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## Housing Committee March 6, 2018, 6:00 p.m. Community Board Office

### \*\*\* Minutes \*\*\*

Present: Henry Flores, John Green, Erica Jones (Vice Chair), Xavier Santiago, Jeremiah Schlotman (Chair), Shawn Smith, Angel Mescain (staff)

Excused: La Shawn Henry,

Absent: Emily Grajales, Jean-Pierre Kamwa

Guests: Pilar de Jesus, UJC; Rafael Moure-Pummett, HCJC; Jenny Tromski; Terri Saucer

1. Call to Order – Adoption of Agenda: Henry Flores moved to adopt the agenda at 6:26pm, second by Xavier Santiago, and passed unanimously.
2. Informational Updates
3. Presentations & Discussions
  - a. Discussion on the housing-related services available at the Harlem Community Justice Center

**Rafael Moure-Punnett, Help Center Coordinator:** Mr. Moure Punnett presented on the various services offered at the Help Center located at the Harlem Community Justice Center (Harlem Courthouse located on East 121st Street, between Lexington Ave. and 3rd Ave.). Tenants can attain assistance from the Help Center in, among other things, follow-up for repairs in stipulations and/or ordered by the court and in completing annual household and income certifications for New York City Housing Authority residents. Additionally, there are free legal consultations being offered on various days each month from legal services providers (Mobilization for Justice, Lenox Hill, and Neighborhood Defender Services). That schedule will be published on the CB11 website.

In addition to expanding services for tenants, the Help Center Coordinator is seeking to partner with CB11 and other organizations to put on workshops and further deepen the impact of the Help Center in East Harlem.

4. Old Business

- a. Review and vote on resolution calling for dedicated funding for tenant group representation

**Xavier Santiago made a motion to approve the proposed resolution calling for dedicated funding for tenant group representation. The motion was seconded by Henry Flores and passed unanimously.**

- b. Continuing discussion East Harlem Rezoning Points of Agreement

The Chair discussed the lawsuit brought by The Legal Aid Society against the City, which challenges the rezoning process. The District Manager and committee discussed the need to constantly engage City agencies with the Points of Agreement on the verge of publication. This includes HPD and NYCHA representatives regularly visiting the committee.

## 5. Adjournment

John Green made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Erica Jones and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm.