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September 28, 2020

Hon. Jonnel Doris
Commissioner of NYC
Small Business Services
One Liberty Plaza, 11th Floor
New York, NY 10006

Re: Resolution to give Priority to seniors and People with Disabilities entering Businesses.

Dear Commissioner, Doris:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, with a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 0 not voting, Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed a resolution supporting that seniors and people with disabilities be given priority to enter the necessary businesses to be able to complete banking, mailing, and buy items necessary for survival such as food, medicines, and other necessities.

Whereas: COVID19 created a hardship for everyone causing businesses to close; and

Whereas: When businesses were allowed to reopen, restrictions were put in place for everyone's safety masks, social distancing, limited number of people inside; and

Whereas: These restrictions created unusually long lines of people waiting to enter grocery stores, pharmacies, banks, post offices, etc.; and

Whereas: Seniors and people with disabilities are unable to wait or stand for an unusually long period of time in lines, creating a severe hardship on them being unable to meet their needs; and

Whereas: Priority for entry into these businesses needs to be given to seniors and people with disabilities during all working hours; now, therefore be it

Resolved: That seniors and people with disabilities be given priority to enter the necessary businesses to be able to complete banking, mailing, and buy items necessary for survival such as food, medicines, and other necessities; and be it further

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Resolved: That this resolution be communicated to WAHI BID, WAHI Chamber of Commerce, WAHI and Inwood Merchants Associations, local merchants, Restaurant Associations.

Sincerely,



Eleazar Bueno
Chairperson

cc: Isidro Medina, Executive Director WAHI BID
Board of Directors for WAHI Chamber of Commerce
Dr. Jason Compton, Chair Inwood Merchants Assoc.
Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor
Hon. Jumaane Williams Public Advocate
Hon. Scott M. Stringer, Comptroller
Hon. Gale Brewer, Borough President

Hon. Adriano Espaillat, Congressman
Hon. Robert Jackson, State Senator
Hon. Brian Benjamin, State Senator
Hon. Al Taylor, Assembly Member
Hon. Carmen De La Rosa, Assembly Member
Hon. Ydanis Rodríguez, Council Member
Hon. Mark Levine, Council Member