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

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RESOLUTION: Hybrid Meetings

At the October 18, 2023, Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan, the board **approved** the following resolution by a vote of **40 in favor, 2 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause**:

WHEREAS the New York State Opens Meetings Law (to which all Community Board meetings are subject) was amended on April 9, 2022; and

WHEREAS the New York Charter mandates Community Boards hold a Full Board meeting in all months except July and August, and both the Full Board and Land Use Committee meetings are mandatory attendance for all members; and

WHEREAS the new provisions permit modified hybrid meetings in which there is a quorum of board members present at one or more specific in-person locations or participating virtually with a qualified disability; and

WHEREAS the in-person locations are able to provide for attendance by the public; and

WHEREAS board members are expected to participate in-person unless they are experiencing extraordinary circumstances such as disability, illness, caregiving responsibilities, severe inclement weather, or any other significant or unexpected factor which precludes the member's physical presence at such meeting; and

WHEREAS where a member attends virtually, the name and specific reasons for virtual attendance be noted in the board minutes; and

WHEREAS any members participating virtually cannot be counted toward quorum; and

WHEREAS the member appearing virtually must at all times be continually visible on video with identification; and

WHEREAS a hybrid meeting provides for the public to attend remotely and participate in the public session as those members of the public attending in person; and

WHEREAS a hybrid meeting will utilize technology to permit access by members of the public with disabilities consistent with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as amended, and corresponding guidelines; and

WHEREAS notices of hybrid meetings will be identified as such, in addition to listing the physical location(s) where the public can attend, and will provide information as to how the public can participate virtually. The notice will also state where members of the public can locate documents relevant to the matters to be considered at the meeting; and

WHEREAS the minutes of hybrid meeting will be posted within the time set forth in Sec. 106 of the POL, (two weeks) and that a transcript of the meeting will be available on request; and

WHEREAS the in-person attendance requirements will not apply during a declared disaster emergency by the state or the city;

WHEREAS on June 15, 2022, Community Board 8 Manhattan voted unanimously to hold hybrid Full Board and Land Use meetings;

WHEREAS Community Board 8 Manhattan continues to see a public benefit and value in having the option for virtual participation by members of the public as well as for board members in extenuating circumstances;

WHEREAS some members of the public and Board members have accessibility and health reasons that do not permit them to attend Full Board and Land Use meetings in person;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Community Board 8 Manhattan will move to extend hybrid Full Board and Land Use Committee meetings indefinitely, with a strong preference for Board members and elected officials to attend full board meetings in person.