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Bylaws Working Group

During the month of June the Bylaws Working Group of CB2, Manhattan (“BWG”) held one virtual meeting via Zoom.

Date: June 14th (at 5:00 pm)

Committee Members Present: Susan Kent (Chair), Katy Bordonaro, David Gruber, Patricia Laraia, Matt Metzger

Other CB2 Members Present: Carter Booth, Valerie de la Rosa, Michael Levine, Donna Raftery.

Agenda: Discussion of Bylaws § 5 (the Executive Committee).

The BWG’s June meeting began with a review of feedback received from CB2 board members on the draft text included with the group’s May report. A point of particular concern in the comments was the seeming vagueness of the definition of “relevant relationships” and the scope of disclosure anticipated in connection with them. The consensus was that it is important to retain this provision because the benefits accruing from the disclosure of such relationships would be substantial and would promote overall transparency. However, it was recognized that the current language could be improved and that it would be premature to submit a resolution recommending adoption of a new bylaws section addressing conflicts of interest for consideration at the June full board meeting.

The discussion then moved to the agenda topic: the Executive Committee (“EC”). Beginning with a review of the committee’s membership, which currently consists only of the board’s officers, the chairs of standing committees, and the immediate prior board chair (for one year only), the group debated the appropriateness of expanding membership to include the chairs of CB2’s working groups and task forces. It was generally agreed that the performance of the EC would be enhanced if the aforementioned were included as members and expected to report regularly. It was also recommended that the board’s appointed representatives to the various BIDs also be added as EC committee members. For logistical reasons, the group members recommended that the suggested new additions to the EC be added only as non-

voting members. Also discussed was the participation of former CB2 board chairs, their term of membership on the EC, and their voting status.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Kent, Chairperson