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Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, November 14, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
Board Office

***** MINUTES *****

Present: Jose Altamirano, Adem Brija, Elsie Encarnacion, Melanee Farrah, David Giordano, Mahfuzur Rahman, Xavier Santiago, Jeremiah Schlotman, Jason Villaneuva, Steven Villanueva, Angel Mescaïn (staff)

Absent: Marissa Mack, Nilsa Orama, Ryan Sheffield (phoned in), Candy Vives-Vasquez

Guests: Jessica Elliot (CB11), Jason Wu (CB11)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Xavier A. Santiago at 6:38 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Quorum was achieved at 6:46 pm. Motion to adopt the agenda by Mahfuzur Rahman, Seconded by Melanee Farrah and passed unanimously.

3. Discussions & Presentations

a. Proposed CB11 Inter-Committee Projects spreadsheet.

Jessica Elliot presented her inter-committee spreadsheet for committees to utilize when working on different projects. Committees will be able to experiment and refine the spreadsheet over the coming months. Land Use and Housing will start experimenting with the spreadsheet. In addition, Youth & Education, Housing and Human services will try utilizing the spreadsheet with their work on the Youth Symposium. The link will be shared with our board in a separate email. Thank you for the work Jessica.

b. District Manager Report

Angel Mescaïn gave a demonstration of the Team Drive and how it can function as a "sandbox" for the community board. The membership will have access if they possess a Gmail email address. This allows for the community board to work virtually in building out materials for our projects. He did remind the committee that it will not be managed by

the staff but if we desire them to look at something, they will do so. Please note: if you do not have a Gmail email address, one can be assigned to you. Contact the office for details.

Angel Mescaín presented the new poster and layout for advertising and promotion of our community board. In general, the committee approved the poster. There was discussion about the logo on the poster given that it consisted entirely of buildings. Some discussion occurred about creating a youth contest to create the new seal. In the meantime, the committee will reach out to Isaac Scott and other members who have backgrounds in the visual arts. After some minor discussion, the committee was pleased to have the materials printed and during the second printing, we would be able to address the logo.

Angel Mescaín discussed the issues arising with our committee liaisons. As certain committees have shifted their internal processes, some members require reminding of those changes in order to prevent confusion with implementation of committee preparation. Please kindly remind your committee members of these changes. Of further note: some members have registered complaints of receiving too many emails with board information. Other members desire as much information as possible. Angel expressed that as board members, we are required to receive and review information affecting our community, borough and city. Angel recommended establishing a separate email or creating a filter for board related matters. Several members on the committee offered to explain how to create an email filter and are welcomed to come to the board office to receive help. Our goal remains to be as productive as possible.

c. Committee Chair Reports (for full details please review individual committee reports.)

- SDN & Budget - Jason Villanueva requested that all the chairs reach out to the city agencies with their requests to get ahead of next year's requests as well as track our current and past ones.
- Licenses and Permits – Adem Brija explained that they changed their review and approval process for permits and licensing. Please see committee minutes for details.
- Economic Development & Culture – Melanee Farrah brought up the 125th Street Task Force. The committee would like to request additional information as it is an external taskforce compromising the CB and other groups. The committee would like to deliver regular updates. Next month, the committee will host their meeting at El Museo del Barrio. The committees discussed creating joint committee meetings for the future. Please see December's agenda online for any updates.
- Youth & Education – David Giordano discussed the Youth Symposium and how the three committees will work together to help our youth. They talked about spreading the word about Union Settlements' bike program which will focus on our youth, especially those in NYCHA. They also addressed the goals of the committee for the coming year.
- Human Services – Elsie Encarnacion reviewed presentations regarding the oversaturation of sites for substance use and needle pickups (The Greater Harlem Coalition). They discussed the need for a larger budget as they service our neighborhood and it is usually one or two workers. The committee is considering dropping the Spirit of Service Event and they are considering a new event for the funds they receive from CM Kallos. Harlem Yes Women of Color and the State of AIDS Forum for November 30th.

