



March 27th, 2024

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Dear Assembly Members,

At its regularly scheduled General Board Meeting held remotely and in-person, on Thursday, March 21st, 2024. Manhattan Community Board No. 9 passed the following resolution re: **In Support of New York Assembly Bill A4781, Prohibiting Landlords Charging Renters Brokers Fees by unanimous consent with 25 members present.**

WHEREAS, Manhattan Community Board 9 recognizes the significant financial burden placed upon renters by the practice of landlords charging broker fees; and

WHEREAS, the imposition of broker fees unfairly shifts the cost of securing rental housing onto tenants, often resulting in exorbitant expenses that can be equivalent to several months' rent; and

WHEREAS, the practice of charging broker fees disproportionately impacts low-income and marginalized communities, further exacerbating housing inequality in our city; and



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Manhattan Community Board 9 urges all elected representatives and policymakers at the city level to prioritize the passage of similar legislation to New York Assembly Bill A4781 in order to further the interests of renters who constitute the majority of Manhattan residents and promote fair and transparent rental practices in our community;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Manhattan Community Board 9 will actively communicate this resolution to relevant stakeholders, including elected officials, housing advocacy organizations, and community members, to raise awareness and garner support for the prohibition of landlord-imposed broker fees, and actively oppose efforts to undermine such legislation in the best interest of the community.

If you have any questions and/or further information is needed, please do not hesitate contacting me or District Manager, Eutha Prince, at the board office (212) 864-6200.

Sincerely,

Victor Edwards

Chair

cc:

Hon. Eric Adams, Mayor
Hon. Brad Lander, NYC Comptroller
Hon. Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Cordell Cleare, New York State Senate
Hon. Daniel J. O'Donnell, Assembly Member
Hon. Inez Dickens, Assembly Member
Hon. Al Taylor, Assembly Member
Hon. Shaun Abreu, City Council Member
Hon. Yusef Salaam, City Council Member
Mr. Zead Ramadan, Executive Director, West Harlem Development Corporation