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

May 23, 2025

Hon. Kathy Hochul  
Governor of New York  
NYS State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

Hon. Carl E. Heastie  
Speaker of the New York State Assembly  
Legislative Office Building 932  
Albany, NY 12248

Hon. Andrea Stewart-Cousins  
New York State Senate Majority Leader  
172 State Street, Capitol Building, Room 330  
Albany, NY 12247

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

Hon. Adrienne E. Adams  
Speaker, New York City Council  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

**RE: Emergency plan to protect services for older adults and the disabled in the event of any budget cuts**

Dear Governor Hochul, Speaker Heastie, State Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, Mayor Adams, and Speaker Adams,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on May 21, 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** any cuts to Medicaid from the federal government will affect the ability of the State and City to provide proper care to its citizens;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** Community Board 8 Manhattan implores our City and State elected offices to implement an emergency plan to protect services for older adults and the disabled in the event of federal or state budget reductions.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

*Valerie S. Mason*

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*Barbara Rudder and Wilma Johnson*

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

cc: 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, 8<sup>th</sup> Council District  
Sarah Daly, Director of Government Affairs, LeadingAge New York  
Madison Ayala, Government Affairs Director, NYC Department of Aging