- ESOP – Ryan Sheffield (via phone) gave updates on the Ward’s Island Waterway. Working on a grant for Randall’s Island. Please see minutes for further details.
- Public Safety – Jose Altamirano had no meeting as they lacked quorum. Next meeting, they will address the insta-cart problem to address the issue with the business. Angel Mescaín mentioned DOT’s removal of the pedestrian walkway on Third Avenue between 128th and 129th. They will be scheduling meetings. MTA has begun a project for a ramp to access the Harlem River drive which will free up space for a park in the old location of the existing ramp.
- Housing Committee - Jeremiah Schlotman discussed Local Law 64 and the unintentional fallout from HPD’s interpretation of the law. The current law ensnared HDFCs in such a way that they would be required to pay fees and register. He gave a simple breakdown of the presentation from CM Kallos’ legal director Wilfredo Lopez. Both CM Levine and Kallos presented amendments to fix the law so that HDFCs are not impacted by the law. These amendments will be voted upon in the beginning of 2020.
- Land Use – Steven Villanueva discussed George Janes’ presentation of the lots owned by the Durst Organization (see minutes) and the layout of the lots and how they might be incorporated in a new design. Angel Mescaín addressed the MTA and the MetroNorth Station so as to add another entrance to the station. Hope Community presented to the committee. Hope owns a few properties adjacent to the lots. Hope presented a sole source possibility. The committee discussed affordability and how not to concentrate poverty. Steven mentioned the precedence that our guidelines are included with our letter of support. The committee reviewed the map to further the conversation. If Hope acquires the lot, ULURP will be triggered. Steven would like all the notes from other committees related to this matter. Jose Altamirano raised a point that we should consider parking needs as we go forward with the rezoning developments. (see Land Use minutes for full details)

d. Review of draft agenda for upcoming Full Board

The committee reviewed the draft with no major issues to report except for layout of order of business.

The Executive Committee would like to bring a more productive meeting to the floor. Often times, the representatives of our elected officials tend to take more than three minutes to address the board and the public. Discussion revolved around continuing this practice or placing their portion to the end of the meeting; however, if the actual elected official were to appear, they would be afforded the time to speak. Questions were raised to what would be necessary to adjust the agenda. It was recommended to review our by-laws (Article VI – Agenda), which dictate the orders of the day. The Executive Committee decided to table the issue until December and maintain it as a rolling agenda item. The committee will communicate to the elected officials and notify them that the board is considering changing our agenda and they encourage all the elected officials to attend.

e. NYPD Transit Police arrest of candy seller at 125th Street (4/5/6 Trains)

Last Tuesday November 12th at approximately 7:00pm, a young man was arrested for selling candy on the uptown platform at the 125th Street Station in East Harlem. Members expressed their concerns about maintaining a framework for process for executing resolutions and the like so that it represents the entire community. Others expressed their

concerns about unfair police practices and how that is juxtaposed to our budgetary requests for more police. Questions arose as to why the 500 additional officers are necessary for the MTA for “quality of life issues” when they could be allocated for de-escalation training. Questions with the resolution were raised if this is where it ends. It was explained that there is a multi-track approach: resolution, committee engagement, action. The committee liked the resolution model presented by Jason Wu and many would like to see it replicated for the future. It was agreed that problems arise which require a rapid response from the community board and that the Executive Committee is the appropriate committee to handle such tasks. All members agreed that these issues with NYPD are becoming a problem and each member shared their personal stories and concerns. A general consensus was that police should be based here and more focused on de-escalation training and engagement.

The committee discussed creating a Community Policing Guideline. Public Safety & Transportation will take on this task and revert back to the Executive Committee.

f. NYC Share

During the meeting, Executive Committee discussed the issues raised by ShareNYC and how that will fit into our development needs in relation to affordable housing and homelessness. These developments are focused toward co-living among various entry level professionals. The site located in East Harlem has left questions open as to what demographic it will focus on. Housing Committee will discuss during December’s meeting and coordinate a joint meeting/walk-through of the location with our partners in Land Use.

g. Full Board Meetings – “New Business Proposal”

The committee discussed the new form created by Jenny Tromski. In light of the confusion during the New Business section. Jenny created the form to serve as a hot sheet for the membership to reference when New Business is raised to the whole body. Some members expressed concern about motions being raised from the floor and that it can derail the meeting. The committee was reminded that any member can raise a motion from the floor but that this form seeks to streamline the process. The form will also assist those committees that lack quorum to vote on an action item. The committee discussed and concurred that the form would work best if the action was presented to the relevant committee. If that committee failed to achieve quorum, the action item along with the completed form would be presented to Executive Committee. If the committee did not have quorum or the necessary conditional items for a vote, the form would go to the Full Board. Upon the New Business section, the relevant committee chair would explain the process and the action item so that the body is clear on the process and what they are voting for/against. The form would be submitted to the Full Board for review 72 hours before Full Board.

