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**The City of New York  
Community Board 8 Manhattan  
Roosevelt Island Committee  
June 16, 2022 at 6:30 pm  
This meeting was conducted via Zoom.**

**CB8 Members Present:** Sharon Pope-Marshall, Paul Krikler, Lynne Strong Shinozaki

**1. Presentation by Carlos Chavez, Manager of Roosevelt Island Public Library**

- Part of book giveaway totalling 500,000 books in Manhattan, Brooklyn and The Bronx
- Summer Learning series with a kick off music concert
- Programmes for all ages including on the new outdoor plaza

**2. Redistricting.** Agreement over desire for Roosevelt Island to remain part of Manhattan politically, as described in the text below. This text is being circulated widely on Roosevelt Island.

“The Districting Commission is now working on rebalancing Council District populations based on the 2020 Census. Roosevelt Island is part of District 5 in Manhattan along with much of the Upper East Side. Our district will have to reduce its population by approximately 4,000-9,000 people.

There has been a suggestion by some members of the district that Roosevelt Island be moved into District 26 in western Queens. We believe this to be capricious and without appropriate and due consideration. From its inception Roosevelt Island has been a part of Manhattan - to move any part of our Governance would be detrimental to our community.

Please write an email to [PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov](mailto:PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov) giving your views.

- The original purposeful intent was that Roosevelt Island be always considered a part of Manhattan. Roosevelt Island was Created to be a Manhattan Utopian Community by Mayor Lindsay.
- Roosevelt Islanders pay property taxes in Manhattan.
- Roosevelt Island schools are in DOE District 2 in Manhattan.
- Area code for Roosevelt Islanders was 212 not 718.
- Zip Code for Roosevelt Island is 10044, a Manhattan zip code.
- The MTA considers Roosevelt Island part of Manhattan.
- Included as part of the flat rate taxi fare as Manhattan
- Part of Manhattan Public Library System. Queens is separate.

Most importantly, for over 50 years the people who live on Roosevelt Island identify themselves as Manhattanites.”

**3. Dog Issues.** Further discussion of dog issues on Roosevelt Island. Full Board approved resolution for a round table. Letter to be sent to Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation.

**4. Business Corridor.** Local businesses to present at meetings after the summer.

**5. Health Forum.** Rep. Maloney hosting a Health Forum for Roosevelt Island to discuss needs here with loss of medical care. Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 10pm at Cornell Tech.

**6. Old Business.** Resolution for Dog Round Table passed by Full Board.

**7. New Business.** Second Oonepod (Bike Storage) presentation next month

**Paul Krikler and Lynne Strong-Shinozaki, Co-Chairs**