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Kelsey Louie
Chief Executive Officer
The Door and Broome Street Academy
New York, NY 10013

Dear Chief Executive Officer Louie:

At its Full Board meeting on February 16, 2023, CB#2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.), adopted the following resolution:

**IN SUPPORT OF THE DOOR'S APPLICATION TO BE CLASSIFIED AN ARTICLE 31
LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC BY NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL
HEALTH**

WHEREAS:

- 1) The Door is a social service organization founded in 1972 with a mission to “empower young people to reach their potential by providing comprehensive youth development services in a diverse and caring environment”; and
- 2) The Door provides people aged 12-24 with education, legal expertise, meals and pantry, assistance with housing, employment, and many other services; and
- 3) The Door provides a broad range of health services as a New York State licensed Article 28 facility and a Federally Qualified Health Center; and
- 4) The Door provides mental health counseling but is reimbursed for these services only to the extent permitted under Article 28, and otherwise carries the financial burden through its general budget; and
- 5) The organization has experienced an increased demand in mental health services of all kinds, from psychiatric care to community health, and therefore seeks to expand its mental health program;
- 6) The Door has applied to be licensed as a behavioral health clinic by the New York State Office of Mental Health under Article 31; and
- 7) Such license would permit The Door to receive Medicaid reimbursement for the mental health services it provides; and

8) The application requires some modifications to The Door's physical plant.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT COMMUNITY BOARD 2, MANHATTAN

- 1) Supports The Door's application to become an Article 31-licensed mental health facility; and
- 2) Supports capital grants to enable The Door to modify its physical plant so as to comply with Article 31 requirements; and
- 3) Recognizes with gratitude the efforts of The Door to improve the lives of young people residing in New York City, both in and outside Community District 2.

Vote: Unanimous: 42 Board Members in favor.

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

Sincerely,



Jeannine Kiely, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Susanna Aaron, Chair
Human Services Committee
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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