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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Vendor Committee
November 28, 2022 – 6:30 PM
Conducted Remotely on Zoom**

Board Members Present: Michele Birnbaum, Valerie Mason, Monica McKane Sanchez*, Barbara Rudder, and Marco Tamayo,

***Public Member**

Item 1: Update on current Vendor bills [Intro 116](#), [S 1175—B](#), [Local Law 18](#)

Item 2: A community discussion of the on-going effects of street vending as it pertains to quality- of-life concerns. Constituents are invited to inform the Co-chairs of vendors in specific locations that they believe to be non-compliant or who adversely affect their enjoyment of their home or surroundings.

Robin Ostrow reported the Taco Truck on the southwest corner of 69th Street and Second Avenue and repeated her past complaint that the truck stood in the same spot 24/7 and never left to go to its commissary for the required cleaning. Michele Birnbaum offered that Mr. Middleton of the DOH reported to her that he had sent an inspector to the vendor but found no non-compliance. Michele asked that he return and specifically ask about the vendor's commissary information and proof of his attendance. In addition to this non-compliant vendor, these others were discussed which Michele will report to DOHMH and DCAWP: Fruit Stand on the northeast corner of 86th Street and Third Avenue which was removed for rat infestation and now has returned; fruit stand on the northeast corner of 86th Street and Second Avenue and the fruit vendor on the west side of Second Avenue between 64th and 65th Streets.

Tosin Oyewo, a representative of the Street Vendor Project was in attendance and explained the concerns of the street vendors. Our attendees were very sympathetic to the fact that many vendors are exploited by the owners of the cart offering low pay, no personal facilities, no shelter from extreme weather and long hours. Michele urged the Street Vendor Project to encourage their members to be compliant with existing law and be more inclusive and sensitive to the needs of veteran vendors.

As a way of offering solace to Ms. Oyewo, Marco Tamayo offered that, as an architect, he and his builders have to be compliant with the law or face very substantial fines. Everyone must follow the laws that govern their industry.

Item 3: No Old Business was raised

Item 4: No New Business was raised

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Michele Birnbaum and Marco Tamayo, Co-Chairs.