



**Chair's Report
Executive Committee Meeting
January 10, 2019**

Happy New Year

I would like to extend a Happy New Year to everyone. As we continue to address the challenges of Manhattan Community Board 9 (MCB9), I hope to point out that the best way to do so is part of a larger collective. By building collaborations and partnerships with other like-minded organizations and individuals. While we all have different strengths and will address these challenges from a different angle, this sometime leads to differences in creating a solution, but that diversity is exactly what is needed to address the multi-faceted problems we face. Let's get together, see things from each other's perspective and collectively find solutions to the challenges that we are facing.

Upper Manhattan Collaborative for Justice

MCB9, together with other CBOs including West Harlem Development Corporation, Legal Aid Society, Project Liberation, Tayshana "Chicken" Murphy Foundation and the NY Campaign Center for Alternatives to Isolated Confinement have come together to form the Upper Manhattan Collaborative for Justice. These organizations identify the difficulty that many individuals have reintegrating into society after release, as well as the unfair proportion of men, women and children of color that are incarcerated from our communities. With this collaborative, we hope to provide support and assistance in a holistic way for many of these individuals and to ensure that they are provided the 2nd chance that they rightly deserve. The coalition will be looking to add other interested organizations; is working on developing a February conference and also participating in Columbia's 2019 Beyond the Bars conference in March.

Serving on the Board

Applications for the service on community boards have opened, with a deadline of Feb. 8th 2019 to submit complete application. The online application information can be found here: manhattanbp.nyc.gov/cbapply (direct online application link: here).

Community board applications will be open until February 8, 2019. Physical applications may also be dropped off at the Manhattan Borough President's Office or mailed and postmarked by February 8, 2019 (visit: manhattanbp.nyc.gov/cbapply), but online submissions are strongly preferred.

Community board members must be a New York City resident AND reside, work, own a business, attend school, or have some other significant interest in their community board. The decision of serving on the board should not be taken lightly. Discuss with your significant others and children, as participation on activities and addressing the myriad of issues that committees deal can be time consuming. There is a lot of work to be done and we welcome members that look

bring new ideas, but also committed to working closely with fellow board members and supporting effective outcomes by doing the work may not seem so glamorous. Please consider all your other commitments before making the decision. It might also be beneficial to do act as a public member to determine the effort and time needed so as to get some expectation of what is required once you are a full voting member.

I also encourage Individuals that work with youth to have a conversation with them and encourage them to apply if they have the time. It is imperative that we include the voices of the youth in our discussions to address the problems that we deal with every day in our community.

#BeyondSims

The Committee to Empower Voices for Healing and Equity would like to hear from you. We are asking your assistance in providing information about your thoughts on the Dr. J. Marion Sims statue, it's removal, and what you would like to see in the space. Please briefly answer all or any of the 5 survey questions which will help us identify a more appropriate representation.

Community members can access the survey at the following link (English and Spanish versions):
<https://goo.gl/forms/veW7f5fvSW3T5Bfw2>.

After decades of activism, on April 17, 2018, the City of New York relocated the statue of Dr. J. Marion Sims from Central Park East. Sims was a physician who gained fame in Western medicine for his experiments on enslaved African-American female on whom he performed invasive gynecological procedures without obtaining consent or providing anesthesia.

Surveys are at various locations throughout Harlem, including CB9's Board office. The deadline is to get the statue up by 2020. Once it's up there's no going back. Let your voice be heard on what you would like to see there.

Thank you!!

Respectfully submitted by,



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Chair

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