Space	Ground Floor SF	Store Front Type	Former Business	Business Type	Notes	Date Walked
1st	E	1st	1122			retail				6/27/2019
1st	E	1st	1168						Changing Store Front	6/27/2019
1st	E	1st	1188						Changing Store Front	6/27/2019
1st	E	1st	1462			restaurant	3 Star Diner	Restaurant (diner)	closed for renovations	6/27/2019
1st	E	1st	1488			retail				6/27/2019
1st	E	1st	1546			retail	Salon Moscow	Salon		6/27/2019
1st	E	1st	1588			retail	Oh's Crystal Cleaners	Cleaners		6/27/2019
1st	E	1st	1628			retail	Energy Spa	Spa		6/27/2019
1st	E	1st	1660			retail	Citizens 360 Sales Gallery	Sales Office		6/27/2019
1st	E	1st	1670			retail	Glasers Bake Shop	Bakery		6/27/2019
1st	E	1st	1712							6/27/2019
1st	E	1st	1714							6/27/2019
1st	E	1st	1740			retail	Community Finacial Service Center	Check Cashing		6/27/2019
1st	E	1st	1750			restaurant	Thai Peppercorn	Restaurant (thai)		6/27/2019
1st	W	1st	1143	1 of 2		restaurant	Taco City	Restaurant (mexican)		6/27/2019
1st	W	1st	1189		1867	retail	Ricky's NYC	Beauty Supply		6/27/2019
1st	W	1st	1191		1702					6/27/2019
1st	W	1st	1193		917	restaurant	Yaki Tori			6/27/2019
1st	W	1st	1205			restaurant	Ming Dynasty	Restaurant (chinese)	Block 66/67	6/27/2019
1st	W	1st	1207	1 of 2		retail	Knitting & Stitching	other	Block 66/67	6/27/2019
1st	W	1st	1207	2 of 2		restaurant	ZaZa	Restaurant (italian)	Block 66/67	6/27/2019
1st	W	1st	1209	1 of 2		restaurant	Tidabou	Restaurant	Block 66/67	6/27/2019
1st	W	1st	1209	2 of 2		retail	Discount Grocery & Magazine	other	Block 66/67	6/27/2019
1st	W	1st	1211			retail	S&S Deli Grocery	Grocery	Block 66/67	6/27/2019
1st	W	1st	1215			restaurant	O'Flanagan's	Bar	Block 66/67	6/27/2019

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Ave Walked	Ave Side	Ave Name	Ave Address	Space	Ground Floor SF	Store Front Type	Former Business	Business Type	Notes	Date Walked
1st	W	1st	1291			retail	Vaiel Salon and Spa	Salon		6/27/2019
1st	W	1st	1365			retail	Stir	Bar		6/27/2019
1st	W	1st	1373			restaurant	Banshee Public House	Bar		6/27/2019
1st	W	1st	1433		950	restaurant	1st Avenue Restraunt	Restaurant (diner)		6/27/2019
1st	W	1st	1513			retail	Vitamin Shoppe	Vitamin & Supplements	divisible	6/27/2019
1st	W	1st	1643			restaurant			Block 85/86	6/27/2019
1st	W	1st	1645			restaurant			Block 85/86	6/27/2019
1st	W	1st	1647	1 of 3		retail	B & S Hair Stylist Inc.	Salon	Block 85/86, moved to 115 East 96th	6/27/2019
1st	W	1st	1647	2 of 3		restaurant	Pickles and Olives	Restaurant (sandwich)	Block 85/86, moved to new location	6/27/2019
1st	W	1st	1647	3 of 3		retail	Everything \$1 up	Dollar Store	Block 85/86	6/27/2019
1st	W	1st	1649			restaurant	Gracies Diner & Grill	Restaurant (diner)	Block 85/86	6/27/2019
1st	W	1st	1695			retail	Elm Health	Health		6/27/2019
1st	W	1st	1711			retail			new retail	6/27/2019
1st	W	1st	1729	2 of 3		retail	Ivory Cleaners	Cleaners		6/27/2019
2nd	E	2nd	1154		2,800					6/25/2019
2nd	E	2nd	1156		2,800	retail	Valley Design Center Inc.	Contractor		6/25/2019
2nd	E	2nd	1162					Bike Shop		6/25/2019
2nd	E	2nd	1306			retail	Pedal Pusher Bike Shop			6/25/2019
2nd	E	2nd	1308		700					6/25/2019
2nd	E	2nd	1316				QTB		Next to 69th street subway stop. Scaffolding over the top. Dark.	6/25/2019

