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**Cannabis Task Force
Thursday, December 28, 2023, at 6:30 pm**

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Members: Hon. Chris Berry; Hon. Hon. Carlton Davis;; Victor Edwards; Hon. Daria Hardeman; Co-Chair: Hon. Monique Hardin-Cordero; Hon. LaQuita Henry; Hon. Carolyn Thompson; and Hakeel Elliston

Guests: Valeska Rodriguez-Ferreira; Manuel Ramirez, and Fazia Naglen

MEETING COMMENCED: 6:45 pm

- **Welcome**
- **Call to Order**
- **Adopt Agenda**
 - Agenda adopted
- **Adopt November Minutes**
 - Minutes adopted pending any minor edits.
- **Updates:**
 - Shared that CB9 provided a Letter of Support to the Harlem Health Initiative – Cannabis Corner Education Modules. They are applying for a grant, and we look forward to hearing updates.
 - Cannabis Applications Submitted to CB9: we received 10 (ten) applicants and invited them to meet with CB (members at a public meeting scheduled on Fri, 12/15/24. We had a chance to meet with two (2) applicants (Midnight Moon, and AB&MP), to ask questions about their business plan, connection to CB9, and how they will operate their business. It was a thoughtful discussion with the applicants and comments to be submitted to the Office of Cannabis and Management (OCM).
 - Invitation to new Cannabis Applicants – we received applications from 3 new applicants. We extended an invitation for them to join us at our December meeting. One applicant -Status Quo NY, LLC joined us. We asked questions about their business plan, connection to CB9, community impact plan, and how they will operate their business. We also asked if they participated in any of the compliance and mentorship course being offered by OCM. Comments are to be submitted to the Office of Cannabis and Management (OCM)
- Review and finalization of Guidelines
 - CB9 members were asked to finish reviewing the cannabis guidelines so that they can be finalized for the new year.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:14 pm

Future Meeting Dates: 4th Thursday of the Month
Next Meeting, **Thursday, January 25, 2024 @ 6:30 pm**

Submitted respectfully, Monique Hardin-Cordero, Co-Chair, MCB9 Cannabis Task Force