



## SEPTEMBER 2025-CHAIR'S REPORT

### ***Message from the Chair:***

***As this new session for Manhattan Community Board commences, I am confident that our Board along with our Community partners will continue to have an impact on the District. I strongly embrace the concept that "It takes a village". I know we will continue to build bridges in the community, continue supporting and receiving support for the bridges that have already been built.***

### Orientation for New Board Members

Orientation for the new Board Members was held at the CB9 office on Sept. 15. The session started with a robust ice breaker lead by 2nd Vice-Chair John-Martin Green. Following this introduction, all aspects of the Board operations were reviewed including Board governance, standing committees/Task Force as well as expectations of Board Members.

### Board Committee Participation

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair Monique Harden-Cordero, 2<sup>nd</sup> vice Chair John Martin Green and I had the opportunity to attend several of the CB9 committee meetings for this new session. We each found the participation in these meetings robust and extremely engaging. Kudos to all our Committee Co-Chairs and as well as committee members for all their efforts, let's keep it going.

### 1727 Amsterdam Ave. – Dept. of City Planning Briefing

The HLUZ Co-Chairs, CB9 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, several public HULZ members and I met virtually with NYC Dept. of City Planning to discuss the redevelopment plans for 1727 Amsterdam Ave. A major focus of the meeting for us pertain to affordability, additional units for local residents as well as the impact on the surrounding community. As the Universal Land Use Review Process (ULURP) has been implemented the HLUZ committee will be taking the next steps in this process including holding a town hall meeting. Announcements will be forth coming on dates and time of the next steps.

### NYC Community Planning Fellowship Program

The Fund for the City of New York will be placing area graduate students with Community Boards throughout the five Boroughs. Several of our Board members and I sat in on an information session to prepare to submit proposals to obtain a University Fellow to work with the Board. The proposals at this point in consideration focus around housing and health in the District.

### CB9 Office Telephone System

As you might be aware, the Board office telephone system is inoperable and is actually beyond repair. It will take some time to replace the system through the city services. In the meantime please alert our Community Partners and our neighbors that we are open and fully operational. We are currently investigating the use of a temporary cell phone in the office until the telephone system is replaced.



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### Community Mural on Old Broadway

Earlier this month I had the pleasure of attending the unveiling of a community mural designed by local residents, which is located across the street from our old Board office on Old Broadway. The mural was sponsored by the Youth Justice Network and the Tayshana Chicken Murphy Foundation. **"A Rose Grew in Harlem"** depicts many influential Harlem figures, the struggles that our youth face in our community and a tribute a recent area resident who was a victim of gun violence. Please stop and take a moment to view this creative art work.