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Ave Walked	Ave Side	Ave Name	Ave Address	Space	Ground Floor SF	Store Front Type	Former Business	Business Type	Notes	Date Walked
2nd	E	2nd	1318		2,195	retail	Hollywod Tans	Tanning Salon	Next to 69th street subway stop. Scaffolding over the top. Dark.location at 388 6th avenue also closed	6/25/2019
2nd	E	2nd	1320		1,568	retail	Crest Cleaners	Cleaners	Next to 69th street subway stop. Scaffolding over the top. Dark.	6/25/2019
2nd	E	2nd	1382			restaurant	Trend Diner	Restaurant (diner)	Looks like it could be closed for renovation	6/25/2019
2nd	E	2nd	1410	1 of 2		retail	Greenstones	Clothing Store		6/25/2019
2nd	E	2nd	1410	2 of 2		retail	Naturino	Clothing Store (children)		6/25/2019
2nd	E	2nd	1452			restaurant	Voila 76	Restaurant		6/25/2019
2nd	E	2nd	1480			restaurant	Vella Wine Bar and Kitchen	Restaurant (mediterranean)		6/25/2019
2nd	E	2nd	1512			retail	Capitol One Bank	Bank		6/25/2019
2nd	E	2nd	1572						work permit	6/25/2019
2nd	E	2nd	1594							6/25/2019
2nd	E	2nd	1596							6/25/2019
2nd	E	2nd	1602			retail			divisible locaiton	6/25/2019
2nd	E	2nd	1630			retail	Serendipity Nail and Spa	Nail Salon	moved next door to 1628 2nd Avenue	6/25/2019
2nd	E	2nd	1716			retail	Umbrela			6/25/2019
2nd	E	2nd	1720	1 of 2		restaurant	Infirmary	Restaurant (cajun)		6/25/2019
2nd	E	2nd	1720	2 of 2		restaurant	Chef H'os	Restaurant (chinese)		6/25/2019
2nd	E	2nd	1726			retail	Vape King	Vaporizer Store		6/25/2019
2nd	E	2nd	1736			retail				6/25/2019
2nd	E	2nd	1752			restaurant	Flip Sigi	Restaurant (filipino)		6/25/2019

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2nd	E	2nd	1768			retail				6/25/2019
2nd	E	2nd	1776			retail			viteny.com	6/25/2019
2nd	E	2nd	1830						Next to 96th street subway. Very bad site from street. Currently being used for storage (eye sore).	6/25/2019
2nd	E	2nd	1318-B		452	retail	Hello Beautiful Salon	Salon	Next to 69th street subway stop. Scaffolding over the top. Dark.	
2nd	W	2nd	1149		400	retail	Pesca	Swimwear Store	Stonehenge	6/25/2019
2nd	W	2nd	1155		750	retail	Ashdan's Yogurt Café	Fro-Yo	Stonehenge	6/25/2019
2nd	W	2nd	1157		550	retail	Queensboro Hardware Co.	Hardware	Stonehenge	6/25/2019
2nd	W	2nd	1159		722	retail	Invite Health	Vitamin & Supplements	Stonehenge	6/25/2019
2nd	W	2nd	1205			retail	Marco Shoe Repair	Shoe Repair		6/25/2019
2nd	W	2nd	1215		2,817					6/25/2019
2nd	W	2nd	1243			retail	Pinky Fine Nail Salon	Nail Salon		6/25/2019
2nd	W	2nd	1260		3,600				Part of 260 East 67th, Next to Beekman Theater at 66th	6/25/2019
2nd	W	2nd	1260		2,000				Part of 260 East 67th, Next to Beekman Theater at 66th	6/25/2019
2nd	W	2nd	1305		1,750					6/25/2019
2nd	W	2nd	1395			restaurant	Javelina	Restaurant (tex-mex)	Temporary Closed	6/25/2019
2nd	W	2nd	1405		1,022	restaurant	Uskkudar	Restaurant (turkish)	taken by marshal	6/25/2019

