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The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Health, Seniors, and Social Services Committee
Thursday, October 16, 2025 – 6:30pm
This meeting was conducted via Zoom

Please note: The resolution contained in the committee minutes are recommendations submitted by the committee co-chairs to the Community Board. At the monthly full board meeting, the resolution is discussed and voted upon by all members of Community Board 8 Manhattan.

Resolution for Approval:

Item 1: Community Board 8 Manhattan urges the New York State Legislature to fund the Master Plan for Aging proposals.

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Elizabeth Ashby, Barbara Rudder, and Dayne Slay

Approximate Number of Public Attendees: 5

Item 1: Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Chair of the NYS Committee on Aging will discuss the NYS Master Plan on Aging.

Dylan Klein, Legislative Aide to Assemblywoman Rebecca Seawright, presented the New York State's Masterplan for Aging, a blueprint of nine pillars to address the growing needs of our aging population. This plan is particularly important for our community because it is one of the fastest growing senior districts in New York City. Throughout the Master Plan on Aging (MPA) process, more than 100 proposals were developed by many stakeholders. These proposals fell into nine pillars, which are Affordability of Basic Needs, Caregiving, Workforce and Community-Based Services, Combating Elder Abuse, Ageism, Ableism and Stigma, Financial Sustainability of Services and Providers, Housing, Prevention, Serving Historically Underserved Communities, Social Engagement, and Technology. Each of these pillars will help our district's older adult community to live healthier and more independent lives. While at this time, the New York State has not funded most of the proposals, and it is uncertain how federal cuts will affect funding.

Therefore, the committee passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS Community Board 8 Manhattan district has the fastest growing senior population; and

WHEREAS The New York State Master Plan for Aging will address the needs of older adults s quality of life; and

WHEREAS New York State needs funding for this proposal to be implemented;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Community Board 8 Manhattan urges the NYS Legislature to fund the Master Plan for Aging proposals.

Board Members Vote: ADOPTED by a vote of 3-0-0

Yes: Elizabeth Ashby, Barbara Ruder, and Dayne Shay

Item 2: Presentation from DOROT on the programs they offer to the Older Adults in the CB8 community.

Julia Kessler-Hollar, is a Senior Program Officer, Supportive Services at DOROT, a vibrant intergenerational community organization committed to creating meaningful social connections for older adults. She gave an overview of the various programs our district, explained the services provided, and the volunteer opportunities. The information will be available on our website.

Item 3: Old Business – None discussed.

Item 4: New Business – None discussed.

The meeting ended at approximately 7:39 pm.

Wilma Johnson and Barbara Rudder, Co-Chairs