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

**Re: Civilian Complaint Review Board budget**

Dear Chair Scissura,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, the board approved the following resolution by a vote of 27 in favor, 5 opposed, 3 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**, the budget for the Civilian Complaint Review Board should be determined in the same manner as the budgets for other city agencies, through laws passed by the New York City Council and approved or vetoed by the Mayor of New York City, in accordance with those officials' respective judgment; and

**WHEREAS**, regardless of whether one thinks the current budget of either the Civilian Complaint Review Board should be raised or lowered, or whether the budget of the New York Police Department should be raised or lowered, the budgets for those two entities should not be linked by a mandated funding percentage specified in the New York City Charter;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that CB8M opposes revising the New York City Charter to require that the Civilian Complaint Review Board budget should be a fixed percentage of the budget of the New York Police Department or otherwise raised or lowered in direct proportion to the New York Police Department budget.

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

Sincerely,

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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 Bore, 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