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Ave Walked	Ave Side	Ave Name	Ave Address	Space	Ground Floor SF	Store Front Type	Former Business	Business Type	Notes	Date Walked
2nd	W	2nd	1413		550	restaurant	Muscle Maker Grill	Restaurant (health)	June 2017 (now open sign), August 2018 (lease signs up)	6/25/2019
2nd	W	2nd	1427			retail				6/25/2019
2nd	W	2nd	1471			restaurant	Copper Kettle Kitchen	Restaurant (american)	taken by marshal (4/12/17)	6/25/2019
2nd	W	2nd	1501			restaurant	Sushi Hana	Restaurant (sushi)	artwork in location	6/25/2019
2nd	W	2nd	1509				O Merveilleux			6/25/2019
2nd	W	2nd	1523			retail			Beckford Residence Sales Gallery, part of 239 east 79th	6/25/2019
2nd	W	2nd	1541			retail				6/25/2019
2nd	W	2nd	1561			restaurant	the Gilroy	Restaurant (american)		6/25/2019
2nd	W	2nd	1563			restaurant	Blockheads Burritos	Restaurant (mexican)		6/25/2019
2nd	W	2nd	1589			restaurant	VA Bene	Restaurant (italian)		6/25/2019
2nd	W	2nd	1623			retail	Park East Kosher	Grocery	Location at 1733 1st Avenue	6/25/2019
2nd	W	2nd	1625		1,400					6/25/2019
2nd	W	2nd	1633			restaurant	Walburgers	Restaurant (hamburger)	taken by Marshal (1/14/2019)	6/25/2019
2nd	W	2nd	1701			restaurant				6/25/2019
2nd	W	2nd	1727				Spectrum Hair Design	Salon		6/25/2019
2nd	W	2nd	1751		2,225	retail				6/25/2019
2nd	W	2nd	1827							6/25/2019
2nd	W	2nd	1149-A		1,100	retail	Café in City	Café	Stonehenge	6/25/2019
2nd	W	2nd	1165-B			retail				6/25/2019
2nd	W	E 67th	235		1,915	retail			Attached to 1285 2nd Avenue	6/25/2019
3rd	E	3rd	1037			retail	Kusmi Tea	Retail		6/24/2019
3rd	E	3rd	1039			retail	Elijah Peters Optique	Optical		6/24/2019

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3rd	E	3rd	1047							6/24/2019
3rd	E	3rd	1191		3216					6/24/2019
3rd	E	3rd	1221			retail	Tasti D-Lite			6/24/2019
3rd	E	3rd	1225			retail	Prinrose Florist	Florist		6/24/2019
3rd	E	3rd	1231	1 of 3	2600	retail				6/24/2019
3rd	E	3rd	1231	3 of 3	2200	retail				6/24/2019
3rd	E	3rd	1303			bar/restaurant	McKeown's	Bar		6/24/2019
3rd	E	3rd	1329			restaurant	Haru Sushi	Restaurant (japanese)	Block 77/76	6/24/2019
3rd	E	3rd	1331			retail	Yumi Kim	Clothing (women)	Block 77/76	6/24/2019
3rd	E	3rd	1333			retail	Z'Baby Company	Clothing (children)	Block 77/76	6/24/2019
3rd	E	3rd	1335			retail			Block 77/76	6/24/2019
3rd	E	3rd	1341			restaurant	Atlantic Grill	Restaurant (seafood)	Block 77/76	6/24/2019
3rd	E	3rd	1345			retail	Capitol One Bank	Bank	Block 77/76	6/24/2019
3rd	E	3rd	1347			retail	McCabes Wine & Spirits	Wine Store	Block 77/76	6/24/2019
3rd	E	3rd	1367		1,100					6/23/2019
3rd	E	3rd	1461			restaurant	Sushi Para	Restaurant (japanese)	Block 82/83 (partial)	6/23/2019
3rd	E	3rd	1463			restaurant	Belgian Brasserie	Restaurant	Block 82/83 (partial)	6/23/2019
3rd	E	3rd	1465			bar/restaurant	The Gael Pub	Bar	Block 82/83 (partial)	6/23/2019
3rd	E	3rd	1467			retail	Mixology	Clothing (women)	Block 82/83 (partial)	6/23/2019
3rd	E	3rd	1469						Block 82/83 (partial)	6/23/2019
3rd	E	3rd	1475		1573	retail	PhotOp	Portrait Studio		6/23/2019
3rd	E	3rd	1481							6/23/2019
3rd	E	3rd	1505			restaurant	Highland Restraunt	Restaurant (diner)		6/23/2019
3rd	E	3rd	1585	1 of 2						6/23/2019
3rd	E	3rd	1587				Yorkville Van and Storage Co.	Storage		6/23/2019
3rd	E	3rd	1649			restaurant	Fetch	Restaurant (American)		6/23/2019
3rd	E	3rd	1681		9500	retail				6/23/2019

