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Equity Working Group Statement to Community Board 2 Community April 22, 2021

Dear Community Board 2 Community,

When we established the Equity Working Group over ten months ago and committed to you, our neighbors and friends, that we would align our actions with our intentions, it was in the tragic aftermath of the murders of George Floyd, Eric Garner, Amadou Diallo, Sandra Bland, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and too many others to name. We call out their names once again because, although the verdict in the murder of George Floyd was just, we must never forget those who did not receive justice because of the color of their skin.

Murders and killings of Black people have not ceased since George Floyd's death. Systemic racism permeates our city's policies and practices, institutions and communities - we are far from living in an anti-racist world.

We reaffirm our commitment to continue to engage with you in dialogue and examine what Community Board 2 can do better. As part of that engagement, over the coming months, we will examine modern-day racialized policing and the criminalization of poverty as described in the [NYC Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan](#). We will follow closely how the plan's recommendations and the city council's recent police reform bills are being implemented within the CB2 community.

Your participation and insight are critical to our success. We look forward to working with you over the coming months.