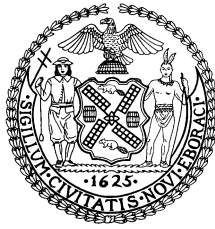


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**The City of New York**  
**Community Board 8 Manhattan**  
**Joint Meeting: Health, Seniors, and Social Services Committee**  
**and Environment and Sanitation Committee**  
**Tuesday, July 6, 2020 - 6:30PM**  
*This meeting was conducted remotely via Zoom*

*Please note: The resolutions contained in the committee minutes are recommendations submitted by the committee chair to the Community Board. At the monthly full board meeting, the resolutions are discussed and voted upon by all members of Community Board 8 Manhattan.*

**Minutes:**

*Present:* Lori Bores, Alida Camp, Sarah Chu, Brian Correia, Rebecca Dangoor, Wilma Johnson, May Malik, Margaret Price, Barbara Rudder, Cos Spagnoletti, Russell Squire, Marco Tamayo

**Resolutions for Approval: Items 2A-C**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

**Item 1 - Discussion of Assembly Bill A10500A, relating to the confidentiality of contact tracing information, featuring Richard Gottfried, Chair, NYS Assembly Committee on Health**

Assembly Member Gottfried gave a brief description of contact tracing, the history of the practice, and the confidentiality protections for other contract tracing efforts in the State. Mr. Gottfried acknowledged that currently, the necessary privacy protections for COVID-19 contact tracing do not exist in State law. Hence, he has introduced A.10500-A/S.8450-A, a state legislative bill that protects the confidentiality of information collected through state and local contact tracing programs. Assembly Member Gottfried explained key aspects of the bill in question. He also acknowledged the difficulty of de-identifying information in the age of technology and artificial intelligence and explained that the bill attempts to protect said information to the fullest capacity. Assembly Member Gottfried also took questions from Board members and the public.

**Item 2 - Discussion of Security and Privacy concerns related to contact tracing, featuring Carrie DeCell, staff attorney at the Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University**

Ms. DeCell spoke about the need for confidentiality and data privacy protection in connection with contact tracing and about various means for providing such protection, including by ensuring data security for confidential information collected through contact tracing. She evaluated the effectiveness of A.10500-A/S.8450-A against these measures. When voicing her approval of the legislation, she specifically commended the definition of “de-identification” contained in the bill. Ms. DeCell also took questions from Board Members and the public.

The board discussed points raised by both speakers and passed the following resolutions:

## **2A**

**WHEREAS**, contact tracing is a critical tool in the effort to combat COVID-19;  
**WHEREAS**, the effectiveness of contact tracing depends on widespread participation;  
**WHEREAS**, that participation relies on community trust;  
**WHEREAS**, contact tracing asks the public to disclose intimate details of their lives such as health and location information and associations;  
**WHEREAS**, if individuals believe that sensitive data will not remain confidential, protected, and safe, they will not participate;  
**WHEREAS**, communities of color will be disproportionately impacted if law enforcement can access and weaponize contact tracing data;  
**WHEREAS**, A.10500-A/S.8450-A sponsored by Assemblyman Richard Gottfried and Senator Gustavo Rivera would ensure law enforcement and ICE will not have access to information collected through contact tracing; and  
**WHEREAS**, the legislation would prevent any law enforcement agent or entity or immigration authority from becoming contact tracers; and  
**WHEREAS**, the bill would ensure that personal contact tracing data “shall not be subject to or provided in response to any legal process or be admissible for any purpose in any judicial or administrative action or proceeding;” and  
**WHEREAS**, A.10500-A/S.8450-A mandates that all collected data must be expunged or de-identified within 30 days of receiving said information; and  
**WHEREAS**, the legislation defines de-identification robustly;  
**WHEREAS**, participation in contact tracing under A.10500-A/S.8450-A remains voluntary;  
**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Community Board 8 Manhattan calls on the State Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign A.10500-A/S.8450-A, legislation that would establish privacy protections for COVID-19 contact tracing programs.

## **PASSED by a vote of 12-0-0**

**In Favor:** Bores, Camp, Chu, Correia, Dangoor, Johnson, Malik, Price, Rudder, Spagnoletti, Squire, Tamayo

## **2B**

**WHEREAS**, contact tracing is a critical tool in the effort to combat COVID-19;  
**WHEREAS**, the effectiveness of contact tracing depends on widespread participation;  
**WHEREAS**, that participation relies on community trust;  
**WHEREAS**, contact tracing asks the public to disclose intimate details of their lives such as health and location information and associations;  
**WHEREAS**, if individuals believe that sensitive data will not remain confidential, protected, and safe, they will not participate;  
**WHEREAS**, data collected through contact tracing is likely to be maintained electronically;  
**WHEREAS**, digital databases can be subject to inadvertent disclosure and malicious hacking;  
**WHEREAS**, it is important that the public have the highest confidence that electronically-stored data collected through contact tracing be maintained securely; and  
**WHEREAS**, an independent data security expert can most reliably assess the methods for storing electronic contact tracing data securely and make recommendations regarding same;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Community Board 8 Manhattan calls upon state and local governments maintaining electronic contact tracing data to allow an independent data security expert to assess the methods used for such electronic data storage and to make recommendations, if any, for improvements to such methods.

**PASSED by a vote of 7-2-2**

**In Favor:** Chu, Correia, Dangoor, Malik, Price, Squire, Tamayo

**Opposed:** Johnson, Spagnoletti

**Abstained:** Bores, Camp

## 2C

**WHEREAS**, contact tracing is a critical tool in the effort to combat COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, the effectiveness of contact tracing depends on widespread participation;

**WHEREAS**, that participation relies on community trust;

**WHEREAS**, contact tracing asks the public to disclose intimate details of their lives such as health and location information and associations;

**WHEREAS**, if individuals believe that sensitive data will not remain confidential, protected, and safe, they will not participate;

**WHEREAS**, notwithstanding confidentiality protections that may be in place at the state and local levels for contact tracing information collected by state and local governments, federal government agencies or authorities may attempt to gain access to such contact tracing information; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government may institute a contact tracing program of its own, including without limitation coordination among various state and local contact tracing programs;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Community Board 8 Manhattan calls upon the U.S. Congress to pass and the President to sign legislation that will protect the confidentiality of information collected through contact tracing through methods similar to those provided for by a bill in the New York state legislature, A.10500-A/S.8450-A; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Community Board 8 Manhattan calls for such federal legislation to protect the confidentiality of contact tracing information collected by federal, state, and local authorities.

**PASSED by a vote of 10-0-1**

**In Favor:** Bores, Camp, Chu, Correia, Dangoor, Johnson, Price, Spagnoletti, Squire, Tamayo

**Abstained:** Malik

### Item 3 - Old Business

There was no old business.

### Item 4 - New Business

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.

*Lori Bores, Rebecca Dangoor, and Barbara Rudder,  
Co-Chairs of Health, Seniors, and Social Services  
Cos Spagnoletti and Russell Squire,  
Co-Chairs of Environment and Sanitation Committee*