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3rd	E	E 84th	200						Corner of 3rd and 84th	6/23/2019
3rd	W	3rd	1022	1 of 2	2800	retail	Invite Health	Vitamin & Supplements		6/24/2019
3rd	W	3rd	1022	2 of 2		restaurant	Cabana	Restaurant (cuban)		6/24/2019
3rd	W	3rd	1026		1700	restaurant	Brgr	Restaurant (burgers)		6/24/2019
3rd	W	3rd	1050			retail	Torino Jewlery	Jewlery		6/24/2019
3rd	W	3rd	1140	A	930				corner of 67th	6/23/2019
3rd	W	3rd	1140	B	741	retail	The Art of Shaving	Barber Supply		6/23/2019
3rd	W	3rd	1160			retail	Walgreens	Drug Store		6/23/2019
3rd	W	3rd	1164						Upstairs from Bluemercury	6/23/2019
3rd	W	3rd	1186		973	retail	Jacques Torres	Choclote Shop		6/23/2019
3rd	W	3rd	1232		1,100	retail	Ottee	Clothing		6/23/2019
3rd	W	3rd	1244		1,000	retail	Super Runner Shop	Running Store		6/23/2019
3rd	W	3rd	1284		1446					6/23/2019
3rd	W	3rd	1300		3180					6/23/2019
3rd	W	3rd	1332			retail	Gymboree	Learning Center		6/23/2019
3rd	W	3rd	1336			retail	Alice NYC	Accessories		6/23/2019
3rd	W	3rd	1340						Next to HSBC	6/23/2019
3rd	W	3rd	1380						Boarded up	6/23/2019
3rd	W	3rd	1414			retail	The Source	Variety Store		6/23/2019
3rd	W	3rd	1426							6/23/2019
3rd	W	3rd	1444						Work in progress	6/23/2019
3rd	W	3rd	1562			retail	Pesce Pasta Yorkvile	Restaurant (Italian)		6/23/2019
3rd	W	3rd	1574			retail	Ricky's NYC	Beauty Supply		6/23/2019
3rd	W	3rd	1576			bar/restaurant	Two Door Tavern	Bar		6/23/2019
3rd	W	3rd	1590		625				Looks like work is going on	6/23/2019
3rd	W	3rd	1598			retail	Complete Care Cleaners	Cleaners	Very messy inside	6/23/2019
3rd	W	3rd	1600			restaurant	Parlor Steak and Fish	Restaurant (steak house)	Shelby Enterprises applied for a liquor license	6/23/2019
3rd	W	3rd	1638						Art in the window	6/23/2019

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Ave Walked	Ave Side	Ave Name	Ave Address	Space	Ground Floor SF	Store Front Type	Former Business	Business Type	Notes	Date Walked
3rd	W	3rd	1640			restaurant	Maroo Japanese and Korean Food	Restaurant (japanese/korean)		6/23/2019
3rd	W	3rd	1642							6/23/2019
3rd	W	3rd	1650	1 of 2		retail	Wine Castle	Wine Store		6/23/2019
3rd	W	3rd	1650	2 of 2	600					6/23/2019
York	E	York	1470			retail	Hair Castle	Salon		7/2/2019
York	E	York	1530			restaurant	Gracies Café	Restaurant (diner)	renovations (?) - phone disconnected	7/2/2019
York	E	York	1584			restaurant	Saloon NYC	Bar		7/2/2019
York	E	York	1590	#1		retail	Grooming All Pets	Pet Groomer		7/2/2019
York	E	York	1614			retail	Mekong Cleaners	Cleaners	relocated to 501 East 85th Street	7/2/2019
York	W	York	1409							7/2/2019
York	W	York	1425			restaurant	1 Aki Sushi	Restaurant (japanese)		7/2/2019
York	W	York	1443	2 of 3		retail	Dunkin Dontus	Coffee Shop		7/2/2019
York	W	York	1453			restaurant	Yorkville Kitchen	Restaurant (american)		7/2/2019
York	W	York	1551			retail	Miz Nails	Nail Salon		7/2/2019



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Small Business Committee
Agenda Item: 3a
Small Business Committee 2019/2020 Priorities

