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

Re: Threshold contract amount for public hearings

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, the current threshold for public hearings related to New York City contracts is \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, CB8M supports transparency and public input in decision-making regarding whether New York City should enter into large contracts; and

WHEREAS, CB8M is concerned that any reduction in public hearings in connection with New York City contracts would diminish transparency and increase the potential for waste, fraud, and abuse;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB8M opposes any increase in the threshold contract amount for public hearings to be held on New York City contracts.

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