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

April 21, 2025

Honorable Mayor Eric Adams  
Mayor of New York City  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

Honorable Adrienne E. Adams  
Speaker of the New York City Council  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

**RE: Calling on City, Borough, and Elected Officials for more financial resources for rat mitigation in the annual budget for integrative work between city agencies.**

Dear Mayor Adams and Speaker Adams,

At the Full Board Meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on April 16, 2025, the board unanimously approved the following resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause:

**WHEREAS** the rat problem continues to be a major, persisting issue in Manhattan's Community District 8 and;

**WHEREAS** rat mitigation is an issue that requires collaboration across city agencies to solve effectively and;

**WHEREAS** City Council Member Julie Menin utilized her resources to help mitigate the problem, however, the need continues to be tremendous and;

**WHEREAS** increased rat mitigation requires more funding from all offices;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that CB8 requests more financial resources for rat mitigation from City, Borough, and Elected Officials in the annual budget for integrative work between city agencies.

Please advise this office of any action taken regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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Co-Chairs, Sanitation and Environment Committee

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cc: Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of New York State  
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  
Kathleen Corradi, Director of Rodent Mitigation, New York City Mayor's Office  
Martha Vernazza, Health Department Trainer, New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene