



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
COMMUNITY BOARD 9
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**OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR SURROUNDING THE RECENT
HOMICIDE OF BARNARD STUDENT...**

Manhattan Community Board No. 9 learned of the murder of Tessa Majors last night on Morningside Drive and W 116th Street. Our hearts go out to her parents, her family, and her classmates at this difficult time. We mourn the loss being experienced by those in her life and also the loss of her potential and those whose lives she may have touched in the future.

Violence and crime have no place in our neighborhoods. Manhattan Community Board 9 will be working closely with our Manhattan District Attorney and the 26th Precinct to ensure that the individual or individuals responsible for this attack are identified and face justice in a fair and competent judicial proceeding where due process is respected and truth, not the desire for retribution, is paramount. As the investigation proceeds, we will also be working with other community organizations and partners, including our NYCHA Tenant Association Presidents, elected officials, and non-profits serving our youth, to ensure that the youth in our community are not improperly treated or harassed in the aftermath of this tragedy.

We urge all members of the community to seek support as they cope with this tragedy. Counselors and other resources in a variety of languages are available by phone at 1-888-NYC-WELL or by texting "WELL" to 65173.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Barry Weinberg'.

Barry Weinberg
Chair