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Carlo Scissura, Chair
Charter Revision Commission
City Hall
New York, NY 10001

Re: Units of Appropriation

Dear Chair Scissura,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on Wednesday, July 17, 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, CB8M is concerned that the charter revision process this year is too rushed and has not provided sufficient opportunity for public input; and

WHEREAS, units of appropriation (corresponding in lay terms more or less to line items) in New York City budget legislation are usually too large and undifferentiated; and

WHEREAS, units of appropriation often do not specify funding amounts for specific programs and agencies; and

WHEREAS, the New York City Charter should be revised to require more specificity regarding units of appropriation in budget legislation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB8M recommends that the Charter Revision Commission approve a ballot initiative to amend the New York City Charter to require more specific units of appropriation in budget legislation, including a separate unit of appropriation for each city agency with an operating budget over \$2 million.

Please advise our office of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Charter Revision Task Force Co-Chairs

cc: Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of New York
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 Bores, 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