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**Executive Committee**  
**Thursday, October 12th, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Bonifacio Senior Center**  
**7 East 116<sup>th</sup> Street**

**\*\*\* MINUTES \*\*\***

- Present: Jose Altamirano, Diane Collier(Board Chair), Holley Drakeford, Judith Febbraro, David Giordano, Emily Grajales, La Shawn Henry, Frances Mastrota, Debbie Quiñones, Xavier Santiago
- Excused: Adem Brija, Marissa Mack, Candy Vives-Vasquez Jeremiah Schlotman, Shantal Sparks
- Guests: Noel Alicea, Metropolitan Hospital, Lucian Reynolds MBPO

1. Meeting began at 7:20P and Chair asked for motion to change and adopt new agenda. Motion to approve made by Lashawn Henry and seconded by Holley Drakeford.

2. Discussions & Presentations

- Status on Full Board meeting minutes

SLA, Housing, Events, Elections and Health had been forwarded to the District Manager. All others are due by Monday, October 16th at 6PM. Minutes not forwarded by the Monday deadline will not be included. The reports will be presented at next month's full board.

- Manhattan Borough President Resolution Int799A and Int 1472

Lucian Reynolds presented MBPO's resolution for support on Int 799A: a local law in relation to the commercial rent tax (CRT) and Int 1472 a local law in relation to exempting certain grocery stores from the commercial rent tax. The City of New York imposes a tax on the rent paid by a tenant in commercial space south of 96th Street in Manhattan and north of Murray Street where the annual rent exceeds \$250,000. Int 799A, sponsored by City Council Member Daniel Garodnick, proposes to raise the threshold for the imposition of the Tax from \$250,000 to \$500,000, and to make certain other amendments to increase certain partial credits and adjustments to the Tax. Int 1472, sponsored by Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer and City Council Member Corey Johnson, is a commercial rent tax (CRT) exemption and resembles the FRESH program's insistence on produce, fresh meats and dairy. Stores that seek the CRT exemption must accept SNAP and WIC, while earning the majority of their revenue from the sale of grocery items. Commercial Rent Tax in these bills would help

to alleviate regressive burden on businesses in the case of 799A some of the city's most expensive neighborhoods and full service supermarkets which are by nature low profit margin operations.

**Motion to support MBPO's resolution made by Xavier Santiago and seconded by Jose Altamirano. Approved unanimously.**

- Noel Alicea –Metropolitan Hospital

At the request of the Board Chair, Noel Alicea came to speak about the grim impact the delay of \$380million Disproportionate Hospital Share (DSH) funds have upon Health and Hospital and most notable those HH facilities in our district, Metropolitan, Henry J. Carter and Harlem. The State has allocated these funds to private operated facilities, but HH has not received funds to date. At this time, the hospitals are contemplating 25% reduction in filling vacancies, delayed vendor payments and continued staff attrition to maintain operations. DSH funds are our facilities' primary means of compensation for providing healthcare to uninsured individuals in our district.

**Mr. Alicea asked the committee to forward letter to the state representatives in support of releasing the DSH funds to HH. Debbie Quiñones made the motion to support and Holley Drakeford seconded. Motion approved unanimously.**

- CB11 Contribution to Puerto Rico Relief

Chair asked the committee for ideas noting that the website is frequently provide updates of drop off locations for supplies and that Congressman Espaillat office has been contacted for FEMA to appear and provide information. Members spoke of fundraiser similar to CB11's previous 116<sup>th</sup> explosion funder, Christmas campaign and advocacy to extend Jones Act. Xavier and Debbie volunteer to research and compose language for a motion on Jones Act by full board Tuesday Oct 17<sup>th</sup>.

- DSNY Update

DSNY forwarded details of increased litter basket pickup on commercial corridors in East Harlem. Xavier read the details which are attached.

- Budget Committee Report

Xavier asked committee chairs to forward their narratives prior to his committee meeting Friday 6pm. Budget priorities to be posted 72 hours before full board as we are holding a public hearing and vote on these Fiscal Year 2019 submissions.

3. Meeting adjourned 8:30P