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**The City of New York  
Community Board 8 Manhattan**

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James V. McDonald  
Commissioner  
New York State Department of Health  
Corning Tower Empire State Plaza  
Albany, NY 12237

**RE: Increasing New York State Transparency of Assisted Living Facilities and Nursing Homes**

Dear Commissioner McDonald,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on February 21, 2024, the board unanimously approved the following resolution by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

**WHEREAS** America's population of those aged 65 and older is projected to jump 47% between today and 2050; and

**WHEREAS** a person turning age 65 today has an almost 70% chance of needing long-term care in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS** by at least one estimate, the already high cost of care from a home health aide, assisted living facility or nursing home, is estimated to leap a median 30% between 2021 and 2030 alone; and

**WHEREAS** public information on the quality of care in assisted living facilities and nursing homes remains sparse, toughening the job of individuals and families to make an informed choice of care facility—despite centers' high costs; and

**WHEREAS** information—including ownership, care services, and problem areas—is even less available with assisted living centers than with nursing homes; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8 Manhattan urges the New York State Department of Health to increase transparency of New York State's assisted living facilities and nursing homes. For each facility, actions should include creating publicly available, internet-accessible information that is comparable among similar facilities in New York State. Information would include, but not be limited to the ownership of such facilities; the quality of their care, including the proportion of registered nurses per care recipient in nursing homes, and times doctors are on call at assisted living facilities; details of complaints about care facilities; and, full reports on all investigations of these care centers.

Sincerely,

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Co-Chairs, Women & Families Committee

*Rebecca Dangoor, Wilma Johnson, and Barbara Rudder*  
Co-Chairs, Health, Seniors, and Social Services Committee

cc: Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of New York State  
Honorable Eric Adams, Mayor of the City of New York

Honorable Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President  
Honorable Jerry Nadler, 12th Congressional District Representative  
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28th Senatorial District  
Honorable José M. Serrano, NYS Senator, 29th Senatorial District  
Honorable Edward Gibbs, NYS Assembly Member 68th Assembly District  
Honorable Alex Boses, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District  
Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member 76th Assembly District  
Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District  
Honorable Julie Menin, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District  
Honorable Diana Ayala, NYC Council Member, 8th Council District