



## Chair's Report April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

In early April, I met with CCNY's Provost, Tony Liss and Associate Provost, Vanessa Valdez. The conversation was centered around CCNY's desire to engage more with the West Harlem community. Provost Liss explained that the college had received funding for special programming and chose to utilize the funds to work with the surrounding community. The Provost will be attending the CB9 Executive Board meeting on April 11 to provide full details on the topic.

District Manager, Eutha Prince and I met with Eric Cuello of the Manhattan Borough President's Office. We reviewed and confirmed Board vacancies in preparation for the new Board appointments. CB9 currently has 9 vacancies which are the result of resignations and two Board Members that were removed from the Board for attendance issues. The District Manager and I both stressed the need to have appointees understand the importance of participation and in-person attendance.

### 2 Nicholas PL Building Fire

Community advocacy organization PA'LANTE HARLEM met with the fire victims of 2 St. Nicholas AVE. at the CB offices. CB9's Barry Weinberg, Signe Mortensen along with Elsie Vasquez of PA'LANTE led this meeting with the displaced residents. The meeting focused on the resident's rights and keeping the Landlord accountable to moving forward with the required repairs. As the meeting was on the same day as the CB9 General Board, I was only able to stop in for a short time to greet the residents.

### Town Hall Meeting with NYC Mayor Adams

Mayor Eric Adams along with Commissioners from various NYC agencies attended a Town Hall meeting at the Manhattanville Houses Community Center. Residents along with CB9 members were seated at 12 separate tables and asked to engage in discussion regarding community concerns. The meeting was full to capacity and attendees were extremely engaged with the conversations. Several Commissioners acquired information from those posing questions for additional follow up.

This past month I was able to attend several CB9 committee meetings:

### Health and Environment

The committee reviewed their recent and extremely successful Health Forum In addition, a discussion focused on plans for another forum around the Sickle Cell Anemia disease.

### Economic Development and Harlem Piers

In preparation for a community Economic Development forum, dates, venues and announcements were reviewed. A discussion also focused the goals of the forum: assisting existing businesses, encouraging new businesses and identifying financial resources.

### Cannabis Task Force

The CB9 Cannabis Task force reviewed its latest application for a Cannabis Dispensary within the District. This dispensary is proposed to be located on 125th Street. After a review of the application and discussion with the applicant, the committee voted to approve this dispensary.

Submitted by:

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Chair