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

Re: Procurement Policy Board (PPB)

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, for many years, New York City has been notorious for being extremely late in making payments to vendors with which it does business; and

WHEREAS, extensive delays in payment by New York City have a detrimental impact on the businesses to whom payment is due; and

WHEREAS, many of these vendors are small businesses that are vital to the fabric and economic health of New York City, and for whom the delays in payment are particularly deleterious and jeopardize their ability to continue to operate; and

WHEREAS, because New York City is a governmental entity, vendors to whom New York City owes money may have less recourse against the city than they would have against non-governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, there is no reason that New York City should not be able to pay its obligations in a timely manner, and the failure to do so reflects poorly on New York City, is inconsistent with the proper role of the city as being worthy and exemplary of the trust of its people, and is unbecoming of a city that prides itself on being a global economic hub; and

WHEREAS, the New York City Charter allows, but does not require, the Procurement Policy Board (PPB) to make rules that would require New York City to pay its vendors in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the PPB has not made such rules;

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 the PPB to make rules that would require New York City to pay its vendors in a timely manner.

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