In regard to individual members presenting action items, the committee concluded that the presenting board member should come before the committee to explain their action item. The form should be filled out and presented to the committee 72 hours in advance of the meeting. This rule may be waived for urgent items requiring a rapid response on behalf of the board and community. This process will ideally go into effect starting from December.

Proposed by Jenny Tromski: Full Board Meetings - "New Business" proposals

CB11 Board Member One-Page Proposal for Action

Proposing Committee (if any):

Committee Vote (if any):

Presenter/s at Full Board Meeting:

Proposal Type: (What is the action requested - Resolution, Request for Information, etc.)

Proposal:

Benefits: ("Pros" - Short summary on why you are proposing the above.)

Costs: ("Cons" - Frank summary of any community and/or financial impact, or otherwise influence that would be involved if the proposal is passed.)

The benefits of the template are these:

- 1) The proposer would move through the information systematically for the Board, instead of meandering and forgetting crucial parts up front;
- 2) the Board would have concrete language to edit/approve--we always get to this point quite late and without something in front of us, and it's also always the toughest round;
- 3) The Pros/Cons would be laid out in the document itself, which would save the many rounds of teasing those items out via questions/comments from the Board--we could instead hit the ground running.

h. Request for Information – East 125th Street Development Project Task Force

The external task force would consist of certain members from the Executive Committee. Those committee chairs will be asked to report back on the progress on the East 125th Development. It is important that we stay involved as EDC is not being as communicative. The construction site is multi-block that has been in progress for the past twelve years with various periods of stagnation. The area extends from 125th and 127th streets between Second and Third Avenue. The project has changed dramatically since its inception. Parts have been carved out including the Proton Center. The 1 East Harlem is the western most third and will consist 350-400 units of housing and will have a grocery store on the ground floor. However, what remains unclear is the remaining two thirds of the development site. It is organized with a local investment fund to assist local businesses impacted by the development. The funding will come in through phases. As the sites come online, the developer is required to place funds for this purpose. The goal is \$10 million. Everyone who serves on the panel should be bringing information back. A member from the following committees should attend: Economic Development & Culture, Housing and Land Use. Hope Community, CM Ayala, Operation Fightback, Environmental Justice and a few others sit on the Task Force. The project's stagnation caused a slowing of information and progress. As 1 East Harlem is moving forward, the committee will submit this form to CM Ayala's office.

Request for Information to the Executive Committee, to ask Councilmember Ayala's office for the following:

- Full Name of Task Force:
- Date Begun and First Meeting (if different):
- Task Force Mission Statement:
- Task Force Policy Documents: (what definitions are they using for various aspects-- is it the 2008 memo, the Points of Agreement, etc?):
- Task Force Members by Role:
- Current Task Force Members by Name:
- Committee Guidelines/rules (bylaws, or? how is process for Committee members, actions, voting determined):
- Committee Oversight:
- Timeline and (short) details of major actions by the committee since inception:

4. Old Business
5. New Business

- a. Proposed Resolution asking for CB and stakeholder participation in planning for DDC projects.

This item was presented from a fellow community board requesting support from CB11. After a brief discussion, the committee concluded that this item should be placed on the December agendas for all committees. Chairs will bring the notes from those discussions and Executive Committee will decide during December's meeting.

- b. East Harlem Tree Light Funding Request

Unfortunately, Economic Development & Culture did not have quorum. Melanee Farrah discussed that the original request was for \$1,000 but since unforeseen extenuating circumstances, the group was behind in their fundraising. Fellow Board Members, such as Celia Ramirez are assisting the group with finding space to assemble the ornaments. Due to the situation, the members of the Economic Development & Culture Committee were supportive of approving and increasing the amount to \$2,000. After much debate over the merits and setting an undue precedence coupled with the concern of not using all of our discretionary funds, the Executive Committee conditionally approved \$2,000 *for this year only*.

A motion to support was made by Adem Brija and seconded by Steven Villanueva. The motion passed with Jose Altamirano abstaining.

Conditions: The revised form should be submitted, and the Treasurer and District Manager must confirm that the Board is on track with our spending.

- c. Harlem Yes Women of Color and the State of AIDS Forum for November 30th.

Consideration for co-sponsoring and fiscal contribution for the event. Elsie Encarnacion explained that Patricia Martin presented to the Human Services Committee and that in general the committee was very supportive of co-sponsoring. At the time of presentation, estimates were not returned to Patricia. Xavier Santiago relayed the estimated costs as

Patricia was unable to attend due to a regularly scheduled class. The high end of cost would be for \$500 and the low end of \$325 depending on the chosen venue. The funds would go toward the required staff to manage the event at the Museum of the City of New York. Angel Mescaïn explained that we do have funds allocated from CM Ben Kallos that are appropriated for events such as these. A question was raised as to why the committee did not hear the request earlier. It was explained that the SDN & Budget Requests dominated Human Services' agenda in October and thus they couldn't hear the request then. The Executive Committee conditionally approved \$500 for the event.