During discussions at the June meetings some priorities were talked about during portions on the meeting that are noted below:

- Facilitate conversations about small business issues with small businesses, residents, elected leaders, government agencies, business influencers, and other interested parties
- Recruit public members from small business community
- Utilize technology to communicate with small businesses
- Be a voice for small business through utilizing resolutions

July 8, 2019
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Agenda Item: 4a
State and Local Business Regulations, Laws, and Issues

Local

Commercial Rent Tax

- Tax is charged to tenants who occupy or use a property for commercial activity in Manhattan, south of 96th Street.
- The annual or annualized gross rent paid is at least \$250,000; and you do not meet any other exemption criteria, such as short rental periods, residential subtenants, use for theatrical productions, and not-for-profit status.

Delivery App's Fees and Policies

- GrubHub – which also owns Seamless and Menupages - has been accused of charging restaurants phone call fees that don't result in orders. Currently fees range from between 15% - 20% per order made using the delivery apps. While the company says it will refund amounts, many businesses have complained about the length of time it takes as well as the difficulty getting access to information that will allow them to know if they have a claim to a refund. The City Councils' Small Business Committee is scheduled to discuss this issue on June 27th.

Small Business Jobs Survival Act

[Int. 0737-2018](#) (Rodriguez)

- Would give tenants a right to lease renewal, including a 10-year term for those in good standing.
- Tenants could demand arbitration if a rent hike is too high.
- Extends to all commercial businesses, including restaurants.

Last Action: Laid over by Committee on Small Business (10/22/2018)

Paid Personal Time Off

[Int. 0800-2018](#) (Rosenthal)

- Requiring city employees to provide earned, safe, sick, and personal time to employees.
- Mandatory paid leave for workers.
- 5 or more employees.
- 10 annual days of paid personal time.
- Would allow employees to take paid time off for any purposes (religious observance, bereavement and time with family).
- Accrue hours immediately after employment.
- Earn one hour of paid personal time for every 30 hours worked.
- Available to workers after 90 days of employment and after working at least 80 hours.

- Unused paid personal time could be carried over to the following year for a total maximum of 10 days of paid personal time off.

Last Action: Laid over by the Committee on Civil Service and Labor (5/28/2019)

Certificate of No Harassment

[Int. 1410-2019](#) (Gibson)

- Institute a three-year pilot program in which landlords would be required to obtain a “certificate of no harassment” before the Department of buildings gives them permission for new construction.

Last Action: Hearing Held by Committee on Small Business (3/18/2019)

Assistance to Small Business Tenants at Risk of Being Evicted

[Int. 1470-2019](#) (Levine)

- Would lend legal assistance to small business tenants at risk of being evicted.

Last Action: Hearing held by Committee on Small Business (3/18/2019)

Mandate that SBS provide “training and counseling” to small businesses

[Int. 1471-2019](#) (Rosenthal)

- Would require the Department of Small Business services to offer certain business services, including training and education.

Last Action: Hearing held by Committee on Small Business (3/18/2019)

Vacancy Storefront Registry

[Int. 1472-2019](#) (Rosenthal)

- Would mandate that the city compile a storefront-properties online database.
- Database would include information on rent, size and permitted use.

Last Action: Hearing held by Committee on Small Business (3/18/2019)

Vacancy Tax

[Int. 1473-2019](#) (Rosenthal)

- Would mandate commercial landlords submit properties that become vacant to the Department of Small Business Services.
- A \$1,000-per-week fine would be imposed on property owners who fail to submit their properties.

Last Action: Hearing held by Committee on Small Business (3/18/2019)

State

Minimum Wage

- \$15 minimum wage implemented on December 31, 2018
- Companies of 10 people or fewer in NYC will be \$13.50 until end of 2019

Tip Credit

[Assembly: A1240](#)

[Senate: s1760](#)

- Hospitality Industry Wage Order
- Based on size and location of establishment
- Large employers who pay \$15/hour can claim a \$5 tip credit, only having to pay employees \$10/hour
- Tip credit smaller for Hotel service employees (room attendants and bell persons)
- Food delivery workers do not qualify as food service workers
- Nail salon employees fall under the wage order and employees can claim up to \$3.65 in tip credits
- Valet parking attendants falls under the states tipped wage rules for miscellaneous industries

Last Action: Assembly referred bill to Labor Committees (1/14/2019); Senate referred bill to Labor Committee (1/14/2019)

