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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Social Justice Committee
Monday, July 25, 2022 – 6:30PM
*This meeting was conducted via Zoom***

MINUTES

CB8 Members Present: Erica Bersin (Public Member), Sarah Chu, Saundrea I. Coleman, Billy Freeland, Wendy Machaver (Public Member), Rita Popper

1. Domestic Violence:

- a) The following resources were shared during the meeting
 - i) Articles about domestic violence survivors who fought back against the person who abused them
 - (1) [Tracy McCarter](#)
 - (2) [Nikki Addimando](#)
 - ii) Resources for Domestic Violence Survivors
 - (1) [Sanctuary For Families](#)
 - (2) [Women in Need \(WIN\) NYC](#)
 - (3) National Domestic Violence Hotline (Operates 24/7)
 - (a) 800-799-7233
 - (4) National Domestic Violence Number
 - (a) The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is a United States-based suicide prevention network of over 160 crisis centers that provides 24/7 service via a toll-free hotline with the number 9-8-8. It is available to anyone in suicidal crisis or emotional distress.
 - (5) [NY SAFE Act](#)
 - iii) Data and Education
 - (1) [Girls Health Ed](#)
 - (a) This organization is a nonprofit organization that goes into schools and community centers to share information about healthy relationships and consent. They would like to expand into schools and centers in CB8.
 - (2) United States Department of Justice [Criminal Victimization Data](#) from 2018
 - (3) CDC [Data on Racial and Ethnic Differences in Homicides of Adult Women and the Role of Intimate Partner Violence](#) from 2003-2014
 - (4) NIH [Data on The Prevalence of Mental Health Disorders in a Community Sample of Female Victims of Intimate Partner Violence](#)
- b) The following is a summary of the discussion
 - i) This meeting topic was selected in response to the [death of Azsia Johnson](#), a young mother who was shot in Community District 8 while walking with her three-month old daughter in a stroller. Ms. Johnson was a domestic violence survivor and was living at a shelter for domestic violence survivors when she was killed, and police suspect that this may have been a domestic violence incident.
 - ii) Community members shared stories about their experiences as domestic violence survivors or how they've seen this occur within their neighborhoods, buildings, or close networks. The conversation reiterated that domestic violence can occur regardless of socioeconomic status, gender identity, and sexual orientation.
 - iii) A lot of cases a community member observed through Court watch were domestic violence cases. Domestic violence can render people homeless, jobless, and impacts their custody of their children.

- iv) Parvita Sing of Girls Health Ed, a nonprofit organization that educates girls about healthy relationships, answered some questions from the community. A community member recommended that the organization also reach private schools and parochial schools, as well as educating young men.

2. Old Business - None

3. New Business - None

This meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm

Saundrea I. Coleman and Sarah Chu, Co-Chairs