A motion to support was made by Melanee Farrah and seconded by Jason Villanueva. The motion passed with Jose Altamirano abstaining.

Conditions: The revised form should be submitted, and the Treasurer and District Manager must confirm that the Board is on track with our spending.

d. Resolution Regarding MTA Quality of Life Policing

During the presentations and discussions portion above, the arrest of the candy vendor at the 125th Street Subway Station was raised. Jason Wu presented a resolution (see attached). Much of the discussion addressed above was expressed again. The committee discussed the needs and follow through once the resolution passes. The committee agreed to refine the language of the ask in relation to district needs and DA Cyrus Vance's contributions to this issue. Minor edits for grammar and attention to making it district focused will be reviewed.

A motion to adopt the resolution with the edits made in committee was made by Melanee Farrah and Jason Villanueva seconded and passed with Jose Altamirano opposed.

Note: Angel Mescaïn along with other committee members will review the resolution in the "sandbox", compare the notes and make the edits discussed.

6. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Jason Villanueva and seconded by Adem Brija and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25pm.

Community Board 11 Sponsorship Request Form

Community Board 11 seeks to support various initiatives in the community that align with the goals of the Board, the committees and recommendations from the East Harlem Neighborhood Planning Initiative. Through community engagement, education, development of fairs, forums, town halls, press conferences, receptions and special events, CB11 strives for a progressive neighborhood through the development of enlightening events.

Please fill out and return this form to Community Board 11 one month prior to the date funds are needed. Completed forms will be reviewed by the Executive Committee with District Manager's input and if approved, reviewed for sponsorship level.

Committee Name: **Economic Development, Culture, Tourism**

Date Submitted: 10/12/19

Person submitting form (contact person): Benson Kathy

Last Name, First Name

Phone number: **(917) 453-5391**

Email: kbenson750@gmail.com

Event description. What CB goal does this meet?

"We've reached our 16th year! Accordingly, the theme for this year's East Harlem Holiday Tree is "Sweet 16." In keeping with the theme, local artist and committee member Genevieve Andre will create special decorations for the tree from recycled plastic bottles and repurposed CDs. We will again install the giant illuminated golden crown at the intersection of Third Avenue and 106th Street, and while officers from the 23rd Precinct Community Affairs Unit distribute toys to the younger children, we will give out crowns and tiaras at the tree lighting event at Franklin Plaza on Friday, December 13, 6:30 p.m.

We expect a record turnout again this year, thanks to the continuing efforts of committee member and PR dynamo Aurora Flores. Last year, she managed to secure a feature on ABC's Tiempo with Joe Torre, live

streaming of the event on Fox 5 News, coverage by NYI Noticias, and print coverage in A.M. NY, and the International Herald Tribune.

"Who needs Rockefeller Center when we have this!" exclaim long-time residents, marveling at how the holiday tree project has grown in size and scope from a gathering of few to a citywide happening attracting families, community leaders, educators, businesses, and elected officials {last year we received a special commendation from NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer}.

We could not have done it without the continued help of Community Board 11!

Amount requested: \$1,000

Date needed: 12/1/19

Additional sources of funding: CBOs, Corporations, Individuals (complete list on request)

Are you registered with the office of OMB. Please circle one: Yes (No) (Union Settlement Association, fiscal sponsor for the East Harlem Holiday Tree Committee, is registered.)

If no, please fill out the OMB registration form.

Please attach a detailed budget for your event. The Board will not cover speaker fees, travel, lodging or rental space. We encourage the use of local vendors.