New York Health Act

[Assembly: A5248](#)

[Senate: S3577](#)

- All residents, regardless of immigration status, will be covered for: primary, preventive, and specialty care; hospitalization; mental health; substance abuse treatment; reproductive health; dental, vision, and hearing; and prescription drugs and medical supplies
- Within two years of passage, long-term care will be covered.
- No network restrictions.
- No more premiums, deductibles, or co-pays.
- Universal coverage funded through a graduated tax on income, based on ability to pay.
- Direct negotiation with pharmaceutical companies and medical device makers.
- Paid for through graduated tax on income, payroll tax with **80% paid by employer and 20% by employee**, and Federal Government waivers for current health related expenditures.

Last Action: Assembly Health Committee referred to committee Codes (2/8/2019); Senate referred to Health Committee (2/11/2019)

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Closed Businesses

Street	Address	Business	Type	Closed	Reporting Month
1st Avenue	1187	Duane Reade	retail	late July	Jul-19
2nd Avenue	1257	Staples	retail	August 6th	Jul-19
Madison	1116	Infinity	retail	June	Jul-19
Madison	1150	Dean & DeLuca	retail	June	Jul-19
3rd Avenue	1465	The Gael Pub	Bar/Restaurant	May 26th	Jun-19
East 86th Street	210	East 86th Street Cinema	Movie Theater	May 13th	Jun-19

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Opening Businesses

Street	Address	Business	Type	Opening	Reporting Month
1st Avenue	1219	Deli	restaurant	TBD	Jul-19
2nd Avenue	1167	Lenas Kitchen	restaurant	fall 2018	Jul-19
2nd Avenue	1400	Mission Ceviche Restaurant & Bar	restaurant	Open	Jul-19
2nd Avenue	1498	Blea Ciel Hair Salon	hair salon	soon	Jul-19
2nd Avenue	1500	Iken Academy Preschool	education	fall 2019	Jul-19
2nd Avenue	1766	Alef Preschools	education	soon	Jul-19
2nd Avenue	1770	East End Bar and Grill	bar/restaurant	2020	Jul-19
3rd Avenue	1032	Get Nuts	retail	soon	Jul-19
3rd Avenue	1159	Café Jardino	restaurant	mid July	Jul-19
3rd Avenue	1201	Target	retail	late summer	Jul-19
3rd Avenue	1220	Long's Bedding and Interiors, Inc.	retail	fall 2019	Jul-19
3rd Avenue	1251	Mortan Williams	grocery	open	Jul-19
3rd Avenue	1273	Nordstrom Local	retail	September	Jul-19
3rd Avenue	1379	Bella Roma Pizza and Pasta	restaurant	soon	Jul-19
3rd Avenue	1484	Levain Bakery	restaurant	19-Jul	Jul-19
3rd Avenue	1536	Chick-fil-A	restaurant	soon	Jul-19
East 60th	116	(restraunt)	restaurant	TBD	Jul-19
East 60th	129	TBD (restraunt)	restaurant	late fall	Jul-19
East 67th	166	Swerve	restaurant	Early 2019	Jul-19
East 70th	202	Tacombi	restaurant	Mid 2020	Jul-19
East 92nd	27	TBD (restraunt)	restaurant	end of year	Jul-19
Madison Avenue	1302	Vicolina	restaurant	ASAP	Jul-19
3rd Avenue	1122	Arden Blossoms Nail Salon	nail salon	June 10th	Jun-19
3rd Avenue	1319	The Eneslow Shoe Company	retail	June 13th	Jun-19

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Small Business Committee 2019/2020 Priorities

Date	Time	Location	What	Purpose
Wednesday, June 26th	3:00 PM	Steps of City Hall	Rally to Save Small Business	Express concerns about the mayor's proposed, two-week paid vacation bill -
Thursday, June 27	8:30 AM	575 5th Avenue	Manhattan Chamber of Commerce Event: Small Business Roundtable	Impact and discussion of Int. 0800-2018 Paid Personal Time Off
Tuesday, July 9	4pm-5pm	2nd Avenue, between 82nd and 72nd	Small Business Education Day	Hosed by Department of Consumer Affairs Commissioner Lorele Sala and Council Member Ben Kallos to provide small businesses in business compliance and workers' rights. Inspectors will be available to answer questions and provide businesses with advice on the best practices for compliance with the law.