



**THE CITY OF NEW YORK
COMMUNITY BOARD 9
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September 19th, 2024

Chair's Report - September 2024

Welcome back to our returning Board Members and a special welcome to our newest Board Members. Although we were on summer hiatus many of us continued to handle the business of the Board during the past few months. Thank you to those members who worked through the summer as well as our CB9 office staff for all your efforts.

CB9 Back School Event

As has been the custom for the past few summers, CB9 held its annual Back School event on August 28th. Our Community Associate, Hakeel Elliston with help from 2nd Vice Chair Monique Harden-Cordero and Board Member Maritta Dunn made this event a success.

CB9 Meetings

As we begin this new Community Board term, we must keep in mind the importance of having a voting quorum is to moving our business items forward. Please be reminded that ALL Board Members are expected to attend committee meetings, as well as the General Board meetings **In Person**. Virtual attendance for meeting is only permitted for extenuating circumstances with approval 24 hours prior to the meeting. Board Members who are granted virtual attendance for a meeting must remain on camera for the length of the meeting. All Board meetings are to be in hybrid to allow for access by the public as well as Board members who have made arrangements to attend virtually.

New Board Member Orientation

A new member orientation will held on Sept 23 in the CB conference room. This meeting will be utilized to introduce the Board's Bi-Laws, attendance policies, committee descriptions as well obtaining feedback and possible initiatives from our newest members.

State Senator Cordell Cleare: Amendment S9544

1st Vice-Chair, Barry Weinberg and I continued to meet over the summer with State Senator Cordell Cleare regarding the Senator's Bill to roll back Columbia University expansion into West Harlem. The Board's position continues to be, a request increase the benefits currently in the CBA instead of dismantling this part of Columbia General Project Plan agreement.

NYPD Community Board Luncheon

On Monday September 9, I had the pleasure of attending a luncheon with NYPD regarding Community Board issues. The meeting was hosted by the 1st Deputy Police Commissioner and the Mayor's top advisors. Community Board representatives were able express their neighborhood concerns revolving around policing issues. Illegal cannabis shops and e-bikes/scooters were two of the more pressing issues expressed by Community Board members.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Victor Edwards".

Victor Edwards
Chair