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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Housing Committee
Wednesday, March 24, 2021 - 6:30 PM
This meeting was conducted via Zoom**

MINUTES:

Co-Chairs Barbara Chocky and Gregory Morris welcomed attendees to the meeting. Ms. Chocky shared that co-chair Ed Hartzog would join at a later point in the meeting.

Will Brightbill provided an overview of the meeting format and participation expectations.

1. Presentation by Jessica Katz, Executive Director of Citizens Housing and Planning Council on the NYC Planning, *"Net Changes in Housing Units 2010-2020 Report"*

Mr. Morris welcomed Jessica Katz, Executive Director of Citizens Housing and Planning Council (CHPC) who was prepared to provide a presentation on housing and housing development. She extended her thanks to the Committee for their service before launching. The highlights of the presentation includes the following:

- In New York City, the job base grows faster than the housing stock. That has grown dramatically since 2010.
- The presentation compared a number of data points: Upper East Side (CB8), Upper West Side (CB7), East Harlem (CB11), NYC (overall), and Manhattan.
- The presentation included data on home ownership, poverty, demographics, income, median rent, number of subsidized properties, and life expectancy.
- She presented a number of discussion questions: Housing challenges, goals for the future, opportunities to achieve those goals, and tradeoffs involved in those goals.

Ms. Price asked about the number of subsidized buildings in the CB8. Ms. Katz committed to providing exact numbers.

Ms. Popper asked about vacancy rates. Ms. Katz shared that the data would be available late this year.

Ms. Selway asked about construction and vacancies and the value of the work of CHPC. Ms. Katz encouraged the committee to think about how it weighs out its responses to plans for development in CB8 to maximize the number of affordable units.

Ms. Katz provided detail about how housing units are recorded.

Ms. Price wanted to know at what income level was the most need for housing. Ms. Katz noted the rezoning of Soho as an interesting model for building housing at both high and low income levels.

Ms. Katz reminded the committee to think about tradeoffs- and applauded CB8 for its openness to the Safe Haven.

2. OLD BUSINESS

There was no new information to report on Part L of the New York State Executive Budget FY 2022.

Ms. Chocky noted the difference between federal and state tenant eviction moratorium deadlines.

3. NEW BUSINESS

The Midtown South Coalition on Homelessness and Housing has reached out to engage with the committee. We will provide additional detail.

Ms. Chocky provided a brief overview of tenant issues at Normandie Court that are jeopardizing the housing of 80 families. Elected officials and representatives from CB8 joined a call with tenants recently to understand the issue. A letter was submitted to the development to fight for the affected tenants.

Ms. Popper advocated for a specific approach to respond to the issue.

Seeing as there were no additional items on the agenda, Ms. Popper called for the meeting to be adjourned. This motion was seconded.