East Harlem Holiday Tree 2019 - Expense Budget

Tree (17' tall) and basic decorating (lights)	Egan Acres Tree Farm	6,500
Insurance	Keelson Partners	600
Holiday street lighting (crown)	Illuminations by Arnold	2,500
Holiday street lighting (2 snowflakes)	Illusions by Arnold	0
Holiday street lighting permits	Illuminations/NYC DOT	150
Holiday street lighting electricity	Con Edison	500
Poster printing	Copykat	400
Marketing	AM NY, Our Town, etc.	1,000
Ornament/ornament workshop supplies	Various	1,500
Ornament storage	Public Storage	2,750
Ornament prep space	TBD	2,000
Photographer	Local	200
Videographer	Local	200
Emcee (V Cruz did not show)	Local	200
Plenarios	Local	500
Singer from La Escuela De Mariachi Angeles De NY	Local	50
Framed certificate for Egan Acres Tree Farm	Local	50
Post-tree lighting reception venue	Local restaurant	1,000
Website expense - hosting, domain name	Wix.com	200
Sound Tech	Local	150
Tiaras 60.92 and crowns 86.40	Amazon, Windy City	450
Capias	Local	600
Generator rental	United Rentals	50
Miscellaneous		
Taxis/vans to/from ornament storage		1,000
Hot chocolate and cups, candy canes		100
Total		22,650

Community Board 11 Financial Sponsorship Request Form

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Internal CB11 Committee

External NGO, Non-Profit, Program

Name of Committee or External Org: HarlemYES, Inc. Date Submitted November 12, 2019

Person submitting form (contact person): Martin

Patricia

Last Name)

(First Name)

Phone number: 917-940-3209

Email: Harlemyes100@gmail.com

Event description: financial support needed for cost associated with securing of venue. What CB goal does this meet? (Additional sheets can be added)

“Women of Color and The State of AIDS” Symposium a two-panel discussion consisting of panel “A: Herstory”: cisgender woman, Transwoman, and lesbian living with AIDS, their experiences and challenges in receiving care...is enough being done? Panel “B” will consist of representatives from providers, advocate agencies and organizations discussing where we are in current treatment options, new strands of HIV (if any), and our quest to eradicate this disease plaguing our communities. Symposium discussions will also focus on the ways AIDS can be transmitted woman to woman, and transmission prevention. Our mission is to highlight the challenges women of color face securing adequate preventive information. At the end of the discussion there will be a Q&A session and resource information will be made available. Even though parts of this discussion will focus on “Woman to Woman” most topics are for all concerned with the still epidemic called HIV/AIDS. The “Women of Color and The State of AIDS” Symposium will address the CB goal to provide education to the East Harlem community.

(\$) Amount requesting: \$500.00

Date needed: November 30, 2019

Additional sources of funding: Amida Care - Gilead Pharmaceuticals

Are you registered with the office of OMB. Please circle one: (Yes) (No X)

If no, please fill out the OMB registration form (attached).

Please attach a detailed budget for your event. The Board will not cover speaker fees, travel, lodging or rental space. We encourage the use of local vendors. (Examine budget prior to submission. Unused/misused requested funds may result in a strict review for future request).

Please note, if funds are awarded, recipients are required to submit the following within **60 days** of the date needed:

1. Pictures from the event.
2. A 250 word minimum write-up about the event, including the number of East Harlem Residents impacted, the location of the event and future ideas generated from the event.
3. Vision and goals for future events.

Women of Color and The State of AIDS Symposium

	FY2019
	Budget
Projected Income	
Corporate Sponsors	\$ 475.00
Community Organizations	\$ 500.00
In-Kind	\$ 1,500.00
Total Projected Income	\$ 2,475.00
EXPENSES	
Consultants	\$ 400.00
Venue	\$ 500.00
Food & beverage	\$ 1,500.00
Printing	\$ 75.00
Total Expenses	\$ 2,475.00

Resolution Regarding MTA Quality of Life Policing - DRAFT

Executive Committee - November 14, 2019

WHEREAS Manhattan Community Board 11 (hereinafter "CB11"), whose primary mission is to advise elected officials and government agencies on matters affecting the social welfare of the district encompassing East Harlem, Randall's Island, and Ward's Island;

WHEREAS in June 2019, Governor Andrew Cuomo announced that 500 uniformed officers will be assigned to subway stations and bus stops to combat fare evasion, homelessness, and other quality of life issues.¹ The Citizens Budget Commission estimates the price tag of this expanded police force patrolling the MTA will cost roughly \$663 million over the next decade.² Manhattan District Attorney Cy Vance said his office will invest \$40 million in this proposal;³

WHEREAS CB11's Statement of District Needs for Fiscal Year 2020 recognizes that the crime rate citywide and in East Harlem has decreased over the past two decades. Similarly, NYPD data indicates that crime in the city's transit system is actually down 1.4 percent year-over-year through September,⁴ and NYPD Chief of Transit Edward Delatorre on November 12, 2019 told MTA board members that overall crime in the subway is down this year, with "declines in nearly all categories of crime" compared to this time last year;⁵

