



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
**COMMUNITY BOARD 9**  
MANHATTAN

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## **Manhattan Community Board #9 Chair's Report February 2025**

### **CCNY Community Advisory Committee:**

In early January I was invited to be a part of an advisory committee at CCNY. The committee which is Chaired by CCNY's Provost Anthony Liss, was formed to examine issues impacting the West Harlem community. The committee will be meeting on quarterly basis.

### **Legal Forum:**

The Chairs of Community Board 9, 10 and 11 recently met to discuss holding a Legal Forum for all three Boards. This Forum would cover various topics effecting all three communities. We are in the process of locating a facility that would accommodate residents from Board's 9, 10 and 11.

### **Restricted Access to Columbia University Campus:**

Columbia University continues to restrict access to Campus Walk (116th corridor), causing an inconvenience area residents. I had the opportunity to join Morningside Heights Community Coalition for a meeting with the University. Several attendees expressed their frustration with the lack of progress by the University addressing this issue. We requested that a community member be placed on the University's working group that is examining this issue. The group anticipates having a candidate as a community representative for the next meeting on March 6.

### **DOT Meeting:**

In mid-January I met with DOT Borough Commissioner, Edward Pincar. My emphasis at this meeting was to have the Board included at the onset of new initiatives in the District. This would allow the community to have input in the location for new

endeavors. Commissioner Pincar agreed, when possible, DOT would include the Board at the onset of new initiatives.

**Harlem Waterfront Project:**

First Vice Chair Barry Weinberg and I continue to meet with Senator Cordell Cleare and the One Harlem Coalition. Our most recent meeting involved a discussion around the development of 125th Waterfront. A number of ideas including housing, commercial opportunities, transportation additions and community spaces were discussed. We will continue to provide input and direction for this vital working group.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Chair