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RESOLUTION

Date: March 23, 2021
Committee: Human Services
Vote: In Favor: 24; Opposed: 4; Abstentions: 1; Present not Voting: 6
Re: **Moratorium on the siting of any new drug rehabilitation, chemical dependency, or treatment centers within Manhattan Community District 11**

WHEREAS Manhattan Community Board 11 (hereinafter "CB11M"), whose primary mission is to advise elected officials and government agencies and its Human Services Committee which is tasked with addressing matters impacting the health, quality of life, and welfare of the district - encompassing East Harlem, Harlem, Randall's Island and Ward's Island - and is experiencing a global pandemic which has disproportionately resulted in the tragic loss of Black and Brown residents of [our community](#)¹ and in every corner of our city, state and country;

WHEREAS the siting of drug rehabilitation, chemical dependency, or treatment centers across our district is often done with little or no notice to our community;

WHEREAS there is an oversaturation of substance abuse and addiction services located in Manhattan Community District 11, as reflected in public records which show our community hosts 15.4% of the service capacity for New York City but only has 4.1% of the need for these services²;

WHEREAS 82% of the those currently receiving services within Community District 11 reside outside of this district³;

WHEREAS, CB11M recognizes that the COVID-19 public health crisis is not only amplifying but also exacerbating pre-existing racial and economic inequities, disproportionately affecting lower-income communities of color, in terms of infection rates, death rates, and

¹ <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/neon/programs/covid-neighborhoods.page>

² https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1OoyebrJ7zj3sl63seINdoIjnZDtOBy9KT7_ZZ6w6GkA/edit#gid=959016392

³ <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ID-1tGmo0AMRWSvTKfwWGosbqDy7t079/view>

financial hardship for which the consequences of the COVID-19 public health crisis include high levels of unemployment, unseen since the Great Depression, which leads to increased housing instability and may elevate chemical dependency for those with a previous history⁴;

WHEREAS the 1989 City Charter (Section 203) required that the New York City Planning Commission “to adopt criteria to further the fair distribution of the burdens and benefits associated with city facilities, consistent with community needs for services and efficient and cost-effective delivery of services and with due regard for the social and economic impacts of such facilities upon the areas surrounding the sites”⁵; and

WHEREAS CB11 maintains that it is time for a fair share model to be made a priority of our city and state agencies as well as those elected to represent in government, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that Community Board 11 calls upon the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) and other regulatory agencies that have oversight over the above-mentioned programs, to:

1. implement an immediate moratorium on the siting of any NEW drug rehabilitation, chemical dependency, or treatment centers to be located within Manhattan Community District 11 for the next twelve (12) months;
2. provide a comprehensive list of all current OASAS-authorized drug rehabilitation, chemical dependency, or treatment centers located within Manhattan Community District 11, and provide where possible, primary contacts of providers, names of owner, landlords, authorizers, funders/donors, subsidiaries, investors, providers, partners, services delivery methods, outcomes and metrics for determination of success, funding sources, medical or other professional certifications and proof of standing, capacity and current demographics of clients served, and any necessary and pertinent information related to the execution of Community Board 11’s Charter mandated role and responsibilities;
3. require all OASAS-authorized drug rehabilitation, chemical dependency, and treatment centers, to come before CB11M no later than 120 days prior to all reauthorizations and/or expansion of services or service capacity.

Sincerely,



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⁴ Source of data is OASAS per Yoni Piolet request in 2019

⁵ https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/planning/download/pdf/about/publications/fair_share_guide.pdf

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