WHEREAS recent incidents over transit policing has generated immense community outrage, including incidents involving: two churro sellers handcuffed by NYPD officers on Brooklyn subway platforms, officers pointing their guns inside a crowded subway car, punching teenagers in the face, and holding up an L train to remove a man seen dozing off on a bench;⁶

WHEREAS on Tuesday November 12, 2019, four officers tackled and handcuffed a young Black subway candy vendor in CB 11's district, with video showing four officers piling on top of the man at the 125th Street station on Lexington Avenue subway station;⁷

WHEREAS Black and Hispanic people made up 84 percent of evasion arrests in Brooklyn, compared to just 12 percent for white people, and East Harlem's community has a similar community demographic.⁸

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<https://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/ny-fare-evasion-mta-cops-cuomo-20190617-43xr7bp55rcrjinipa6n6vcei7m-story.html> and <https://gothamist.com/news/mta-hiring-500-new-cops-fix-quality-life-issues-subway-system> and <https://gothamist.com/news/why-mta-cracking-down-homeless> and

<https://gothamist.com/news/mta-board-members-reconsider-new-subway-cops-what-strategy-here>

² <https://gothamist.com/news/mta-board-members-reconsider-new-subway-cops-what-strategy-here>

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<https://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/ny-fare-evasion-mta-cops-cuomo-20190617-43xr7bp55rcrjinipa6n6vcei7m-story.html> and <https://gothamist.com/news/mta-hiring-500-new-cops-fix-quality-life-issues-subway-system>

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<https://www.amny.com/transit/dispute-over-subway-crime-nypds-top-cop-says-cuomos-wrong-on-dramatic-increase-remark/>

⁵ <https://gothamist.com/news/mta-board-members-reconsider-new-subway-cops-what-strategy-here>

⁶ <https://gothamist.com/news/mta-board-members-reconsider-new-subway-cops-what-strategy-here>

⁷ <https://patch.com/new-york/harlem/video-candy-seller-arrested-harlem-subway-station>

⁸ https://smhttp-ssl-58547.nexcesscdn.net/nycss/images/uploads/pubs/Fare_Evasion_FINAL_10_6_17_smaller.pdf

WHEREAS the annual median household income in East Harlem is \$30,973 which is significantly lower than the median NYC household income of \$53,373--and less than half of the median household income in Manhattan--\$72,871. Of the 98,151 residents age 16 and older in East Harlem, 50.3 percent are either unemployed or not in the labor force. Nearly thirty percent of family incomes in the past 12 months were below the Federal poverty line, the percentages are even higher for youth and seniors (45 and 36 percent respectively); one-third (31 percent) receive food stamps;

WHEREAS East Harlem has one of the highest rates of incarceration in the city: 302 out of every 100,000 adults are in jail, and this high rate has a devastating effect on their individual futures, as well as the larger community, which is three times higher than the citywide average (Community Health Profile 2015);

WHEREAS many individuals in East Harlem have a negative view of the police, and while City officials have stated that stop and frisk is no longer NYPD policy, recent video footage of policing of subway vendors as well as Black youth in Brooklyn and the Bronx has raised serious concerns about how police are making such stops, and whether they are truly motivated by public safety;⁹

WHEREAS adding 500 police officers would increase the MTA's projected operating deficit to over \$1 billion over the next four years and it would be a harmful use of public money, and would be in addition to the more than 2,500 officers that currently patrol the MTA;¹⁰

WHEREAS this proposal is part of a punitive approach to fare enforcement and homelessness that criminalizes low-income New Yorkers – disproportionately New Yorkers of color. And it would exacerbate the criminalization of poor New Yorkers and communities of color who depend on transit every day;

WHEREAS it subjects New Yorkers who can least afford it to hyper-aggressive policing tactics and excessive force - as we recently saw in viral videos where excessive force was used against teenagers in Brooklyn train stations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB11 calls on

1. Governor Cuomo to halt plans to hire 500 new MTA police, and redirect and invest these public dollars back into the community by improving the quality and accessibility of our public transit; and
2. District Attorney Cy Vance to redirect his proposed \$40 million to needed civil reentry programs that work with community groups to provide rehabilitation and other supports to citizens returning from prison; including access to jobs, affordable housing, and education opportunities.

⁹ <https://gothamist.com/news/video-shows-nypd-cops-brazenly-ignoring-stop-and-frisk-reforms>

¹⁰ <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/05/nyregion/mta-police-officers-subway-plan.html>