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Resolution re: Proposed New York Department of Sanitation Budget Allocations and Equity Across Manhattan Community Districts

WHEREAS, the population of Manhattan Community District 8 (CD8) is 215,400 and it's dedicated funding for sanitation services for FY2022 is \$10,977,784;

WHEREAS, the population of Manhattan Community District 11 (CD11) is 124,500 and it's dedicated funding for sanitation services for FY2022 is \$4,969,049;

WHEREAS, despite having a population difference of 90,900 (less than double), the discrepancy in funding for sanitation services between CD8 and CD11 for FY2022 was \$6,008,735 (more than double);

WHEREAS, the Community Boards Geographic Expense Budget does not differentiate between funding for household and commercial collection and funding for street cleaning or bin services;

WHEREAS, the dedicated funding for sanitation services in CD8 for FY2021 was \$10,977,784;

WHEREAS, the dedicated funding for sanitation services in CD11 for FY2021 was \$4,957,550;

WHEREAS, the discrepancy in funding for sanitation services between CD8 and CD11 for FY2021 was \$6,020,234;

WHEREAS, CD8's sanitation services originate from locations in Manhattan Community District 12 and its district houses no sanitation garages;

WHEREAS, Manhattan Community District 11 houses sanitation garages from two districts, CD10 and CD11, as well as the Manhattan Lot Cleaning Unit, amounting to an inequitable burden in density of situation of such uses in one district;

WHEREAS, 2017 East Harlem Rezoning Points of Agreement included that the DSNY immediately begin planning for a permanent, long-term facility to serve District 11 sanitation needs, which included the following goals: 1) Explore options for a permanent consolidated facility that could house multiple garages, including: District 11, District 10, District 9, and/or the Manhattan Lot Cleaning Unit. 2) Assess suitable sites for the permanent facility that will serve residents for the next 100 years. Explore all

City-owned sites and appropriate privately-owned sites in Manhattan Community Boards 9, 10, and 11, as well as potential acquisition of the entire Block 1792;

WHEREAS, Community Board 11 (CB11) has been following up with DSNY on the progression of the selection of a new site for the Sanitation garage as stipulated in the 2017 East Harlem Rezoning Points of Agreement and have seen no progress on the selection of a successful site for the new permanent facility;

WHEREAS, CB11's Statement of District Needs has continued to prioritize sanitation services due to the level of need and urgency in the district, supported by community based input on district priorities;

WHEREAS, CD11 has systemic infrastructure inadequacies with sanitation service related issues compared to neighboring community districts such as the buildup of trash on the streets, the buildup of trash in vacant lots, the frequency of trash pickup, the quantities and locations of trash collection bins on the streets, etc.;

WHEREAS, the continual buildup of trash throughout the neighborhood and inequitable distribution of sanitation related services have negative impacts on the overall neighborhood experience, sense of pride in the neighborhood, the economic development of local businesses, property values, and potential incoming investment in the district;

WHEREAS, the continual buildup of trash throughout the neighborhood and inequitable distribution of sanitation related services and the increased levels of pollution contributes to negative health outcomes for residents to leading to long-term chronic respiratory diseases like asthma which have a higher prevalence in CD11 compared to neighboring community districts;

WHEREAS, CB11 requested in its FY2022 Statement of District Needs the building of a permanent, state-of-the-art dual district sanitation garage to service Manhattan Community Districts 10 and 11 and that the building should meet or exceed LEED Gold standards and be equipped with the most advanced indoor air filtration systems and zero emissions sanitation trucks and the request was denied for funding despite support from the agency due to the unpredictable availability of funds;

WHEREAS, CB11 requested in its FY2022 Statement of District Needs funding allocation towards the provision of more street cans and recycling containers, including the provision of big belly trash cans to reduce the occurrence of overflowing corner bins and garbage on the street and the request was denied for funding despite support from the agency due to the unpredictable availability of funds;

WHEREAS, CB11 requested in its FY2022 Statement of District Needs funding allocation towards the provision of more frequent litter basket collection, including on major corridors such as East 125th Street, East 116th Street, and East 110th Street, due to bins overflowing and streets littered with garbage and the request was denied for funding despite support from the agency due to the unpredictable availability of funds;

WHEREAS, CB11 requested in its FY2022 Statement of District Needs funding allocation towards the increased cleaning of vacant lots due to the proliferation of vacant lots pending development that have become illegal dumping sites in result of the inadequate sanitation service at a neighborhood scale and the request was denied for funding despite support from the agency due to the unpredictable availability of funds; and

WHEREAS, residents in Manhattan Community District 11 deserve equitable provision of sanitation services and maintenance in order to keep up the level of sanitation across the neighborhood; there be it

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Manhattan Community Board 11 asks that there be further consideration towards the distribution of DSNY funds to provide equitable sanitation services across Manhattan districts and in the provision of funding towards the needs requested in the FY2022 Statement of District Needs.