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

February 26, 2025

Hon. Eric Adams
Mayor of New York
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

RE: Calling on New York City to implement or restore a mental health program that integrates licensed, trained social workers within the NYPD to assist patrol officers in responding to individuals in crisis.

Dear Mayor Adams,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on February 19, 2025, the board approved the following resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

WHEREAS the NYPD's division focused on Homeless Outreach has been dissolved, and;

WHEREAS there is a staffing shortage at the NYPD, and;

WHEREAS trained social workers can assist patrol officers to deal with many issues; then;

BE IT RESOLVED Community Board 8 Manhattan urges the City to implement or restore a mental health program that integrates licensed social workers within the NYPD to assist patrol officers in responding to individuals in crises, such as by providing specialized support for mental health, substance abuse, domestic abuse, homelessness, or other crises not mentioned, all while improving the quality of life and promoting a more effective community.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Co-Chairs, Health, Seniors, & Social Services Committee

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 Jerrold 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
Neil Zuber, NYPD Deputy Inspector of the 19th Precinct
Timothy Magliente, NYPD Captain of the 22nd/Central Park Precinct